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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B) – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Psalm – I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 8:31-34

Gospel – Mark 9:2-10

In a mysterious way, Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his own son, the promised one whom he awaited all his life, is just a glimpse of what God our Father has done in sending us His Son and allowing Him to be crucified. How can we imagine the extent of such great love, forgiveness, mercy, power? All for our sake so that we might live. Is it possible for us to remain indifferent in light of all that the Lord has done for us? As we continue our Lenten journey, it is worthwhile examining our life in relation to the gift of love. We can indeed sin against God's love in various ways by indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, acedia (spiritual sloth) to name a few (CCC – Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 2094).

To lead a penitential life, we first of all need to acknowledge our sin and to name it. Then we pray for the ability to do what we are invited to by the Father in the Gospel: 'Listen to Him. This my Son, the Beloved'. We would soon discover that the Lord is not as silent as we may often imagine. He left us His Word to speak to us – how often do we pick it up and read? He speaks through the teaching of the Church – when is the last time we looked something up in the Catechism or papal documents? He often uses other people to speak to us – do we really give enough attention to the other in our daily interactions? The Kingdom of God is within us – how well do I reflect on my inner life and deal with my thoughts, feelings, behaviour?

We are encouraged to find time for these things this Lent. The Lord wants us to be amazed at what He can reveal to us. He wishes us to experience what His Apostles went through on the mountain – pure wonder at what God is saying and doing, without fully understanding what is taking place in our lives. That transfiguration that they witnessed was just a glimpse of reality awaiting them and us. This time of mercy is our opportunity given to us by God to carry on this work of transfiguration. It is His work, but we are called to desire it and participate in this work with Him in so far as we are able. Let us continue to pray that our hearts, minds, ears be opened to His voice.

**Lenten Online Events** – Please look at our website for details of various events taking place during this Lent. We have Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7.30pm, Lenten reflections on St. Francis of Assisi and Conversion on Saturdays 2pm-3pm via Zoom, and a Parish Social on Zoom on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm. Please put these dates in your diaries and SEE YOU THERE!!!

### **GIFT AID**

Gift Aid donors who give by way of weekly envelopes will find their new sets for the financial year 2021-2022 in the Server's Sacristy. Please collect them from the top of the piano after Mass. If they are not collected by mid - March, or if you are not attending Mass in person, they will be delivered. If you were expecting a set of envelopes but have not received one, please contact Thelma Martin on 01865 790065 or [edward854@edward854.plus.com](mailto:edward854@edward854.plus.com) . To save expense, envelopes have only been supplied to those who have used them in the past year, but if you wish at the easing of lockdown to go back to using them, let Thelma know.

**Parish donations** – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### **CAFOD Lent Appeal**



To help people like Abdella

**Text LENT to  
70460**

to donate £10 to  
CAFOD's Lent Appeal

Or visit  
[cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give)

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](https://cafod.org.uk/lent). You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. *\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](https://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)*

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

We understand that many have been affected financially during this pandemic, but the work of CAFOD is reminding us of others who are in a far worse situation than what we encounter. This Sunday we will be having a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection to support their work. Please be as generous as you can be, or donate on-line.

## **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

## **Diocesan Newsletter**

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news) to sign up.

## **Lenten Bible Series**

Video Recording – Gospel Teaching on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

<https://youtu.be/qqQVgELedpk>

You can also look things up at [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

## **Important information for EU Citizens**

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

[https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus\\_4%20Aug%202020.pdf](https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf)

**NB** The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

9.00am

Athur Felicia Van Cuylenburg R.I.P.

11.00am

Parishioners

5.30pm

Dr. Pereira R.I.P.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**St. David, Feast**

7.30am

Seamus Dolan R.I.P.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**St. Chad, Feast**

7.30am

Holy Souls

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

7.30am

Cora Gilligan R.I.P.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30am

Friars & Benefactors

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30am

Andrew & Yvette Khoury

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am

Athur Felicia Van Cuylenburg R.I.P.

6.30pm

Mary Bridget Lillis R.I.P.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. 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.