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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B/II**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth.

**Psalm: 94(95):1-2,6-9**

**R./:** 'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

Give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

**Saturday – 27th Jan 2024 – Blessed Edward Oldcorne, priest, martyr (*memoria*)**

10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration (with Confessions) and Benediction  
11.00am - Holy Mass

**Ints:** For Terry White *R.I.P*, 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary (*Angela White*)

**Saturday –27th Jan 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B**

**(Racial Justice Sunday)**

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday)

**Ints:** For Anna Foggo (*mother of Gabriella Markham, lately died*)  
(*B Eakin*)

**Sunday – 28th Jan 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B**

**(Racial Justice Sunday)**

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass (*celebrating our patron saint*)

**Ints:** *Pro Populo*

**Monday - 29th Jan 2024 - feria**

10.00am – Holy Mass

**Ints:** For the McClellan family (*health & wellbeing*)  
(*T McClellan*)

**Tuesday – 30th Jan 2024 – feria**

10.00am – Holy Mass

**Ints:** For continued good health (*Jacinta Lobo*)

**Wednesday – 31st Jan 2024**

**(No morning Mass)**

**Thursday - 1st Feb 2024 – Feria**

10.00am – Holy Mass

**Ints:** For Vocations to the Priesthood & Monastic life

## **Friday - 2nd Feb 2024 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Feast)**

**(World day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)**

**10.00am – Holy Mass with Solemn Blessing of candles and procession**

**Ints: For the Belmont monastic Community, for grace & blessings**

**(Please note change of Mass time)**

## **Saturday – 3rd Feb 2024 – St Blaise, Bishop & martyr (memoria)**

**10.00 – 11.00 am – Adoration (with Confessions) and Benediction**

**11.00am - Holy Mass with special Blessing of the throat**

**Ints: For the sick & housebound of the parish**

## **Saturday – 3rd Feb 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B**

**5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday)**

**Ints: For an end to conflict in Gaza & Ukraine**

## **Sunday – 4th Feb 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B**

**10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass**

**Ints: Pro Populo**

### **PRAYING FOR OUR SICK AND LOVED ONES**

**We pray for** the repose of the souls of all our relatives and friends & those of our parish...*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed...rest in peace.*

**Please also pray for** all the sick including John Bilsborough, John Crowe, Rosemarie Kay, Peter Onions, Mike Harriss, Raymond Turner, Lea Maloney, Fr Christopher Calascione, and all who are unwell or housebound.

### **COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 28th JANUARY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

The second collection on the weekend Masses of the 27th/28th Jan weekend is for Racial Justice – an annual collection recommended and promoted by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please give generously.

### **2nd COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 12th FEBRUARY FOR PLAN INTERNATIONAL**

This 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be for our Parish nominated Charity which will go to assist under privileged children in Uganda, East Africa. We are called to imitate God's selfless life-giving ways...when we give to what God cares about, we share in the work of building the kingdom of God. We can only come to share in the Divine nature of His abundant love when we give generously.

### **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

#### **For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

### **A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - 9AM - 9PM, FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY**

at **St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Broad Street, Hereford**. You are invited to join us at any point in the day to pray for peace in our world, particularly in Ukraine, the Middle East and other trouble-spots in the world. We begin with **9am Morning Prayer**, followed by **1pm Mass, 3pm Divine Mercy, 7pm Evening Prayer, concluding with 8.30 Night Prayer and Benediction**. We will be reciting the Holy Rosary in between those hours.

We will need helpers. If you are willing to volunteer please sign up at the back of St Francis Xavier church and/or phone **Menna MacBain on 01432 359867** (evenings are best)

