

# St Peter's and St Philip's Newsletter

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Universal –Violence against Women

For women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded

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Mother of God Local Missionary Area in Stockport

## YOU ARE ALL WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

If you wish to attend Mass at St Peters on Saturday or Sunday then you should reserve a place by e mailing admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk.

If you wish to attend Mass at St Philip's on Saturday evening then you should e mail david.smith7220@ntlworld.com

### LENT WEEK 1 Year B Divine Office Psalter Week 1

**ALL MASSES FROM ST PETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LIVE STREAM**  
Each evening the Rosary will be said at 7 00 p.m, except Sunday then at 5 00 p.m. join in on line www.churchservices.tv/stockport. The Rosary is not open for people to attend but just broadcast over the internet.



## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST READING:

Genesis 9:8-15

### PSALM 24

Your ways Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant

### SECOND READING:

1 Peter 3:18-22

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God  
Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory

### GOSPEL READING:

Mark 1:12-15

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be celebrated in the sacristy during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays and Saturdays and subject to social distancing

The Mill Hill Missionaries will offer their annual Novena of Masses and Prayers in preparation for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead from Wednesday 10th to Thursday 18th March. Further details on the online version of this newsletter

### Saturday 20th February 2021

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon John Heneghan

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

6.00 pm Polish Mass

Readings *Isaiah 58:9-14; Psalm 85 Luke 5:27-32*

### Sunday 21st February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings *Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15*

10 00 a.m. Matthew Coleing

6 00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Monday 22nd February 2021 The Chair of St Peter

12 Noon Gerard Coleman

Readings: *1 Peter 5:1-14; Psalm 22; Matthew 16:13-19*

### Tuesday 23rd February 2021

7 00 p.m. Michael Fogarty NOTE TIME

Readings: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:7-15.*

### Wednesday 24th February 2021

12 Noon Margaret Conway

Readings: *Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 50; Luke 11:29-32*

12 45 p.m. Funeral Service for Michael Longden (Invitation only)

### Thursday 25th February 2021

12 Noon Barbara Binnie

Readings: *Esther 4:17; Psalm 137; Matthew 7:7-12.*

### Friday 26th February 2021

12 Noon David Yates

Readings: *Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5:20-26*

1 00 p.m. Funeral Service for John Ready (Invitation only)

6—00 p.m.—8 00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday 27th February 2021

11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 Noon Intentions of Fr Chris McCurry

6.00 pm Mass at St. Phillips

6.00 pm Polish Mass

Readings *Deteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5 43-48*

### Sunday 28th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings *Genesis 22 1-2,9-13,15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34;*

*Mark 9:2-10*

10 00 a.m. Hughie Travers

6 00 p.m. People of the Parish

**NOTE THE MASS TIME FOR TUESDAY ITS AT 7 00 p.m**

**Please remember to wear face masks and sanitise your hands coming in and going out of church and keep to social distancing including sitting away from the aisles as much as possible.**  
**YOU SHOULD ONLY SIT WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD**  
**Please follow the Arrow markings on the floor of the church DO NOT COME TO CHURCH IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS - SNEEZING, COUGHING, SORE THROAT ETC**



**The sick** - Canon Brenda Hoban—former parish priest at St Philip’s, and remembering, all the sick in the parish, in our hospitals and nursing homes. We also remember those who are housebound and are unable to come to Mass. We remember especially young people who are sick. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who have care of the sick and the dying at this time often putting their own lives at risk in the process..

