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Second Sunday of Lent

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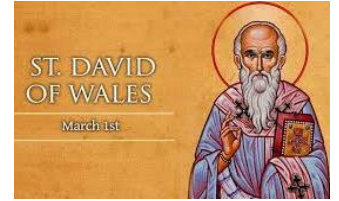
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Confessions
After Saturday
9.30AM Mass
Fridays 6-7PM
with Adoration



Welcome to Mass, in today's readings, the Second Sunday in Lent, Abraham is asked to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, born in fulfilment of God's promise that Abraham should be the father of a great nation. Jesus, the only Son of the Father, reveals His heavenly glory to the apostles and yet talks of His death. Isaac is not sacrificed: at the last moment this is stopped, doubtless to cause immense joy. But the death of Jesus is not stopped: He offers Himself out of love to manifest the joy of the resurrection. Death cannot be prevented, but it can be transformed into the way to the new and abundant life that Christ calls us to. Lent is a time to reflect on and react to the love that was gained at great sacrifice. At the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, we were reminded: 'now is the favourable time... be reconciled to Christ'. Why wait until Lent is almost over? In the stillness of prayer, we can acknowledge our 'smallness' without any feelings of shame or inadequacy or feelings we do not want others to see. In prayer, we can 'sit with a friend', a friend who knows us through and through, a friend who 'formed us in our mother's womb' and who promised that we would never be forgotten. In prayer, we can be true to ourselves. In prayer, we come to the realisation that we are not so powerful that there is nothing we cannot do. In prayer, we can come to the realisation of the relationship God wishes for us, of 'parent' to 'child'. But sometimes we talk ourselves out of prayer or adoration in silence, an hour is a long time, is it not? We think we could achieve so much in that hour, rather than 'waste' it just sitting. Yet, silence will slow us down, mind, body and spirit, and it is in that stillness that our very being can be transformed into the human 'being' it was created to be, affording 'gratuitous rest' from the human 'doer' most of us have become. "Come away", Jesus invited his friends, "and rest awhile". That same invitation is ours too, even this week, even today, and every day, in Mass, Divine Mercy or Adoration.

Sat 24th Feb 2024	Lent Feria	09:30AM 18.00PM	All Souls in Purgatory The Rosminian Family around the World
Sun 25th Feb 2024	Second Sunday of Lent	10.00AM 18.00PM	Den Harries RIP Michael Griffin RIP
Mon 26th Feb 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	UCM Glenny & Maloney Family
Tue 27th Feb 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Julie Mascarhenas Athapilly & Vettikattu Families & deceased members
Wed 28th Feb 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 19.00PM	Billy Watts Sebastian Fernandez RIP
Thurs 29th Feb 2024	Lent Feria	10.00AM 11.30AM 19.00PM	De'Souza Family Requiem Service of John McDonald RIP Private Intention
Fri 1st March 2024	Feast of St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	10.00AM 19.00PM	Peggy Comerford RIP For all living & dead who have noone to pray for them
Sat 2nd March 2024	Feast of St. Chad, Bishop	09:30AM 18.00PM	Thanksgiving – Bambino & Immaculate (Birthday) Margaret & John Watts RIP

This week's Gospel – Mark 9:2-10

'This is my Son, the Beloved'

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Responsorial Psalm

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living**

'Listening to God's Call' – Tuesdays 7PM

The second in the three part series of vocations events from the Dudley and Wolverhampton Deanery will be;

Tuesday 27 February: Marriage and Single Life 7PM

Tuesday 5 March: Priesthood and Diaconate 7PM

There will be the opportunity to ask questions. Everyone is welcome to join. The Zoom link is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88033199202?pwd=Bkfm1pgM2iXaYczxemTzmzdH7lISld.1>

Meeting ID: 880 3319 9202

Passcode: 218505

2nd Collection Next Week

There will be a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance next week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AFTER 7PM MASS DURING LENT

The Stations of the Cross is a mini pilgrimage, which takes us through the steps taken by Jesus on Good Friday, from his condemnation to his burial. The Stations are a "way of prayerfully uniting oneself to the sacrifice of the Lord and his love for us. It's also an invitation for us to place ourselves within that journey."



UCM

UCM Mass this Monday 26th Feb followed by the AGM in Hibberts Hall, a gently reminder of membership fee's due in Feb. Interested in joining? Please get in touch

Parish Retreat Days

Altar Servers Retreat Day to St Anne's in Wappenbury

Saturday 16th March with Fr Aji & Fr O'Brien.

Renewal of Commitment for **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic** and a Half Day Retreat Sat 23rd March 9:30AM with Fr Mullen here in our parish.

Lector renewal and morning of prayer following the 9:30AM

Mass on Saturday 23rd March for **all** readers.

All parishioners are welcome to attend the parish retreats, please confirm your attendance.

Parish Meeting

We held our first of four parish meetings for this year, thank you to all those who completed the yellow forms, who attended on the night contributing in person and to those who could not attend but watched online. Thank you to all those who volunteer so much of your time to this parish as we look for the number of volunteers to grow as we move forward with planning of the Corpus Christi Procession from our Church to the Clock Towers on the evening of 30th May. We also remember and pray for the volunteers, benefactors and priests of the parish who have gone before us, may they find eternal peace.

Health & Safety

Initial roof works will be undertaken this week, please take extra care and caution around the Church grounds. If you have any concerns, please contact the parish office or send an email to hs.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk

St Patricks Day

On Sunday 17th March there will be a celebration in Hibberts Hall after the 10AM mass, there will be live music with unlimited tea, coffee, juice with Gammon rolls and cake to eat! Tickets will be sold from next week so they have an idea of numbers to cater for, tickets will be £5. Let us all get together for the first event of the year.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian McGloin, Steven McHugh, John MacDonald, Stan Ratajczyk, Michael Griffin

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Dedee Flint, Maureen Dooley, Alfons Linden, Indiana Ward, Patricia RodenJan Sliwa, Maria Krause, Rev Primavesi, Margaret Jones, Sheila Rowlands, David Hipwell, Antonia Kowhan, Patrick Hamill, Anne Watters, Anna Walter

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock