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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B/II

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Psalm: 115(116):10,15-19

R./: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

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 2nd 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 2nd Collection for CAFOD - Lent Fast)

Monday - 26th Feb 2024 - *Lent feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: The McClellan family (for health and well-being)

Tuesday – 27th Feb 2024 – *Lent feria*

(No morning Mass)

Wednesday – 28th Feb 2024 – *Lent feria*

(No morning Mass)

Thursday - 29th Feb 2024 – *Lent feria*

10.00am – Holy Mass

Ints: For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life

Friday - 1st March 2024 – ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales (*Feast*)

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: Lent Fast Day)

Saturday – 2nd March 2024 – ST CHAD, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese (Feast)

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

11.00am - Holy Mass

Ints: For all the Priests & Seminarians of the Archdiocese

Saturday – 2nd March 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

5.00pm – Holy Mass (Evening Mass of Sunday)

Ints: For the sick & housebound of the Parish

(There will be a 2nd Collection for Cathedral maintenance)

Sunday – 3rd March 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YR B

10.30am – Solemn Holy Mass

Ints: Pro Populo

(There will be a 2nd Collection for Cathedral maintenance)

PRAYING FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES AND THE SICK

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.

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.

CAFOD LENTEN FAST & MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF CAFOD

Family Fast Day was Friday 23rd February.

CAFOD Lenten collection is 24th & 25th February.

Please return your Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend.

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>

2ND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE

This 2nd 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.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH AT 4.00PM

Lent is an appropriate time to put our house in order...to reflect on our spiritual journey, and to consider our misdeeds and failings ; to cleanse and purify our hearts in order to prepare ourselves for the great Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Our Lenten Penitential Service at St Wulstan's will be at 4.00pm Sunday, 10th March. Priests from Malvern and Ledbury will be present to hear Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation). Do avail of this opportunity for the Sacrament

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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.

• St. Andrews Church, Poolbrook - Sunday 10th March 6-7.30pm

Guest speaker Mark Melluish, (Diocesan Mission Enabler in Hereford Diocese)

Speaking on '*Pursuing the Presence*' - An evening of worship, teaching and ministry.

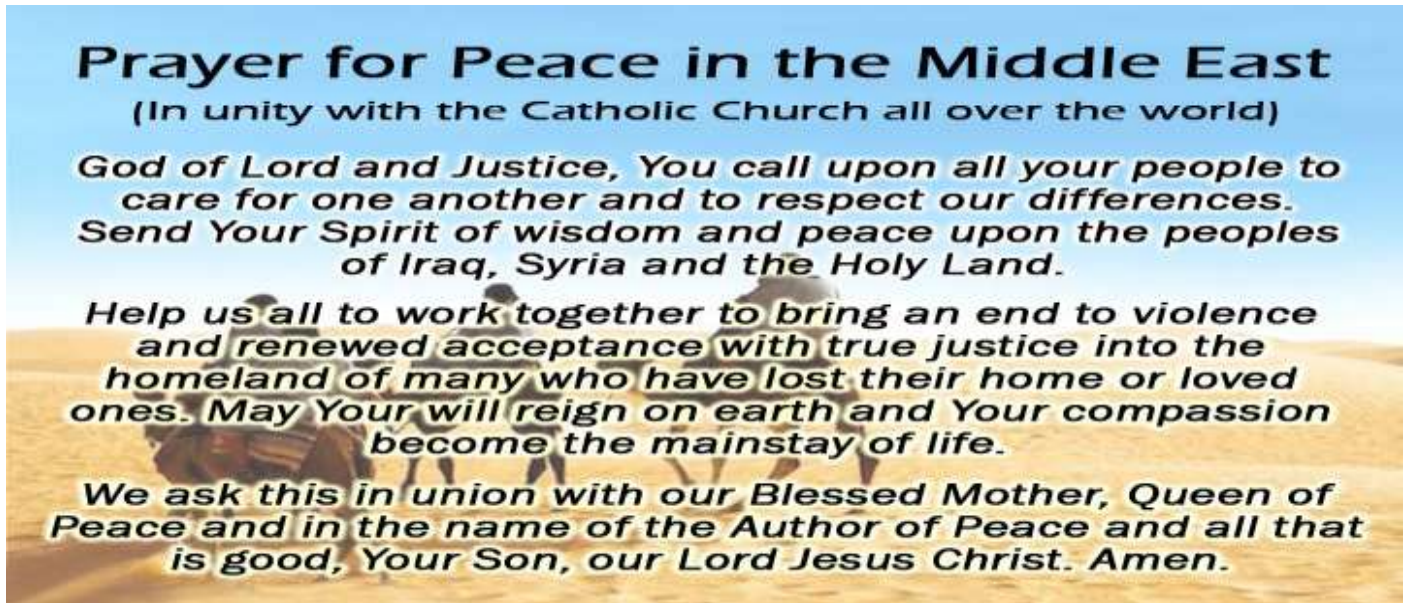
All welcome.

"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.

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.



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.

LENT REFLECTIONS – SATURDAY, 2nd MARCH

The second of our Parish Lent sessions will take place on Saturday 2nd March straight after the 11 am Mass and everyone is warmly invited to participate. In our first session last week we watched and discussed "The Letter", the film about Pope Francis' open letter to the world on our responsibility to be stewards of our environment. Our second session will be led by Martin Davis, who will talk us through some of the themes in our Holy Father's letter. There will also be lunch provided of soup, bread and cheese. Do take this couple of hours out of your week to join us.

If you would like to read Laudato Si' it is available free here: 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

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.



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, 9th 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.

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