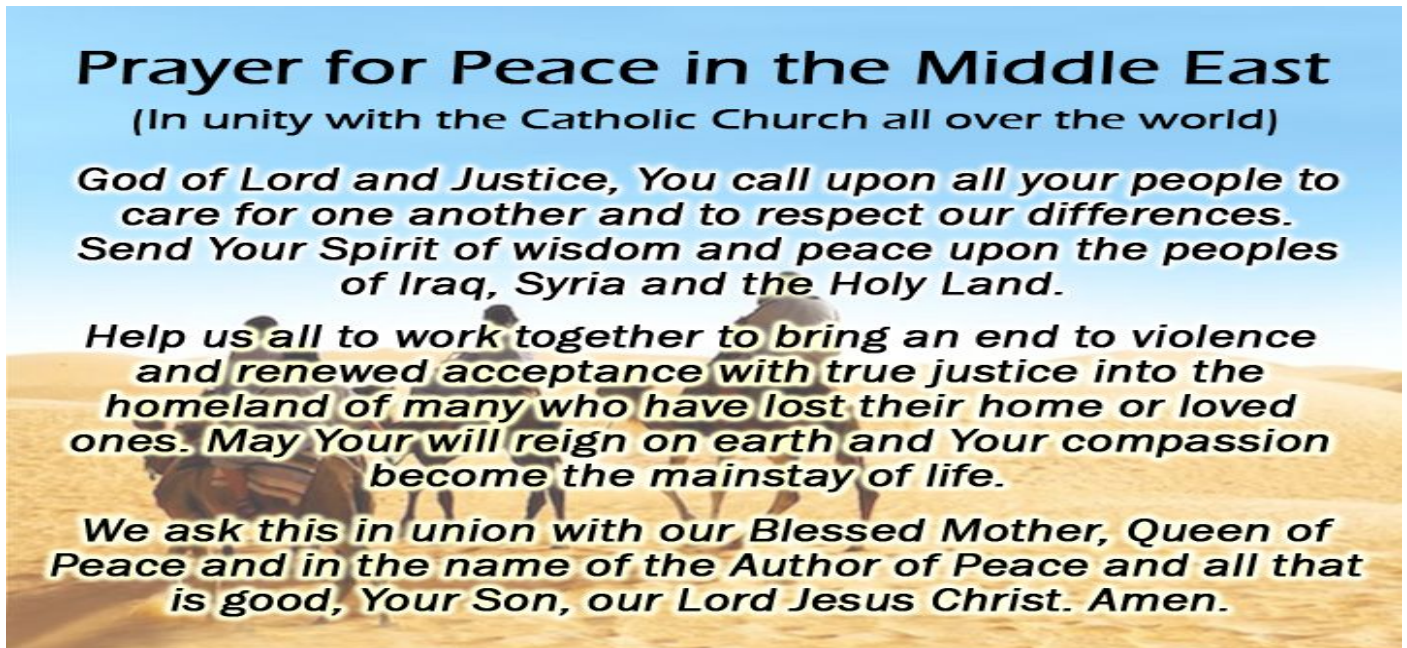
### **ASH WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY...THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT**

Lent marks that time in the Liturgical calendar when we contemplate putting our house in order; to indulge in some "spiritual spring cleaning". We may reflect on ways in which we may get those unfulfilled New Year's resolutions back on track, mending those broken relationships or perhaps lending a helping hand to the most vulnerable in our community...our God is gracious in rewarding you abundantly. Let us prepare ourselves worthily for that great Feast of Easter.

## **TWO LENT REFLECTIONS – SATURDAY, 17TH FEB & SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH...**

in the Parish Meeting Room at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern. As part of our Lenten preparations we will be exploring and reflecting on the Encyclical "Laudato Si" by Pope Francis to become better stewards of our planet.

**See poster on the Notice board at the back of the church.**



**Prayer for Peace in the Middle East**  
(In unity with the Catholic Church all over the world)

*God of Lord and Justice, You call upon all your people to care for one another and to respect our differences. Send Your Spirit of wisdom and peace upon the peoples of Iraq, Syria and the Holy Land.*

*Help us all to work together to bring an end to violence and renewed acceptance with true justice into the homeland of many who have lost their home or loved ones. May Your will reign on earth and Your compassion become the mainstay of life.*

*We ask this in union with our Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace and in the name of the Author of Peace and all that is good, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL**

We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Our local partners are actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. Your donation today will make a massive difference to those caught up in the conflict. To donate please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/> . See poster at back of the church.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE UK**

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? March for Life UK are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called 'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray, fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at: [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

### **PARISH MAGAZINE**

Thanks to all who have supported the recently published Parish Magazine. A second edition is planned. If you would like to contribute, please send material to me via [michaelseales@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelseales@hotmail.com). It makes my job easier if you send word documents, font size twelve. I will try to incorporate photographs if you wish but be careful not to infringe copyright. Copies of the Parish Magazine are still available at the back of the church. One copy per family. Donations towards printing costs would be much appreciated.

Mike Seales

### **LENT READING GROUP**

Are you interested in participating in a Lent Reading Group? Lent begins in the middle of February. If you are, let me know by Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. [michaelseales@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelseales@hotmail.com) or tel.01684 572461.

### **NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June Stallard has offered to take charge of the newsletter up to and including 4<sup>th</sup> February. Any announcements please send them to June by the end of Wednesday of the appropriate week. June's contact email is : [june@junestallard.plus.com](mailto:june@junestallard.plus.com).

### **KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024**

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Would you like to have a birthday or special occasion celebrated for a friend or family member? Sympathy for the loss of a cherished person? You can have a Mass said for a person on these special occasions or for any other special intention. Grab a Mass Intention envelope and enter the name and date of the Mass required. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church. You can call or email the parish office at the Priest's House. This is a beautiful and special way to pay tribute to our loved ones. There is no greater gift than the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

### **ST WULSTAN'S - DONATION BY CARD**

If you would like to make a donation to St Wulstan's church by card, please ask a member of the Welcome Team to activate the Card reader and proceed from there. It is really quite simple once you get the hang of it. It is in giving that we receive God's abundant blessings. Thank you

### **TWO LENT REFLECTIONS**

**In the parish room at St Wulstan's Church in Little Malvern**

On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February & Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024** 11.45 am to 2.30 pm - Soup & Cheese Lunch provided



**Session 1 – Film *The Letter*** which tells the incredible story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter addressed by Pope Francis to everyone on the planet

**Session 2 – A guided talk** with Martin Davis, parishioner of St Gregory's, Cheltenham and member of the Laudato Si' Movement. Together, we will unpack the detail and discern how we can respond.

You and your friends are welcome - do come and join us as we prepare for Easter

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