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First Sunday of Lent

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

The Season of Lent

During his life on earth Our Lord undertook voluntary penance, *e.g.* the Forty Days in the desert, and he invited us all to do the same. Our penance can therefore be offered spiritually as a share in his own suffering, especially in his blessed Passion and Death. Christian penance is also an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin, it should be a personal action or sacrifice offered in love for God and neighbour. Following Christ means we must always practise some form of penance and devote ourselves in a particular way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

- From **17 February**, On the Saturdays of Lent there will be **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from 10.00am to 11.00am, with Benediction at 10.50am. There will **also** be **Stations of the Cross** at 4.15pm.

- From **18 February**, there will be **Stations of the Cross** after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Mass.

- From **19 February**, for the **Mondays of Lent**, Mass will be at **7.15am**.

- On Tuesday, **19 March** there will be a Mass for the **Solemnity of St Joseph**, along with St Joseph's School, at 10.00am.

- **On 25 & 26 March**, the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school Confessions**.

- On, **27 March**, the Wednesday of Holy Week, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: I would like to encourage people to **feel free to pray this Lenten devotion before or after Mass** should you wish. It is a lovely sight to see people meandering around a church in prayer and a simple prayer at each Station is all that is required (although the traditional format is very popular there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say).

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.

There is a **new Cleaning Rota** available at the back of the church. Thank you to all our cleaners!

First Holy Communion preparation

Parents are the primary educators in the life and Catholic Faith of their children. Listed here is only that formal or direct parish preparation that will hopefully support them in this task. Classes will take place in the undercroft from 9.30am until 12 noon:

Saturday, 24 February,

Saturday, 23 March,

Saturday, 20 April &

Saturday, 27 April (final class).

Please remember the children and their catechists in your prayers.

Prison Advice & Care Trust (PACT): on Thursday, **22 February**, at **5.30pm**, Bishop Heskett will celebrate **Mass at the cathedral** for people in prison and their families. Lots of families are affected by imprisonment, and our blessed Lord particularly commends prisoners to our care.

We received **a letter** this week **from Jen at Baby Basics Sheffield** regarding our Advent Appeal: **‘Thank you very much** for the amazing donations you sent us, we are very grateful to have received them ... To be able to give something as unique makes a huge impact, as many of the families may never have owned anything new or so beautiful. I have no doubt that you will make people smile when they receive your beautiful kind donations.’

Following the success of the UCM’s Advent appeal for Baby Basics they have decided to renew their **support for the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge**. The Sisters have written with a request of items they would find most useful, **mostly toiletries and cleaning products**, and the UCM would like to invite the parish to help them with this wish list. Mother has invited the UCM to visit after Easter and they will take the collected items to them then. In order to prevent duplication a tear-off list is available to help with managing the donations at the back of church during Lent.

A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should do or give up for Lent

And when I've done it or given it up

Remind me to pray to You instead

To thank You

To love You

To hear from You

Each and every day in Lent. Amen.

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<p>Sunday 18 February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am Intentions of Toby Isko Emmitt 10.00am Leonard & Mary Cooper <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Monday 19 February <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>7.15am</u> Owen Jenkinson</p>
<p>Tuesday 20 February <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am The Sick of our Parish</p>
<p>Wednesday 21 February <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 22 February <i>The Chair of St Peter</i></p>	<p align="center">10.00am Arthur Pidcock</p>
<p>Friday 23 February <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">9 to 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Eileen McManus</p>
<p>Saturday 24 February <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center">10 to 10.50am Exposition & Confessions 10.50am Benediction 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 4.15pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm Margaret Morgan</p>
<p>Sunday 25 February <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p align="center">8.45am For the People 10.00am Thomas McCahill <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>

Please pray for Thomas McCahill & Thomas McGowan *RIP*; for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £685.68 (£372.50 in offertory envelopes, £313.18 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

CAFOD Family Fast Day, this Friday, 23 February: there are envelopes at the back of the church and there will be an **offerings** box available at all Masses **next weekend, 24 & 25 February.**