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Mass this Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent (B) 25th February 2024

Today's Readings

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18 Abraham is willing to offer his only son to God, but God spares him.

Romans 8:31-34 Since God gave up his only Son for love of us, what else will he not do?

Mark 9:2-10 Transfigured with heavenly light, Jesus reveals his divinity to the disciples.

Mass This Week

Saturday 24th 6:30pm
Sunday 25th 9:00am
10:30am

Intentions

Madeleine O'Dea (RIP)
Mary Daly (anniversary)
For Our Parishioners

Monday 26th 8am

Our keeping of Lent

Tuesday 27th *No Mass*

Wednesday 28th *No Mass*

Thursday 29th *No Mass*

Friday 1st 9:15am ST DAVID

Peter William Lancaster (RIP)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns In Memory of Martin Anderson (RIP)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Please note change in weekday mass times
Fr Philip will be on retreat this coming week.
There will be an early morning 8am Mass on Monday and mass on Friday morning, the Feast of St David and First Friday.

If you are willing to lead **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays in Lent, please sign up on the sheet in the Sacristy. There are several gaps that need filling.

Holy Week will be with us in a remarkably short time. Sign up sheets for volunteers (Sacristans, Greeters, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Servers and more) are in the Sacristy. Please sign up as soon as you are able.

Our Parish **Lent Penitential Service** will be Thursday March 14th at 7:30pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection *We will collect donations and envelopes at the masses of this weekend* This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Please use the envelope provided or give online at cafod.org.uk. To find out about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD visit [Volunteer \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. The Cardinal has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Lent Lunches Please come and join us for Lent Lunch in the Parish Hall between 12 noon and 1:15pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 13th March

Lunch will consist of home-made soup, bread and fruit, followed by tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds from the lunches will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome!

On 28th February, it will be our turn to host the lunch so your support would be greatly appreciated. Please do come along!

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

For the Terminally Ill The Holy Father encourages prayers so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support

Pilgrim Cross - Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

We are looking for some lovely hosts for the evening of Palm Sunday from about 5pm until Monday at 8am. The Pilgrims always appreciate a warm comfortable bed, a hot meal in the evening and breakfast to restore them for the onward journey on Monday. Last year we were able to host all our Pilgrims and it would be wonderful to be able to open our homes to them again this year. Prior to their visit we are made aware of any dietary needs and we do know that we have a Pilgrim who has an Assistance Dog. Please contact Marion on 07511 009472 or email marion.kett@btinternet.com.



World Day Of Prayer is taking place on Friday 1st March from 2.00pm until 3.00pm at the Methodist Church in Queens Rd. All are very welcome to

join us. This is a chance to join in prayer and reflection with other Christians, in Royston, and all across the world. This year the Service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine so it is even more poignant and important to support them in all our prayers. There will be collection baskets for donations available at the Service and, of course, donations can be made online at www.wwdp.org.uk if you prefer. Please do not forget to Gift Aid if you can. Afterwards we are all invited to stay for refreshments.



Lenten Prayer

While fasting with the body,
brothers and sisters,
let us also fast in spirit.
Let us lose every bond of iniquity;
let us undo the knots of every contact made by violence;
let us tear up all unjust agreements;
let us give bread to the hungry
and welcome to our house
the poor who have no roof to cover them,
that we may receive mercy from Christ our God.
- Byzantine Vespers