**Lately Dead:** Maureen Carroll, Tony Byrne (funeral on March 12th at 11 00 a.m.) John Hand (Junr), (funeral on March 8th at 12 noon, John Ready (funeral on February 26th) and Michael Longden (Funeral on February 24th) Christine Bartley (funeral at the Crematorium on March 1st) , Margaret Bowden (funeral on March 5th)and Michael Fogarty

**Anniversaries that occur around this time:** Arthur Rhodes, Margaret Bradwell, Margaret Keegan, Teresa Sellars, Teresa Mercer, Matthew Coleing, Margaret Bradley, Helen Cave, Margaret Burgess, Derek Doherty, Kathleen McLaughlin, Walter Barrett, Barbara Binnie, Terence McCartney, Herbert Markham, Lilian Sheehan, Peter Shorrocks and Sydney Bradwell

**Prayer Intentions** - We have a team of ‘prayer warriors’ who will pray for your intentions at this time, send your intentions to the parish office and they will be forwarded. You can also light a ‘virtual’ candle on the parish website.

*To prepare for this prayer, spend a few moments asking the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear this Word being spoken to you.*

### **1st Sunday in Lent (Year B) Mark 1:12–15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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1. Spend some time quietly reading and rereading the passage, noting the words/phrases that draw your attention.
2. Imagine Jesus there in the wilderness...tempted...looked after... What insights do you glimpse about Jesus?
3. Imagine yourself there in the wilderness for forty days... take time to pray for the grace to deepen your awareness of the temptations that face you each day...for the grace to know for what it is that you want to repent this Lenten season...

### **For Conversation:**

One obstacle to love (in your locality) that you/your community might overturn this Lent.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service

## **LENT**

*Lent began on Wednesday with a good attendance at all our Masses. I am sorry for those who came without having booked a place and had to be turned away but both Masses at St Peters were fully booked. The hand crosses were given out and I know some of you took them for the housebound as well. Keep these crosses on you during Lent to remind you of the journey we are all on in union with the Lord..*

*During Lent there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday evening from 6 00—8 00 p.m. and I will be available for the Sacrament of Forgiveness at that time as well as on Saturday mornings as usual. In the ‘on line’ version of the newsletter you will find the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter for Lent*

*We look forward to being able to celebrate Easter this year with some congregation present but I suspect there will still be restrictions on numbers able to attend our services. We will give more details about the Holy Week and Easter services nearer the time*

### **A ZOOM WAY OF THE CROSS**

Fran and Dave Fitton are going to host an interactive Way of the Cross on Zoom on the Wednesday evenings through Lent starting next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. There will be 3 stations each week presented by different contributors and will feature some music.

The zoom codes below are valid only for this week so please register by attending the first evening or emailing [davidjfitton@hotmail.com](mailto:davidjfitton@hotmail.com) to be included in the distribution list for future weeks.

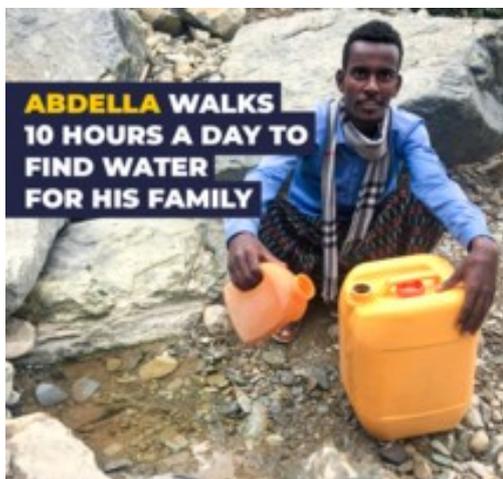
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**MARRIAGE CARE:** If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care offers a confidential counselling service. You can contact us on 0800 389 3801. We are currently providing couple counselling via a secure webcam (Zoom).

## 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](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice). The Lenten Family Fast Day envelopes will be available from Ash Wednesday and the **Family Fast Collection will be taken on Easter Sunday**. There is more information about this appeal on the Cafod website <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>



To help people like Abdella  
Text **LENT** to  
**70460**  
to donate £10 to  
CAFOD's Lent Appeal  
Or visit  
[cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

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## ST PETER'S JUSTICE AND PEACE LENTEN PROJECT:

**LAPTOPS FOR SCHOOLS** - We have had a really positive response to our request for old laptops that can be sent into schools for children to use, but we would like to give the schools as many as possible, so please keep them coming. If you can, please deliver to Carmel O'Malley at 11, Aldwyn Crescent, Hazel Grove SK7 5HY - she has made space in her porch for a Covid safe drop off. If you would prefer, Carmel is happy to collect so please call her on 07747 145326 to arrange this.

