

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers, those affected by Covid-19 and those who are still self-isolating. We pray also for all those whose work is serving our needs and that of the emergency services.

LATELY DECEASED

Please keep all the faithful departed and their families in your prayers.

REMEMBER WHEN VISITING THE CHURCH

- Please remember to wrap up well whilst attending private prayer as we need to continue having the windows and doors open for ventilation purposes due to the Coronavirus.
- To sanitize your hands on entry and exit.
- Wear a face mask/covering at all times — even if you are alone in the Church.
- Maintain physical/social distancing.
- To take home any papers you may use.
- Use only the designated exit.
- Please do not gather in the church porch or on church property for conversations.
- Although with cleaning and sanitisation, consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Responsorial Psalm Ps115:10.15-19R.

Ps114:9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in
the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
You have loosened my bonds,
a thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R)

Second Reading 8:31-34

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul
to the Romans.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was
heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according
To Mark.

Communion Antiphon Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased;

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SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021 – 7TH MARCH 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

- Sat 27 **Exposition 10.00 — 11.00 am**
PUBLIC MASS (For Sunday) 6.30pm
Chris Crouch RIP
- Sun 28 **PUBLIC MASS 10.00am**
People of the Parish
Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales
- Mon 1 **PUBLIC MASS 09.30am**
Celebrant's Intention
Feast of St. Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese
- Tue 2 NO MASS
- Wed 3 NO MASS
- Thurs 4 **PUBLIC MASS 6.00pm**
Chris Crouch RIP
- Fri 5 NO MASS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm
- Sat 6 **Exposition 10.00 — 11.00 am**
PUBLIC MASS (For Sunday) 6.30pm
Robin Birchmore RIP
- Sun 7 **PUBLIC MASS 10.00am**
People of the Parish

Appointments with Fr. Pat

If you would like to see Fr. Pat (for Confession or any other reason), then please do not hesitate to make an appointment either by phone or email. This is equivalent to going out for a medical appointment. Confessions will take place in the Chapel.

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Before Jesus dies, He will be insulted, rejected, ridiculed and seen as a failure by many people. Yet in the Transfiguration He and His disciples are reminded of how the Father sees Him. God sees the beauty of the Divine within Jesus and for a short time it is revealed. At times people may see us the way the crowds saw Jesus or we can even see ourselves that way. Yet our Father only sees the dignity of the Divine within us. No matter what we experience we must never forget how the Lord sees us and allow the feelings of failure or unworthiness to overcome us. People saw Jesus die yet it was to lead to His glory. Nothing is as it seems.
God Bless. Fr Pat

LENT 2021

In the holy Season of Lent we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ when he delivers God's people from the power of evil. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives. Most of us try to do something extra such as giving up something we enjoy, but there are other things we could also do such as attending Mass or the Stations of the Cross during Lent, being more charitable towards others, especially those we find difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly.

Stations of the Cross are at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF MASS

God our Father you call us to gather together for this Sunday Mass. Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we deepen our love for you. May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to mirror the words and actions of your Son Jesus Christ and become more clearly your instruments of mercy to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS

The Lenten 'Walk with me' booklets and calendars are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one of each. If you know of someone who might appreciate a booklet or calendar please take one for them also. A suggested donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of printing but don't let the cost prevent you from having a copy.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

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 or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. **Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.**

BAPTISM SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parents wishing to have a child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation. A two-session course is run in the Parish. Parents are welcome to attend before the birth of their child. Please contact Celia Brown for further details on 01993 773840.

DIAL-A-MASS

For housebound, sick disabled, no internet. The cost of a local call. Mass can be heard at any time.

01642 130 120

CELEBRATING MASS ON-LINE

Sunday obligation of Mass is still suspended. However, there are people who wish but are unable to attend Mass in person. Two Oxford Churches in the Deanery continue to have live-streaming of Masses and other services. Their websites also contain recordings of previous services.

Corpus Christi, Headington, Oxford

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/oxford>

SS Gregory & Augustine, Woodstock Road, Oxford

<https://www.churchservices.tv/oxford>

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION TO ACCOMPANY ON-LINE SERVICES

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

LITURGY RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AVAILABLE FREE ONLINE

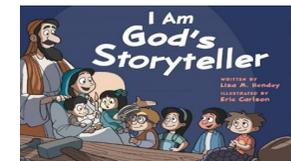
Children's virtual liturgy sessions are available online from CAFOD at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Catholic colouring pages, lesson plans, Mass worksheets, crossword and word search puzzles and more resources to help you prepare for

Sunday Mass are free to print out here: <http://catholicmom.com/kids/>

catholic-gospel-coloring-worksheets-sunday-mass/



PUBLIC WORSHIP

The national lockdown announced on **January 4th 2021** does not affect public Mass. Our churches remain open and will maintain the highest standard of social distancing and sanitising. As public worship continues to be allowed in the midst of so many restrictions, let us witness to our faith and enjoy this freedom. The Catholic community continues to pray for all affected by the coronavirus: for those living with the virus and for those who have been bereaved; for all involved in healthcare; for key workers, school staff and for the most vulnerable members of society.

WITNEY COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Community fridges are places where good food, that would otherwise be wasted, can be shared with the local community. Four million people in the UK are living in food poverty, and at the same time almost one third of all food is thrown away. Witney Community Fridge accepts surplus food from local supermarkets and other organisations and makes it freely available to all members of the community. During the pandemic we have been helping many households who are struggling as well as those who are happy to come and collect and use food that would otherwise be wasted. We're based at the rear courtyard of High St Methodist Church in Witney and are open **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 11 am -12 midday.**

PLEASE ZOOM IN ON THIS IF YOU CAN

I am particularly pleased to inform you that the Secretary of Pope Francis' Covid Commission is speaking via Zoom from Rome. He is very keen to engage with the laity of England and Wales. I have put the details of both events below.

Ask a theologian anything you like! **Sunday February 28th 1.45pm.**

Prof. Tom O'Loughlin, Dr Jordan Pullicino, David McLoughlin. Email actabhm@gmail.com

A New Imagination of the Possible: An Update on the Covid 19 Commission from Fr Augusto Zampini-Davies, Adjunct Secretary to the Commission.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 - 19.00. Register via the national ACTA website, <https://www.acalltoaction.org.uk/>