



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

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First Sunday of Lent

20th/21st February 2021

Cycle B for Sundays Year 1 for Weekdays Psalter Week 1

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Dear Friends,

On Wednesday we began the journey of Lent for this year if you were not here on Wednesday. I suppose there are two sorts of journeys we all undertake from time to time. The first I would describe as a journey that has a purpose where we must undertake it, e.g., work, the dental appointment, weekly shopping or better still a holiday. The second is going somewhere or doing something which is aimless and passes the time but little else.

Lent belongs to the first category. It is not uncommon to have a Lenten Resolution. This can be very much a personal decision to read scripture or get more focused on prayer or good works. There are areas in all our lives that can be improved. The signing with ashes is a reminder of how temporary life is. The Time is NOW.

- ❖ BLESSED ASHES DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK **IN THE HALL AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES.**
- ❖ Regarding people's wish to give items of food – I get it. The box will remain in the porch and I will personally see that items of food find their way to those in need. Thank you for the reminder.
- ❖ VACCINE ROLLOUT
In the UK this is proving to be a great success story.
- ❖ NHS VOLUNTEER RESPONDER PROGRAMME
Please be aware that vaccine nationalism is a corruption of the Christian ethic; which is one where we care for each other and that means it cuts across national boundaries and creeds etc.

Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

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

Psalms: 115:10, 15-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Mark 9: 2-10

Reflection

What is the purpose of my Lent Journey?

- ❖ The Confirmation preparation is underway. Please pray for the candidates, families and catechists.
- ❖ The First Communion Programme is due to start soon. Please pray for the children, families and catechists.
- ❖ Please note that you can access the online masses **AFTER** by going to the YouTube facility using the parish name etc.
- ❖ Help yourselves to the Children's calendars for Lent and other helpful booklets of young children – they are all FREE.
- ❖ CAFOD envelopes available for anyone who wishes to give to this good cause. LENTEN APPEAL.
- ❖ Lenten ashes – It was marvellous to see so many turn up for the two masses on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed in the hall after all masses this weekend.

Finally, President Joe Biden appeared on TV with ashes on his forehead. The Anchor enquired, "What's happened to his head, he may have walked into a door". From the background came the news that this was Ash Wednesday. Blushes for some, but little things mean a lot to some. Let us be thankful for his witness.

God Bless you all, Fr John

Mass Intentions

Sat 20 th Feb	6.00pm	Donors Intentions. First Sunday of Lent
Sun 21 st Feb	8.30am	All Parishioners
	10.30am	Milagrima Cabral RIP (Sabastiana Cabral)
	5.30pm	Fr Martin Jakubas RIP.
Mon 22 nd Feb	7.30pm	Sally Foley RIP (Bridget)
Tue 23 rd Feb	10.00am	Sheila and Carlos RIP (Elaine and Joseph)
Wed 24 th Feb	10.00am	Donors Intention
Thu 25 th Feb	10.00am	Edith D'Souza RIP (Elaine and Joseph)
Fri 26 th Feb	10.00am	Monica's Intentions
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 27 th Feb	6.00pm	John and Catherine Patrick (30 th Wedding anniversary) (Family)
		Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent
Sun 28 th Feb	8.30am	Christine Grady RIP (Christina Sadler)
	10.30am	Kathleen Higgins RIP (Bernadette and Tony Proud)
	5.30pm	Confirmation Candidates and Catechists.

Stations of the Cross If you are able to lead the Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 7.30pm here in the church during Lent) then please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the church porch. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered.

The Annual Charities Committee Report is available on the porch tables. Thank you so much for your help.

Wanted Part-Time Childminder Part-time childminder needed for child aged seven, for somebody who does shift work. Please email frimley@abdiocese.org.uk and details will be forwarded to the parent. Thank you.

Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins Please note the diocesan online mission opportunity, 'Invited.' Visit the diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited for more information.

Worth Abbey Online Retreats: book places on worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats
Finding Silence/Prayer of Meditation – Sat 20th Feb 9.00am-4.30pm
The Lent Journey – 26-28th Feb

Collections for Weekend 13th/14th February 2021

Offertory Collections	£302.64
Gift Aid Collections	£65.00
Standing Orders (Weekly Average)	£1016.00
Total	£1383.64

Please pray for all those who have died recently:

Florence Cox Joan and Bill Goodier and Majella
Ross

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick at this time:

Joe Buttaci, Maureen Bowers, Marie Bellizzi, Robert Burbridge, Helen Campbell, Vivian Charlton, Lally Clarke, Joan Cottrell, Zita Falber, Freda Fernandes, Hermanthe Fernando, Margaret Gammon, Kath Grant, Mary Higton, Gill Kirwin, Georgia Mackinlay, Miriam McDonnell, Helen McLachlan, Maura Morris, Valeria Penkova, Paul Pullen, Wilson Rabanos, Donal Reidy, Gill Shaw, Sherry Small, Godelieve Vandersloten, Alfonsa Varghese, Lorainne Vella, Mark Wardell

and all those named on the noticeboard in Our Lady's Shrine.

May they find consolation in their suffering.