**SUPPLY OF DRIED FOODS AND TINNED GOODS** - The schools have requested a ready supply of dried food to be kept in school for when families struggle to access the local Foodbanks. We have put a **GREEN** bin in the porch next to the Piety Stall, it is clearly labelled **DRIED FOOD FOR SCHOOLS**. We are looking for food that parents can use to make a nutritious meal or snack for children, so dried food without expiry dates, such as tinned meat/fish, cereal, beans/pulses, pasta, tea/coffee, long life milk, sugar etc.

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS - PRAYER REQUEST:

Our schools are a really big part of our church family and have remained open for teaching the most vulnerable students and the children of key workers throughout lockdown. Please hold our teachers, the support staff and the whole school community in your prayers:

**Thank You, Father, for technology allowing many students to continue their educations online. For virtual classrooms and technological resources. Thank You for every teacher and student adjusting to their new normal. Comfort teachers and support staff as they miss interacting with their students in person. Equip them with energy and inspiration to come alongside their students in this challenging time of crisis. Protect their health, Father, both physically and mentally. Encourage them to use their gifts and talents to find new ways to reach students.**

## ST PETER'S AND ST PHILIP'S REFUGEE PROJECT:

Whilst we do not know when we will be able to welcome a family, the team are continuing to meet and have begun to look at producing a Welcome Pack. Our aim is to complete as much as we can now so that when the borders re-open, we will be able to respond as swiftly as possible. To date, **we have raised £21,794!** This is a fantastic effort from the whole parish and will enable us to offer our family the best possible support - we ask that if people can, they continue to donate as we want to be prepared for some of the very significant costs we anticipate in setting up a new home. Thank you for your wonderful kindness and generosity.  
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## NEWSLETTER DELIVERIES

If you, or someone you know, would like a church newsletter delivered every few weeks to your door, because you can't access this online, please email us [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) and we will try to help.

If you, or someone you know, would like to go on our list because you're feeling more isolated or in need of a friendly phone call, you can fill in the form on <https://sites.google.com/view/st-peters-helpers/home> or leave a message for us at church

**OFFERTORY GIFTS** Thank you for your generous donations last week which amounted to **£580-37** plus online giving last month came to over £1000 per week. Thank you to those who are putting their Offertory envelopes through the door and who have done the on line giving.. Please continue to put your offerings in an envelope and save them until we are 'back to normal' or you can post them through the presbytery door. If you are putting several weeks collection in at the same time you only need to use one envelope. Many of the new sets of Offertory Envelopes have been delivered through your doors over the past few days but there are some remaining to be picked up in church or will be sent by post shortly.. If you wish you can send an offering by cheque payable to St Peters Hazel Grove or

do a direct transfer to:

**St Peters Hazel Grove at Lloyds Bank 30 15 52 54607668** or set up a Standing Order or for St Philip's go to **St Philips Offerton 30 15 52 54674660**

If your bank asks for the name of the account it is **Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees** with the above account numbers

## **NEW PROJECT - CARD MAKING**

Are you interested in trying out a new hobby - or perhaps revisiting one you have tried before?

You will need: scissors, pencil, ruler, clean cloth to press down toppers, (coloured pencils/felt pens would also be useful but not essential)

We will provide: simple instructions, the materials needed to make the cards (card blanks, toppers, glue stick if needed).

Stage 1 will be making some simple cards/notelets for your own use.

Stage 2 will be the main purpose of the project i.e. making Christmas cards for 2021, to be distributed in the Parish, using recycled images from 2020. We will need 800+ if we are to achieve our aim!

Can you help?

