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## **Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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 – St. Paul 8:31-34

Gospel – Mark 9:2-10

### **Second Collection - CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal on 25<sup>th</sup> February**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please use the envelopes available in the church porch or donate online: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your generosity.

**Funeral Mass for Mr John Leeson R.I.P.** – Reception of the body at 4.30pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and the Requiem Mass at 10am on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**Mary Farrow R.I.P.** – We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary, who died last Sunday. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

**Stations of the Cross** – continues this Friday, 1st March. We will meditate on the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. We walk from station to station in order to relive the mystery of Our Lord's Passion and Death that He has undergone out of love for us and in order to set us free from sin.

**Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness:** On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (On Our Lady's first Saturday of the Month) all pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for

the end of abortion and in defence of life. We will be meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12 pm.

Please join us in the mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life for the conversion of hearts and minds. For more info contact Honor Roberts at [honorroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:honorroberts@hotmail.com).

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** – next meeting is 17:30, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading from John 2:13-25. Br Martin Sanderson will continue to lead future sessions as and when his ministry permits. In Br Martin's absence, Helen and Yvette will administer to the Group. For more information, email: [iffleycross@gmail.com](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com).

**Four Cafe style sessions** to be held on Thursdays evenings during Lent, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, in Corpus Christi parish hall, on the theme of 'Prayer and living the Catholic Life' continuing on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. All sessions will use resources from the Catholic Sycamore Programme. Please find attached an overview flyer with full details.

Here also are details of Night prayer on Tuesdays in Lent, via Zoom....

**Night Prayer via Zoom - Tuesdays in Lent at 9.30pm for 20 minutes.** All are welcome to join in the peace of Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church), via Zoom, on Tuesdays in Lent (20th, 27th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Mar) at 9.30pm. No need to book, just join here via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77238078564?pwd=oPnorMNMTO8Kioa4TvKbmK4XkKfKzI.1>

**Caritas, Social Action Network and St John of God Hospitaller Services** provides refuge for those fleeing ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. If you are interested in hosting please look at our website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>. Please take a prayer card available in the church porch.

**Parish Finances** - The parish is required to have a parish finance committee. The members of this committee are John Keown, Thelma Martin and Jane MacKay. The function of the parish finance committee is to oversee the financial management of the parish by the parish priest. A summary of the financial affairs of the parish for the year to 31 December 2023 is available in the church porch. Audited accounts will be available for the year to 31 December 2023, around September. Key points are: collections at Mass, and other pastoral offerings for Masses, funerals, weddings etc. – your donations - and the gift aid reclaims that

go along with these, are the most important source of finance for the parish and we are grateful for your support. Our main costs are insurance and water, heating, electricity, along with the contribution to the friary for the provision of the parish priest. The parish is solvent but like all of you, we are seeing large increases in our costs and so we will continue to monitor parish finances carefully.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £398.42    Gift Aid: £49

St. Anthony's Bread: £32    Candles: £37.06

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

**Please pray** for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan, Ewan Williams, Anne Wilkinson and John Roche. 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.



**Parish Safeguarding** – The current team of volunteers who took on the role of Parish Safeguarding Representatives will be stepping down from 8<sup>th</sup> March and I would like to express my gratitude to them for the service they have provided to our community. We are looking for a person(s) to volunteer their time to fill this important role of ensuring that our community is a safe space for all, especially the most vulnerable in our midst. Training will be provided for this role by the Archdiocese. If you are

interested, please speak with Br. Martin in person or email the parish [ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk).

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Geraldine Coggins, Michael Curran, Anne Harpin. They can be contacted at: [sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

## The Mass Times

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 First Sunday in Lent (Year B)</b>		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Fransisco Fatima Siquera R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Abel Xonenes R.I.P.	
5.30p.m.	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Maria Pereira – thanksgiving and graces received 2) Kieron Hughes	
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene Letey Int. 2) Friars and Benefactors	
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Pradeep’s Int. 2) Tonia Barbosa R.I.P.	
4.30 p.m.	Reception of John Leeson’s body	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Anne, Jimmy & family 2) Pious Union	
10.00 a.m.	John Leeson R.I.P.	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>		
7.30 a.m.	Daily Prayer Group Int.	<i>Feast of St. David</i>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	1)Antonia Fatima Carvalho R.I.P. 2) In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	<i>Feast of St. Chad</i>
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Angelina Fatima Olivera R.I.P.	

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession):** Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.