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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**25 February 2024**

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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**

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

- There are **Stations of the Cross** after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Mass.

- On 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.

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

**Lenten support for the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge:** The Sisters have written to our UCM with a request for items they would find most useful, **particularly toiletries and cleaning products**. In order to prevent duplication a tear-off list is available to help with managing the donations at the back of church.

Our next **UCM meeting** will take place after Mass next **Friday, 1 March**. It will be preceded by *a short study of our Stations of the Cross*, which all are welcome to attend in Church. This will be a brief tour/ talk rather than a devotional exercise but with a view to enhancing our devotion and appreciating our exceptional artwork.

### **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, 23 March,

Saturday, 20 April &

Saturday, 27 April (final class).

Please remember the children and their catechists in your prayers.

## **Financial matters**

**Offertory envelopes for the new tax year**, commencing in April, **are available to collect** in the church. *To save on costs*, especially as bank charges have risen significantly (particularly for banking cash – especially coins – and cheques) *please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order*. As usual, in order that its value does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation. Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then they can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. Thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.

### **Monsignor David Kirkwood, former parish priest of St Joseph's**

Following the necessary closure of Mount St Joseph's Care Home, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Leeds, Monsignor has successfully transferred to the Sisters residential home in north London. I have spoken with him and he is comfortable and settling in nicely. I intend visiting him within the next few weeks. His new address is:

Very Rev Mgr D Kirkwood  
St Anne's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor  
77 Manor Road  
London N16 5BL

**The Freedom Programme** is for women who are experiencing or have previously experienced domestic abuse and it is an 11-week programme delivered in an environment that is safe, caring and relaxed. It is at Carmel Care, 172 Dykes Hall Road, S64 6GS and starts on Wednesday, 3 April, at 12 Noon to 1.30pm. To discuss the programme in confidence please call Jacqui on 07309 858955, [jacquinewhopecommunity@outlook.com](mailto:jacquinewhopecommunity@outlook.com) or Janet on 07927 657462, [jkent@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jkent@hallam-diocese.com)

### **A Prayer for a fruitful Lent**

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the wisdom of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all earthly desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**THE SACRED LITURGY**

<p><b>Sunday 25 February</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>8.45am</b> For the People <b>10.00am</b> Thomas McCahill <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p><b>Monday 26 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>7.15am</u></b> Helena Šukevič</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 27 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>10.00am</b> Vocations to the Priesthood</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 28 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center">November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p><b>Thursday 29 February</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>10.00am</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 1 March</b> <i>St David</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>9 to 9.55am</b> Exposition <b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Mgr Kirkwood</p>
<p><b>Saturday 2 March</b> <i>Lenten weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>10 to 10.50am</b> Exposition &amp; Confessions <b>10.50am</b> Benediction <b>4.00 – 4.30pm</b> Confessions <b>4.15pm</b> Stations of the Cross <b>5.00pm</b> Intentions of the Biney Family</p>
<p><b>Sunday 3 March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>8.45am</b> Louise Lawson <b>10.00am</b> For the People <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></p>

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

**Last week's collection was £590.05** (£290.20 in offertory envelopes, £299.85 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:** there are envelopes (with Gift Aid) at the back of the church and there is an **offerings** box available at all Masses this weekend. Thank you.