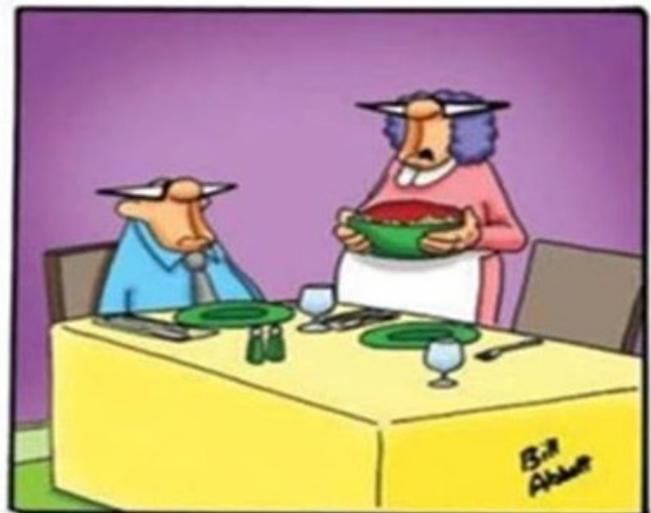
If you are interested please contact Mary on [stpetershelpers@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershelpers@gmail.com) with your name, address and telephone number, or you can leave a message for us on the church number.

## **FROM FR PETER**

I hope you all enjoyed your pancakes but if you used the recipe in last weeks newsletter you probably won't remember!! After a quietish January I seem to have been inundated with funerals for the next couple of weeks. At the moment I have eight either arranged or to be arranged. I don't think I have ever known it like this before. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the bereaved at this time. It is especially difficult when we cannot celebrate funerals as fully as we would like because of the current restrictions. An important part of any funeral is the reception afterwards when people can reminisce in an informal way about the person who has died. It is an essential part of the grieving process and it is denied to us at the moment. Over the past 12 months I have had to celebrate many of these restricted funerals and have always offered that we do something more fitting when circumstances allow but I do wonder whether when things return to 'normal' whether that moment will have passed and families will have moved on as they have to.. Our bereavement group are doing great work via Zoom so do get in touch if you feel the need to be part of this group.

Now Lent is upon us and since we have given up so much these past twelve months it is difficult to know what to give up! I am sure you will think of something worthwhile to do during this holy season. We await the Prime Ministers announcement re the phased end of lockdown and hope that we will at least be able to meet people in convivial surroundings rather than a park bench in the not too distant future. Have a good week!

*Fr Peter*



**"I didn't want to waste the good stuff, so I used the oldest bottle in your wine collection for the spaghetti sauce."**

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**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at **St Joseph's Church** in **Maidenhead**. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13 March at 10am, Sunday, 14 March at 11.00am, Monday – Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm.

If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: [stjoseph-parish.co.uk](http://stjoseph-parish.co.uk) and the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

The past twelve months have been an exceptionally difficult time for all of us. We can only hope that the current vaccine rollout will eventually provide some relief. May the coming Novena to St. Joseph, in this Year dedicated to him by Pope Francis, be a source of comfort and support to all who have lost loved ones and whose lives have been adversely affected by this pandemic



## NEW BEGINNINGS - A JOURNEY FROM LENT TO EASTER

For the past few years I've produced a Lent reflection leaflet continuing a format started by Bryan Halson during our time together on the former Shrewsbury Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission. This year Lent takes on a new meaning for me following the death from natural causes of my beloved elder daughter Annie in June 2020. For Advent 2020 I put together a series of weekly reflections based on her writings as a scripture scholar, teacher and evangelist. For Lent this year I am sharing some more of her material as we journey through Lent towards Easter.

