

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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Weekdays: Year B 11th –17th February. Week 6 in Ordinary Time. Cycle of Readings Year 2 Psalter Week 3
Mass Intentions would be GREATLY appreciated.

Saturday 17th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9.30 Mass –

17.00 Mass – People of the Parish

Sunday 18th February 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30 Mass – Mr P. Crane RIP



Monday 19th February Lent Feria In House

9.30 Mass – Holy Souls (12)*

Tuesday 20th School Mass in Church

10.00 Mr T. Whitehead

Wednesday 21st In House

9.30 Agnes Bradbury (BH)

Thursday 22nd February February Feast of the Chair of St. Peter Apostle

11am Funeral Joseph Douglas Frederick Harrison

18.30 Stations

19.00 – Mass In Church

Friday 23rd February In House

9.30 Mass – Terry and Barara Allen (W/A)

Saturday 24th February - Both in Church

9.30 Mass – Ema Debba

17.00 Mass – Jackie Houlihan

In an emergency if Father Michael is not available, please ring Cannon Neylon: 01785-223553 Saint Austin's Stafford



CAFOD

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 23RD FEBRUARY

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent



9.30 Mass – People of the Parish *followed by a Parish meeting in the Guild Hall.*

For this week: the following Masses will be in the Presbytery:

Monday 9.30 Wednesday 9.30 and Friday 9.30

Please enter by the front door of the Presbytery, then once inside, go to the Second door on the left. Mass will be in church on Tues, Thurs, and on Saturday's with **Exposition and Confessions**

CAFOD Family Fast Day this coming Friday, February 23rd Please join in by eating simply and giving what you can. **Collect a CAFOD envelope as you leave church to Gift Aid your donation or give online.** (*James the Fisherman in Liberia..*)



In today's gospel reading, Jesus goes out into the wilderness for 40 days. Like fishermen out at sea, he knows what it is like to be alone in dangerous conditions, to be hungry and maybe even afraid. But he is never abandoned. We hear that the angels looked after him. Let us then, not abandon our sisters and brothers when they are in need of help and stand alongside them as they work to feed their families.

Bottles of Holy Water are available at the back of Church. These do NOT contain water for drinking.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. At present if you have any concerns, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 01212306240 or email safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Safe-guarding is everyone's responsibility, not just that of the few. We all need to play our part to keep people safe.

At present we do not have a safeguarding officer – could you find time to help? If so, or for more information, please see Father Michael.

Vocations Rota 18th – 24th February

Sun. Sun. Charlie V; **Mon.** Carol B; **Tues.** David K; **Wed.** Chris; **Thurs.** Ann H; **Fri.** St. Joseph's Sch; **Sat.** Steve B.

Food Bank: Tinned - Vegetables, Rice pudding, Tuna. Nappies, 4.5 and 6

Take direct or leave in supermarkets.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: 17th – 25th February

Kate Lavin, Bert Crutchley, Mary Clewlow, Beatrice Williams, Valerie Stinchcombe, Julia Carne, John Fallows, Olga Torrance, Tim Whitehead, Margaret Mackie, Mary Elizabeth Delves, Vin Bamford, Eva McCauley, Teresa Beattie, Luke Donnellan, Teresa Warson, Cynthia Harvey, Doris Brough and Frank Bull.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish: Harper Storey (child) David Howard

Tori Roberts, Chloe Barker, Eileen Jones, Sheila Morrell, Annemarie Thomas-Banyard, Peter Edginton, Terry and Barbara Allen, Sean Devlin, Margaret Mitchell, Stella Roberts, Holly Lindley, Mary Copestake, Natalina Ball, Janette Prince, Janette Colclough, Beth Munroe, Marie Sowter, Brenda Hammersley, Joan Mern, Josie Goodwin, Hannah Prince, Fr. Fred, Betty Chadwick, Paul Gascoigne, Julie Broadbridge, Kevin McAuley, Eamon Dooley and John Wood.



Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely.

Lent is a 40-day fast — a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It's a time when we can prepare our hearts for the remembrance of Christ's death. Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection.

The six-week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for this great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

"When our God reveals Himself, His message is always one of freedom," Pope Francis says in the opening of his Message to the faithful for Lent 2024.

Direct Debits for January 2024

Gift Aid	£840.00
Non Gift Aid	£90.00
Total	£930.00

Sunday 11/2/2024

Gift Aid	£75.00
Non Gift Aid	£206.43
Total	£281.

Lent lunches will be for Water Aid and will commence on Friday 16th February..

Our Church will do the 16th February, March 1st (Women's World Day of Prayer) and 15th March. The lunches will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall as will WWDP! Please sign up at the back of church to help.

From Monday February 19th, Father will say Evening Prayer in the Presbytery dining room at 18.00. There is the opportunity for parishioners to join him on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.