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First Sunday of Lent – 26th February 2023

1st Reading – Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Psalm – Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19

Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is on Friday 3 March. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Please take an envelope which is available in the Church porch. If you are a tax payer please consider gift aiding your donation. It doesn't cost you, but we are able to claim 25% of your donation from the Government.

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy – We're planning a pilgrimage for a group of 20 to visit Pompeii, Monte Casino, Pietrelcina (birth place of St. Padre Pio) and San Giovanni Rotondo where St. Pio spent most of his life and where his tomb is. Planned pilgrimage is from the **11th to the 17th October 2023** and the rough cost would be around £1000 per person. If you are interested, please contact Br. Martin M as soon as possible.

Stations of the Cross – This coming Friday Stations of the Cross will begin at 6.15pm.

1st Friday Devotions 3rd March 7pm – Following the Stations of the Cross there will be a Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart followed by a possibility of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

First Five Saturday Devotions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – will be held on Saturday 4th March 2023 after the 8.00 am Mass. Please join us in the last of our First Five Saturday Devotions. Our Lady of Fatima asked for the first five consecutive Saturday devotions to her Immaculate Heart. Everyone is welcome to join us.

A Pro life meeting will be held in Oxford Thursday 9th March 2023. Please contact Linda Holden for further details: linda.holden@yahoo.com.

Save the date! Saturday 24th June 2023 will be a Greyfriars Parish Family Event from 1pm until 4pm. There will be a bring and share lunch. (Look out for lists to sign up for what you will bring nearer the date.)

How can you participate and share your gifts with the parish community?

- Would you be able to organise face painting for the children?
- Would you be able to organise an activity - craft activity, indoor game, outdoor game, quiz?
- Would you be able to organise music, either playing or setting up a playlist to be played at the event?
- Anything else?

If you are willing to support any of the above or have suggestions of your own please contact Claudia Azevedo or Helen Hurrell after 9am mass or via the parish office email. Please put ' Parish Family Event' in the subject line.

Refreshments in the hall – Please note refreshments are served after 11am Mass only. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Come along and get to know your fellow parishioners.

Intercessory Prayer Group If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Parish cleaners - Thank you to those who keep our church and sacristy clean and tidy. This week is the turn of the John & Sam.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £209.22

Gift Aid: £61.10

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, also to those of you who also contribute on-line.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Bernadette O'Reilly, Gillian Mellor, and Br. Michael Hargan. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.

Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

Spirit of God,
descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.
Holy Spirit,
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name
in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.
Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always
to be a channel of grace
in all I say and do
and invite others into relationship with you.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 26th February 2023 First Sunday of Lent (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Deeze Salter	
11.00 a.m.	Zaliat's Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Dolores McDonagh Int.	
Monday 27th		
7.30 a.m.	1) John Downes R.I.P. 2) Heidi & Johnny Joyce & family	
Tuesday 28th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kate's Int. 2) Annie & Jerry McDonagh Int.	
Wednesday 1st		<i>Feast of St David</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Christy & Pat Joyce Int. 2) Marie Sirai R.I.P.	
Thursday 2nd		<i>Feast of St Chad</i>
7.30 a.m.	John Pinniger R.I.P.	
Friday 3rd		
7.30 a.m.	Paddy & Anne Marie Joyce Int.	
7.00 p.m.	In honour of the Sacred Heart	<i>1st Friday Devotions</i>
Saturday 4th		
8.00 a.m.	Thomas Smith R.I.P.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Lucy Lynch R.I.P.	

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment. Please note there will be no confessions on Saturday morning 11th March.