I've been looking at C S Lewis' classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* whilst helping home-school our 9 year-old granddaughter during the latest lockdown. It seems apposite in the current situation to identify with a bleak land where it is 'always winter but never Christmas.' At present it feels as though we are existing in a continual season of Lent, an enforced time of fasting and abstinence from so many of the ordinary pleasures we take for granted: visiting family and friends or new places, going to a film or out for a meal, enjoying a day out to the coast or the countryside. We wait, sometimes with impatience, for the time to move forward to Easter and the joy of the Resurrection. We are locked in a period of stasis, of stagnation. There is frustration and fear. Will our lives ever be the same again? But we can choose to embrace this enforced isolation as an opportunity to quieten ourselves, to truly listen to God and discern a new way forward. We can use this time wisely to consider changes to our lifestyle that will help conserve the fast-diminishing natural resources of our planet, to live more simply and to work for the good of all. This is an opportunity to focus on what really matters and to journey in faith and hope.

Anne O'Connor

**Sunday, February 21 Lent 1** *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

Ps 24:4-9 'Kindness is a choice. It is something we can choose to put on every day. Kindness is love in action – a practical expression of love. It is visible and active.'

**Monday, February 22** *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.* Ps 23

'Before entering a place of prayer, a room or before beginning the day pause at the threshold for the length of an 'Our Father' and become aware of God gazing on you in love.'

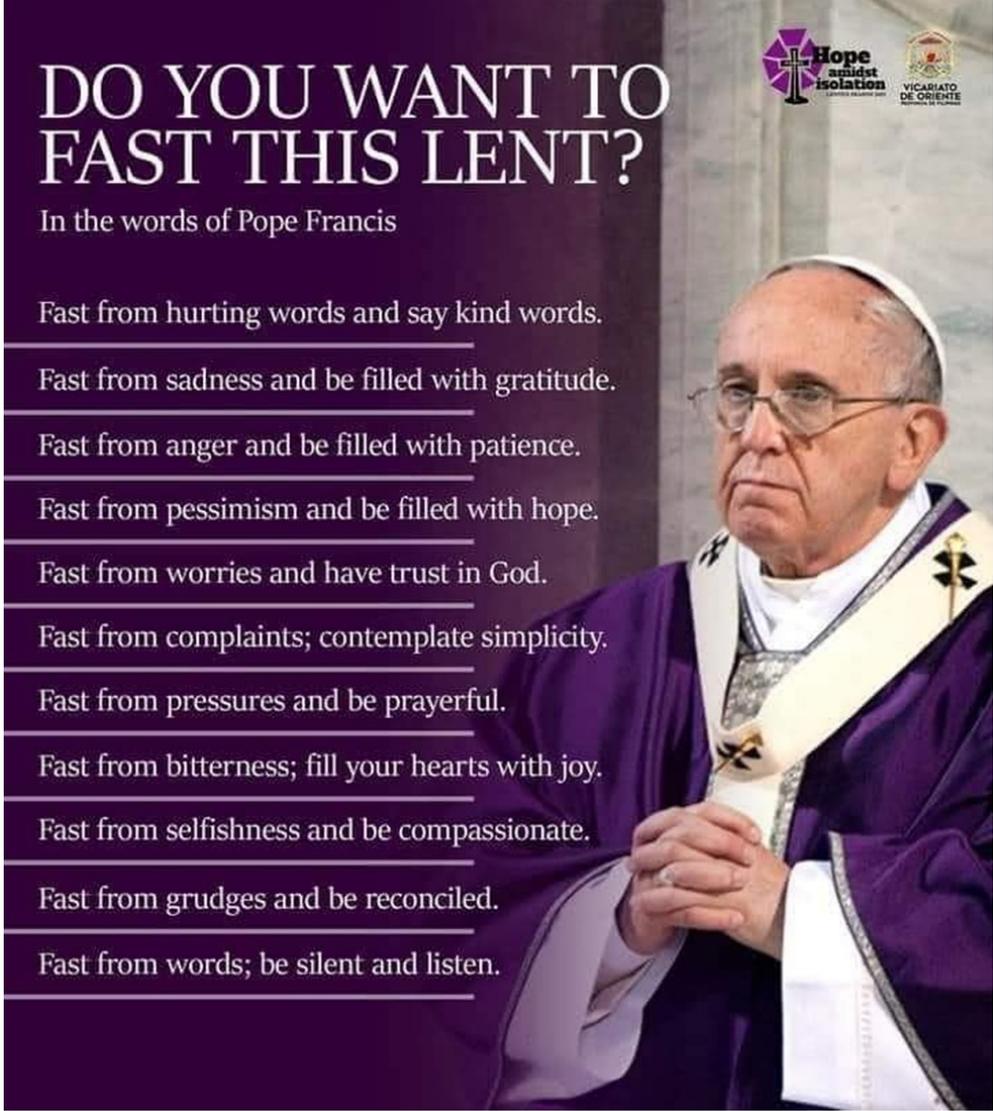
**Tuesday, February 23** *The Lord rescues the just in all their distress.* Ps 33: 4-7, 16-19 'Kindness always starts with noticing the needs of others. Everyone needs kindness – everyone is hurting somewhere.'

