



OUR LADY & ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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 "Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him."
 Mark 1:12-15 Psalter Week 1.

Pope's intention for February, For the Terminally Ill: Let us pray that the sick in the final stages of life and their families may receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Second Sunday of Lent February 24th–25th 2024

Sat 24 th February	Vigil for the Second Sunday in Lent. CAFOD Lent Collection		5.30 pm Mass: Divine Healing on Maureen Walsh, Michael Walsh and Peggy Lennon.
Sun 25 th February	Second Sunday in Lent CAFOD Lent Collection		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom People of the Parish
Mon 26 th Feb	Lent Feria	9.30 am	Mass.
Tue 27 th Feb	Lent Feria	9.30 am	Mass.
Wed 28 th Feb	Lent Feria	6.30 pm 6.50 pm	Stations of the Cross Mass.
Thurs 29 th Feb	Lent Feria	No Mass	
Fri 1 st March	Feast of St David, Bishop Patron of Wales.	9.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Mass. Lenten Prayer and Study Group Stations of the Cross
Sat 2 nd March	Feast of St Chad Patron of the Archdiocese		
Sat 2 nd March	Vigil for the Third Sunday in Lent. Parish Maintenance Fund		5.30 pm Mass:
Sun 3 rd March	Third Sunday in Lent Parish Maintenance Fund		10.00 am Mass + online via Zoom

Lent Preparation: We continue with our Stations of the Cross on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6.30 pm. We look forward to Parishioners joining us as we follow Fr Pat's "We Walk with the Lord on the Way of the Cross" for our Lenten observances in this Year of Prayer. If you have a booklet, please bring it along.

Our Tuesday mass will be in the morning.

Our Lenten Study and Prayer group; meets on Friday mornings at 10.30 am. Please come along and join this lively discussion group.

Lent Walk with Me books: Please do, pick up a booklet to follow the Diocese journey of faith through Lent. They are at the back of the church.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March, 2.00 pm St Peter's Wootton Wawen: The service was written this year by the Christian women of Palestine. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.

From Fr Damian: The readings this weekend, make us think of God's revelation of Jesus Christ as his beloved son and also how God loves us. Our First reading tells of how Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, but God stopped him. The gospel tells of the Transfiguration, where the voice from the heavens revealed Jesus as God's beloved son to Peter, James, and John. The Gospel reinforces Jesus as God's much-loved Son, echoing Isaac's description and revealing Christ's identity through His transfiguration. These readings should strengthen us in our faith, showing Jesus as the fulfilment of prophecies and encouraging us to face any trials with courage, offering ourselves to God and renewing our commitment to Him.

Prayer Intentions: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them, May Christ be near them to bless them and keep them. We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, especially our lately departed Barbara Stawiany, and for our parish anniversaries, Angela Roberts, and Mary Connell, Eternal rest grant to them O lord, may they rest in eternal peace.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection: Our Cafod Collection is this weekend: Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day collection helps CAFOD work to make people's lives better in Areas which are struggling. Thank you for all your support

Fr Damian's Silver Jubilee; This year Fr Damian our parish priest celebrates his Silver Jubilee, his 25th year as a priest. He was ordained in his home state of Awka in Nigeria on 14 August 1999. He has been home to Nigeria, to his home Diocese of Ekwulobia to celebrate this milestone in his life and ministry with a special mass and celebration with His Eminence, Cardinal Peter Ebere Okpaleke his home bishop, and his fellow seminarians from 1999.

We will be celebrating with Fr Damian in August at Our Lady and St Benedict's in Wootton Wawen. If you think you can help in any way, please contact Louise.

Update to Cemetery Wall; Just to let you know, the footpath adjacent to the cemetery wall was closed by Stratford District Council on Friday 12 January as a matter of urgency and a traffic management system was put in place. Since then, various underground and topographical surveys have been undertaken to check the limit of the footway and the services that run under the footpath and alongside the wall including the stay for the power cable post in the cemetery. The initial findings of these surveys have started to come in, which will guide the designs to build up and shore the wall to avoid collapse. These plans will also include proposals to repair the wall parts that have shown movement. Whilst work appears not to have begun, external parties are working in the background to ensure the wall is repaired promptly.

Soup and a Sandwich lunch group; Save the date! Our next lunch will be on the 20th March from 12.30 am to 2.30 pm. It will be a chance to come along and share, have a natter and meet parishioners and neighbours. To cover the cost there will be a charge of £3.50. for homemade soup, rolls, tea and biscuits. For more information, please contact Lesley on WhatsApp at +44 7912 623990 or email, lesleyharvey@yahoo.co.uk

Stratford Foodbank: Their most needed items this month are, tinned chilli, minced beef, meat pies, children's toothpaste, hot dogs, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, shave foam/ gel, shower gel and loo rolls. Any help you can give will make life a little easier for families in our area.

The "100" Club February Draw: It is not too late to sign up @ £10 a month as we still have some numbers the available numbers are listed next to the 100 Club box at the back of the church. For any queries, don't hesitate to get in touch with Annette Howell at 07771847214 or email netandsteve@gmail.com.

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