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2nd Sunday of Lent

17 March 2019



Cafod. Give it up challenge this Lent. Mahinur's lives with her husband and son in Bangladesh. She relies on fishing in the river to feed her family, but last year the river dried up and all the fishes died. The fish have not returned. Some days the family drink water for dinner. This is not right. God has given enough resources on this planet for everyone. No one should go hungry. The good news is that Cafod is part of the global Church network that reaches to the ends of the earth. We already know where Mahinur is. We know she needs help, and we know how to help. But the reality is that we are forced to turn away one in three requests for help, because we simply do not have enough money to go around. Please take up, "The Give it up Challenge". Small treats like chocolate or crisps, or something more special like cinema trips or giving up a favourite activity and get sponsored, all the money you save will add up. What will you give up? Family Fast day is 15th March. ***There will be a second collection this Sunday for the poor people of Bangladesh.*** Thank you for generosity. Cafod.org.uk

Lent Retreat Day for women. Thursday 4 April from 10 am - 4 pm. Led by The Oblate Team at Wistaston Hall. Cost £12, which includes a light lunch. Booking essential. (Last date to book is Wednesday 20 March). Contact Angela 664550 or Sheila 588320.

The Mission Today (Red Boxes) magazine is now out in a paper-free format on our website: missio.org.uk/mission-today It contains articles, such as Cameroon in crisis, please pray for peace; Mission martyrs; we remember all those 35 pastoral care workers who died for their faith in 2018; plus, news on the Extraordinary Month of Mission in October 2019- entitled "Baptized and sent;" and other articles inspiring young people in Primary Schools and Secondary Schools at missiontogether.org.uk & from our education pages at missio.org.uk

Explore...donate...reflect...

Local Missionary Area (LMA) No 9 Trip to Hereford Saturday 13 July 2019. This year, we have organised a free day-out to Hereford Cathedral and city on the River Wye where we shall celebrate Mass and take time to wander round the shops and sights of the old town. Coaches will leave at 8.30am. There will be an organised guided tour of the Cathedral at 12pm. This will take about 45 minutes. (cost £5). Our parish priests will then concelebrate Mass in the Lady Chapel at 1.15pm. If you are interested in the visit, there is a sign-up list at the back of the church. Coach returns @ 7.30 pm at St Gabriel's.

Confirmation 2019. Bishop Mark will be confirming candidates from our Parish of St. Gabriel's and St. Winefride's on Wednesday 9 October at 7pm in St. Gabriel's Church. If you have a child currently in Year 8, who would like to be confirmed, please give their name, date and copy of baptism certificate, and contact details to Father Tony or Deacon Eddie. The Confirmation preparation sessions will begin in June after May half-term, and will be every Tuesday evening, 6.30pm to 8pm during Term-Time only in St. Gabriel's School hall. There will also be a retreat on Saturday 5 October in Freshfields, Liverpool.

Experience Faith, Fun & Family in beautiful surroundings. St Cassians Centre, Kintbury, Berkshire is a retreat centre for young people. Schools such as St Joseph's and St Margaret Ward Stoke visit regularly. Once a year they open the doors of their beautiful centre and its grounds to people of all ages at their Family Weekend on 31/05 to 02/06. Costs for board & the retreat is £100 for adults (£70 ages 4-8). Cathie and Tony Smith have personal experience of the retreats at Kintbury if anyone wants to chat to them. They are planning to go this year. For more information go to www.thekintburyexperience.com or email office@cassians.co.uk / nickajsmith@hotmail.co.uk

Help for The Parish to gain extra funds. If you are a UK tax payer and you give money at the offertory (however much), if you give through the "Gift Aid Scheme," it is worth an extra 25% to the Parish. All you need to do is to give details of your name and address, tick whether you would like to use the Box of envelopes, or to give by standing order, on a Gift Aid Form at the back of Church. Then either hand it to Fr Tony or Deacon Eddie. Please consider Gift Aid. For more information, please contact Sue Edge, our Gift aid organiser, on 01270 876090.

Diocesan Spring talks The theme of the 2019 diocesan spring talks is **Called To Holiness, Gifted For Mission**. The 2nd talk will take place on Wed 20 Mar, 7-9pm, in St Columba's Chester and will be by Fr Jonathan Brandon. Everyone is most welcome to come and reflect on this vital theme.

Sandbach Choral Society Spring Concert. The Next Concert will be on Saturday 13 April at St. Mary's Church, Alsager, 7.30pm. The main work on the evening will be Chilcott's "St John Passion" along with a selection of other music suitable for the season.

**Prayer websites for daily meditation. Please log on to access, <http://ln54.blogspot.co.uk>
<http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie> missio.org.uk <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/> universalis.com
<http://en.radiovaticana.va> <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk>**

Church cleaning rota. A sincere thank you to everyone who keeps our Church looking so splendid. There has been an amendment to the rota and a copy is at the back of Church if you need one. Please note that on the reverse side is the contact numbers of the team. May I also ask that you fill in the little red book which is kept in the cleaning equipment box under the sink. It's useful to know when for example the windows were washed and not just dusted etc. Thank you again for all your help.

REST IN PEACE; Ken Phillips, John Dennehy, Denis Maguire, Jane Galea, Phyllis Woodley, Sophia Taguma, Rita King, Agnes Williams, Florence Ellsmore, Maureen O'Sullivan, Jeanne Thomas, Alan Davies, Fr. Paul Watson, Arthur Winkley, Rita Barry, Ray Chidlow, Michael Thesiger, Guy Bacciliere & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Stefan Ficzek, Kathleen O'Toole, Carol Cliffe, Joy Jones, Bill Eccles, Ray Chidlow, Samuel Bagshaw, June Grace, Beatrice Williams.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Baby Rover Broekeart, Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Rebecca Moseley, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Catherine Bevan, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Brian Woolf, Jackie Roberts, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Anna Fedima Gray, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, James Byrne, Tom Simpson, Margaret Slater, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Gerard Davey, Doreen Turner and all in our hospitals & nursing homes. **MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 17 MARCH 2019**

Saturday 16th March Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 17th March Second Sunday in Lent St. Patrick's Day	5.30-6.15 pm 6.30 pm Mass 11.30 am Mass 3pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Samuel Bagshaw (Anniv) & Ints of Peter McAlister John Monks (sick) & Terry Orford (sick) & Elsie Turnock (sick) Ray Chidlow (1 st Anniv) & Ken Phillips RIP Bryan Cooper RIP (4 th Anniv) New Milton House Service. (Lectio). All Welcome.
Monday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour Baby Rover Broekeart (sick) & Fr. Pat Munroe (sick) & Jacque Motte (sick) SVP Meeting
Tues 19th March St Joseph Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion, Followed by Stations of the Cross.
Wed 20th March	10a.m. 10.30am	Celebration of Word & Communion Lectio Divina
Thurs 21st March	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 22nd March	10am 10.30am	Fr. Fred Sheldon (47 th Anniv to Priesthood) Rosary
Saturday 23rd March St. Turibio of Mogrovejo Sunday 24th March Third Sunday in Lent	5.30-6.15pm 6.30pm Mass 11.30am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Margaret Pearson (Sick) Remembering Ray Chidlow and Barbara on their 70 th wedding anniversary & Special Intention & Terry Orford (sick).
Saturday 23rd March Sunday 24th March	6.30pm	11.30am
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mary Atkinson Jacqueline Lowery	Marina Aldaz Val Mason
READERS	Kathleen Large Dennis Large	Tony Smith Sian Bithell

Collection, 10th March, £586.72p

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Please contact Fr. Tony at a.grace3007@btinternet.com for newsletter items

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