



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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20th - 21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

“Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him”. Mark 1:12-15

First Sunday of Lent. Psalter Week 1

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Violence against Women

We Pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their suffering considered and heeded.

Sat 20 th Feb	Vigil for First Sunday in Lent Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	Public Mass 5.30 pm
Sun 21 st Feb	First Sunday in Lent Zoe White RIP	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom
Mon 22 nd Feb	Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle	Mass 9. 00 am In Private
Tue 23 rd Feb	Lent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Wed 24 th Feb	Lent Feria	Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm Live Stream via Zoom
Thurs 25 th Feb	Lent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Fri 26 th Feb	Lent Feria	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 27 th Feb	Lent Feria Lent Fast Day	Mass 9.15 am In Private
Sat 27 th Feb	Vigil for Second Sunday in Lent Divine healing for Maureen Walsh, Pat Crehan, Peggy Lennon, Michael Walsh, Andrew Doyle, Stan Linden	Public Mass 5.30 pm CAFOD Lent Collection
Sun 28 th Feb	Second Sunday in Lent CAFOD Lent Collection	Public Mass & Mass Online 10.00 am Live Stream via Zoom

Prayer intentions: Please pray for those on our parish sick list and all sick the elderly, the housebound, all who are self -isolating and all who care for them.

We pray for all our family and friends who have recently died Zoe White, and James Gillespie, and for our parish anniversaries, Mary Kiely, Lawrence Hall and Edward O'Donnell

Lent Walk with Me books: The Walk with me books are available for collection and use during Lent. Fr Damian will leave some in the Church and in the house porch if you would like a copy.

Walk with me Blessing Page 11, © Alive publishing.

Lord God, we are blessed by our return to your intention for your creation.

Lord God, we seek the blessing of walking with your Son through these days of grace.

Lord God we are blessed by the companionships of your Spirit as Jesus was in his time of fasting and prayer.

Parish Stations of The Cross 6.30 pm Wednesdays: We will be praying and sharing the stations of the cross on the Wednesdays in Lent @ 6.30 pm, following Fr Pat's booklet We Walk with the Lord on the Way of the Cross. Please do join us in person or log on to Zoom. We will be using our usual Zoom link and Password.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No. 234

Lent Fast Day Friday 26th February, CAFOD Lenten Appeal 27 – 28th February. With your donations to CAFOD's Lent Appeal they can reach out to communities around the world especially amid the Covid pandemic to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. Some of these communities desperate in need of help.

Lent Prayer and Resources: The Diocesan website has plenty of resources to share during Lent to help us prepare for the Passion and resurrection of the Lord at Easter. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter-2021>

First Holy Communion Confirmation Sacraments 2021: If you have not registered your child for the sacraments this year or you want some more information, please contact Rachel Saltmarsh @ admin3508@welearn365.com.

Help for St Marys Primary School families home and online schooling: any old laptops, chrome books or tablet no longer needed, the school can use them to support families with online home schooling? They need to be no more than 10 years old, the MAC IT Support will ensure that they are completely wiped and a new operating system put on them, if you can help please contact the school on [01564 792316](tel:01564792316) or admin3508@welearn365.com.

Financial support for your parish: We are very thankful for your continued support and appreciate that many of our parishioners may be struggling financially and we pray they are getting the support they need. Please be assured there is no expectation to donate to the parish for those struggling through Covid. Although our parish collections were down last year thank you to all those who are still dropping envelopes and donations off either through the door or when they are in Church. We are very grateful for those of you who are paying by bank transfer or standing order. if you can and have not got around to doing a bank transfer or standing order and want help, please contact Mary Mayo on mary.mayo1@btinternet.com. for further details and the account number.

Legacies: The Diocese has details online to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. At the back of our Church, you will find copies of their leaflet. Please do consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way. Thank you.

Latest Covid Measures: As you all are aware, we are all in a further lockdown to contain the spread of the Covid Virus, and make sure our health service can cope.

The Church reminds us all that currently there is no obligation to attend mass in person.

We continue to encourage those who are vulnerable or at any risk to themselves to stay safe, stay at home and join us by Zoom, we can still chat on Zoom. There are plenty of opportunities for worshipers to join spiritually and virtually in mass daily or weekly if they wish.

Places of worship are recognised as essential and people can still travel to and attend church and public services if we all follow the Covid rules. The Guidance for those attending remains important.

HANDS- FACE- SPACE.

Please follow the Tier 4 restrictions and do not mix with other households in Church.

If you or your family have the symptoms of COVID 19 please do not come to the church.

Job Vacancy. HR Advisor Columban Missionaries

The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time position of HR Advisor @ the Mission Office at St. Columban's in Solihull, the successful candidate will provide HR support on employee relation issues. For more information and to apply visit: www.columbans.co.uk or email to: hr@columbans.co.uk. Deadline for applications: Sunday 28th February 2021.

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