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Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)
3rd March 2024

1st Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm – You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

2nd Reading – Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel – John 2:13-25

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Thank you for your generous donations – we raised £303.34. If you would still like to donate, please use the envelopes available in the church porch or donate online: cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Stations of the Cross – continues this Friday, 8th 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.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – Please note there won't be Lectio Divina for the next two Mondays (4 and 11 March), we hope to reconvene on Monday 18 March.

Holy Hour for Vocations will be on Wednesday, 6th March 2024 - 7:45 - 8:45pm in Bl. Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore.

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 7th March. 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 (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>.

Cowley Road Walk of Witness – Good Friday (29th March 2024) 10.30am. Walk from Cowley Road Methodist Church to St. Mary and St. John Church, followed by a service in their church at 12 noon. Please see poster in Church Porch.

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.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE, 8 MARCH 2024

Our Archbishop Bernard Longley invites us to respond to the following words of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, asking for a special focus of prayer on 8 March for peace in the Holy Land. In his message, he writes:

As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. As Lent begins, I would like to urge that we continue our efforts, not least in prayer.

And so I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land across the diocese. This could take the form of a dedicated time of prayer, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament, for peace in the Holy Land. It could be as simple as making any regular Lenten devotions you may be having on that day for this intention.

Oxford North Deanery Year of Prayer 2024 - monthly Deanery talks:

All sessions (except May) from 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the various Parishes/ locations indicated:

Tuesday April 16th Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM (Cap) (Greyfriars, Iffley Road);

Sunday May 12th Fr. John Seward (3.00pm SS. Gregory and Augustine, Woodstock Road).

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £459.68

Gift Aid: £40

CAFOD: £303.34

Candles: £22.81

St. Anthony's Bread: £12.50

Hall renovations £124.50

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 8th 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.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Mass Times

Sunday 3 rd March 2024 First Sunday in Lent (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Angelina Fatima Olivera	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	John Pinniger R.I.P.	
5.30p.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
Monday 4th		
7.30 a.m.	1) St. John Paul II Prayer Group 2) Julian Butler Int.	
Tuesday 5th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene Letey 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Wednesday 6th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Mau Humu & Milolau Barbosa R.I.P. 2) Vocations	
Thursday 7th		
7.30 a.m.	Br. Lucjan's Int.	
Friday 8th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Madeleine Danbridge R.I.P. 2) Kieron Hughes	
Saturday 9th		
8.00 a.m.	Jose Olivera R.I.P.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Raul Monis R.I.P.	

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