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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B/II**

**\_ Genesis 9:8-15**

There shall be no flood to destroy the earth.

**Psalm: 24(25):4-6,7b-9**

**R.:** Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

The water on which the Ark floated is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Jesus was tempted by Satan and the angels looked after him.

**Saturday – 17th Feb 2024 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

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

**11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life**

**11.45am - Lent Reflection Session 1 with simple lunch (*In Parish Meeting Room*)**

*(see entry below)*

**Saturday –17th Feb 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B**

**5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday) Ints: *Pro Populo***

**Sunday – 18th Feb 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B**

**10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: Ian & Rosemary Richmond (*Spec. Intention*)(*Jules*)**

**Monday - 19th Feb 2024 - *Lent feria***

**10.00am – Holy Mass The McClellan family (for health and well-being)**

**Tuesday – 20th Feb 2024 – *Lent feria* (No morning Mass)**

**Wednesday – 21st Feb 2024 – *Lent feria* (No morning Mass)**

**Thursday - 22nd Feb 2024 – THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE (*Feast*)**

**10.00am – Holy Mass Ints: For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life**

**Friday - 23rd Feb 2024 – *Lent feria* 5.10 – 5.55pm - Stations of the Cross (*in church*) followed by**

**6.00pm – Holy Mass Ints: For an end to the Conflict in Gaza and Ukraine**

**(Note: Family Fast Day on Friday for the CAFOD)**

**(There will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on weekend Masses of 24th/25th Feb for CAFOD)**

**Saturday – 24th Feb 2024 – *Lent feria***

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

**11.00am - Holy Mass Ints: For the sick & housebound of the Parish**

## **Saturday –24th Feb 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B**

**5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday) Ints: *Pro Populo***

*(There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for CAFOD – Lent Fast)*

## **Sunday – 25th Feb 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B**

**10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass Ints: For David Coxhead (*Gravely ill*)(*Anne Peden*)**

*(There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for CAFOD - Lent Fast)*

### **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 house-bound.

### **GOD HAS CALLED PEOPLE INTO THIS RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST**

In his Homily on Ash Wednesday, Mgr Tim Menezes, the Cathedral Dean discussed the 40 days that lay ahead of us: We are beginning 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving which speaks in a particular way about our relationship with God and with those who are in greatest need.

40 days can seem like a long time ahead, but in the broad sweep of history, God has called people into this relationship of trust over so many years....

It is good for us to consider what we might do this Lent, but it is much more to do with what God is going to do in us and through us. Remember the Lord's tenderness and compassion...this is a time of renewed invitation and opportunity from a God of boundless mercy.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE**

This 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be for maintenance of the Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. 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.

### **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.

### **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN MALVERN**

**World Day of Prayer. Friday 1st March - Services:**

1. 2pm at Christ Church, Avenue Road WR14 3AY with choir from Malvern, St James
2. 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House, Orchard Road WR14 3DA.

The service this year has been prepared by Christian women of Palestine. Do come and support Palestinian Christians.

### **"BICYCLES WANTED"**

Mary Verdult is looking for second-hand bicycles for refugees in the Birmingham area. If you have a bicycle or know of somebody with a bicycle that is serviceable and not being used, then please contact Mary on 07544 803667.

### **SUNDAY COFFEE**

There will be coffee after Mass this Sunday.

## **CAFOD LENTEN FAST & MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF CAFOD**

Family Fast Day is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. CAFOD Lenten collection is 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February.

*I'm sure you know that the current cost-of-living crisis that we experience here in the UK is also affecting communities in all the countries where we work. We are very concerned about the serious challenges our sisters and brothers – people like James the fisherman in Liberia - are facing as they strive to feed their families.*

*That cost-of-living crisis is impacting on CAFOD's income too, and your support in raising funds for CAFOD this Family Fast Day to help hardworking people feed their families is more important than ever - Christine Allen.*



Video for Family Fast Day - <https://vimeo.com/907870859>

*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves.  
Amen*

*An extract from Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti*

### **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).

### **CRIB COLLECTION**

Kim Philpotts, who runs the local children's charity What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful, receiving a cheque for £176 and would like to thank all those who so generously contributed.



# 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 – SATURDAY, 17TH FEB & SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH



We hope as many people as possible will join us for the first of our Lent preparation sessions on Saturday morning 17th February. We will meet in the Parish room at 11.45 am (after the 11 am Mass) and finish with lunch provided (soup, bread, cheese) by 1.30 pm. You and your friends are most welcome.

Session 1 will look at Pope Francis' open letter (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'.

If you would like to read Pope Francis' open letter Laudato Si' it is available free here: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

## **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, Fr Patrick

## **FOR NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**

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

## **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**



# Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta Grand Priory of England

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – BELMONT ABBEY

Belmont Abbey, Ruckhall Lane, Hereford HR2 9RZ  
**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**



Andrew Grant has organised a day of recollection at Belmont Abbey and you are invited; any guests you may wish to bring are also welcome.

The day will be led by Dom Alexander Kenyon who has wide pastoral experience including working with victims and survivors of crime, the troubles in Northern Ireland and historical institutional abuse.

Please see attachment with this email for all details from Andrew.