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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR B/11

Job 7:1-4,6-7

My life is but a breath.

Psalm: 146(147):1-6

R.: Praise the Lord who hears the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:20-39

He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease.

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*

Monday - 5th Feb 2024 - St Agatha, virgin & martyr (*memoria*)

10.00am – Holy Mass

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

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Tuesday – 6th Feb 2024 – *feria*

(*No morning Mass*)

Wednesday – 7th Feb 2024 - *feria*

(*No morning Mass*)

Thursday - 8th Feb 2024 – St Josephine Bakhita, virgin (*memoria*)

(*Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking*)

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: For all refugees and migrants

Friday - 9th Feb 2024 – *feria*

5.20 – 5.50pm - Holy Rosary with Intercessions

6.00pm – Holy Mass

Ints: For an end to conflict in Gaza & Ukraine

Saturday – 10th Feb 2024 – ST SCHOLASTICA, virgin (Feast)

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

11.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For health & well-being (Jacinta)

Saturday – 10th Feb 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday)

Ints: Pro Populo

(2nd Collection for Plan International)

Sunday – 11th Feb 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR B

(World Day of Prayer for the Sick)

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass

Ints: For the sick and housebound of our Parish

(2nd Collection for Plan International)

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED, SICK AND LOVED ONES

We pray for the repose of the souls of all our relatives and friends who have died recently & also 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.

2ND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY FOR PLAN INTERNATIONAL

This 2nd 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.

PRE-LENT REFLECTION DAY-10TH FEBRUARY

How can Lent bring Joy?

Led by Abbot Paul Gunter on Saturday 10 February at Douai Abbey in Reading.

Abbot Paul is a former parish priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and an expert in Liturgy.

The Abbey is hosting four workshops for Lent, and a series of workshops, reflections and retreats throughout Spring and Summer.

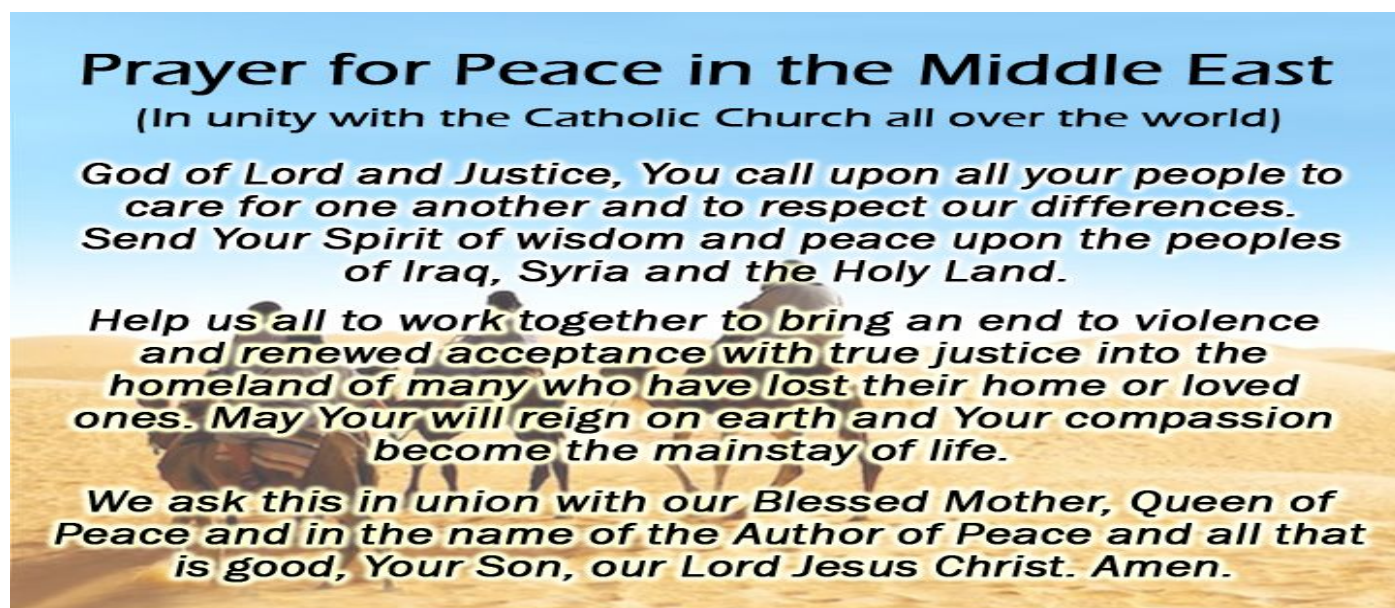
ASH WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY...THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

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.

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)



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.

TWO LENT REFLECTIONS and LUNCH on 17th February and 2nd March



Laudato Si'
On Care for Our Common Home

POPE FRANCIS

Following on from our Parish Advent sessions, everyone is warmly invited once again to join together to prepare for Easter. All are welcome to participate in two Saturday sessions on 17th February and 2nd March in which we will explore our Holy Father's invitation to become better stewards of our planet.

Session 1 will look at Pope Francis' open letter (entitled Laudato Si') addressed to everyone on the planet as we watch the Film "The Letter". Session 2 will unpack the detail in that letter and discern how we can respond as a parish, with Martin Davis (Charlotte's brother) who will give us a guided talk through "Laudato si".

These sessions will take place in the Parish room at 11.45 am (after the 11 am Mass) both Saturdays and should finish with lunch provided (soup, bread, cheese) by 1:30 pm.

You and your friends are most welcome: do join us! – Bernadette and Charlotte

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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

SUNDAY COFFEE

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

CTM are hosting a PANCAKE PARTY at the Lyttelton Well Café on MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY.

Drop in between 6 and 8pm. Bring the Family – but be prepared to wait!!

No Charge – voluntary contributions welcome.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 14th 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.

NEWSLETTER INCLUSIONS

Sean will be in charge of the Newsletter from next week-end onwards so please contact him on devlinsean@sky.com if you wish anything to be included

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.

FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

Link to see what is going on in the archdiocese: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

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