

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 21st February/ Sunday 22nd February
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)



SICK PARISHIONERS: We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers: Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Kathy McBrierty, Kathleen Haigh, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Peggy White, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Keith Flynn, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert and Kitty North.

ANNIVERSARIES: Louis Remy, Margaret McGuire, Holly Radford, Neal Cain, Mary Nash, Ron Matthews, Ensa Mann, Marguerite Keith-Shaw, Doreen Moran, Richard French, Ian Ward, Geraldine Benjamin, Andrew Doyle, Patrick Turner, Monica Ling, Krystyna Drys, Jadwiga Krzykowska, Margaret Yates, Susan Harper, Gary Halloran, John Swinkels, Phyllis Williams, Ins Derriman, Joseph Ellison, Vernon Rolls, John Coveney and Taysharn Baptiste.
May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS : Fr. Michael Barwick has kindly offered to hear confessions from 5.00pm on Saturday 21st February and will then say Mass for our Parish at 6.00pm. There will be no Confessions on Saturday 28th February.

BAPTISMS: This weekend, we welcome Rayden Musarurwa, Tamia Musarurwa and Alfred George Eveling into the family of the Church. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this special time.

SVP FAIRTRADE BREAKFAST:

After the 9AM Service on Sunday 8th March there will be a Fairtrade Breakfast in the Jubilee Hall.

Adults £5, children £3, Family Tickets £12.

Tickets will be on sale after Services on Saturday 28th & 29th February or on the door on the day.

Monies raised will go towards helping the SVP in their work.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:

Please join your prayers with Holy Land Christians this Lent as we enter Lent, a season of reflection and renewal, join **Friends of the Holy Land's** Lenten prayer circle. Every week from February 15th until March 26th we will share the story of a Christian in the Holy Land and their personal prayer request. Please unite with us in prayer, remembering the people who proudly live in the birthplace of Christianity.

Sign up at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pray

ROSARY: The Rosary is being held in the Church each Tuesday at 10.00am, followed by refreshments in the Jubilee Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend (28th Feb and 1st Mar), there will be a second collection for **Lent Fast Day**. Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 27th February. Your parish's support this Fast Day will help our neighbours grow enough food to eat.

Around the world – despite farmers' best efforts – crops are failing and families are going hungry - but there is hope and there is a solution.

In South Sudan and Bangladesh, devastating floods are destroying farmland but - thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Catholic community at Fast Days - our local partners have been helping families to develop ingenious solutions like floating gardens that can grow food above floodwaters.

Shorai is a farmer and a father in Zimbabwe, where rain is scarce. With the help of our local experts, he has turned dry ground into fertile land by using drought-resistant crops and helping build a solar-powered water pump. He told us that: "A good neighbour is someone who can help me in periods of need."

In God's eyes, we are one global family, called to be neighbours. Your parish's support this Family Fast Day will mean more of our neighbours can put food on the table.

SVP: There will be a Fairtrade breakfast after the 9.00am service on Sunday 8th March; details to follow.

FAITH GROUP:

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.00pm in the Jubilee Hall.

To: Pray, discuss our Faith and study Scripture and the Saints.

We meet in an informal, sociable gathering over a tea/coffee.

All are welcome

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE:

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university.

Applications close on the 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place next Friday 27th February at 7.15pm.

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</p> <p>Saturday 21st February</p> <p>Sunday 22nd February</p>	<p>6.00pm Mass</p> <p>9.00am Eucharistic Service</p> <p>11.00am Eucharistic Service</p>	<p>Dermot Maher RIP (Milden)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Special Prayer Intentions</p>
<p>Monday 23rd February</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 24th February</p>	<p>9.30am Funeral Service</p>	<p>Matthew Ward RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th February</p>	<p>9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service</p>	<p>Ian Ward RIP (A) (Elaine & Family)</p>
<p>Thursday 26th February</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	
<p>Friday 27th February</p> <p>Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service</p>	<p>Intentions Helen Riley</p> <p>7.15pm</p>
<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</p> <p>Saturday 28th February</p> <p>Sunday 1st March</p>	<p>6.00pm Mass</p> <p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>11.00am Mass</p>	<p>Ints the Spiritual Welfare of all Franciscan Communities</p> <p>David MacDonald RIP (A) (MacDonald)</p> <p>Adam Krzykowski, Yadwiga Krzykowska and Peter Krzykowski RIP (Maggie and Kazia)</p>