**Wednesday, February 24** *A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.* Ps 50: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 'Don't wait to show a kindness. Do it while you have the opportunity. Do it now.'

**Thursday, February 25** *On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.* Ps 137: 1-3, 7-8 ‘God speaks in all sorts of ways – through scripture, through nature, through other people. However, unless we slow down and listen, we miss his promptings and his voice.’

**Friday, February 26** *If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, who would survive?* Ps 129: 11-8 ‘I thought about the things in my backpack that I didn’t really need for the journey that were weighing me down and restricting my movement. I thought about things in my life that need to move. I thought about things in my heart that need to move.’

**Saturday, February 27** *They are happy who follow God’s law!* Ps 118: 11-2, 44-5, 7-8 ‘We are called as the people of God to serve the communities in whose lives we share and to be people of vision.’



**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Hope amidst isolation  
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#### ANOTHER LENTEN RESOURCE

The Jesuits in Britain and the BBC are bringing a special on line Lenten retreat. For Further details go to

<https://www.jesuit.org.uk/bbc-and-jesuits-britain-bring-you-special-lent-retreat>

## A PASTORAL LETTER



### ***Re-Building on the Foundation of the Eucharist***

My dear brothers and sisters,

On this First Sunday of Lent, the story resonates for us, of a family enduring a great trial that engulfed the world they had known. The Book of Genesis recounts how Noah and his family emerged from ‘a state of lockdown’ with renewed hope in God’s saving purpose. The rainbow set against the clouds became a sign of hope for them, as it has become a sign of hope in this health crisis, whether painted by children, posted in windows or projected on public buildings. The rainbow has happily recovered its original meaning as a sign of the promise of the Lord: *“When ... the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature”*.<sup>i</sup> Despite all human sinfulness, and the disasters resulting from sin, God’s purpose is always to save and bring us to new life. This is our personal experience every time we make a sincere confession and know the grace of the Holy Spirit sent for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>ii</sup> Almost twelve months have passed since I wrote at the start of a pandemic that has impacted every one of our lives. As this Lent begins, we remember in prayer all who have died and more than a hundred thousand families who today mourn the loss of loved ones. We can draw lasting lessons from the suffering of this time and its quiet heroism. Many of these lessons echo the call of Lent to greater prayer, self-denial and generosity. Today, I wish to highlight lessons learnt from the way our parishes rose to challenges, reminiscent of the brave beginnings of this Shrewsbury Diocese. As in those pioneering days, the continued celebration of the Mass – the priority of the Eucharist – has become the focus of so many strenuous and unprecedented efforts. It has also been the aspiration of many who have remained prayerfully at home, often using the internet to stay connected, while anticipating the day of the great return to Holy Mass.

As we face the challenges of emerging from the devastation of a pandemic, let us be ready to re-build the life of the Church on this same foundation of the Eucharist. The Book of Genesis tells how the priority for Noah’s family, having barely set foot on dry ground, was to build an altar for the Lord.<sup>iii</sup> In the same way, our union with Christ in the Mass, in the Sacraments and in daily prayer, must be our own enduring priority. At the Cathedral, the works to renew the Altar have coincided with this time and will stand as a memorial to these days of renewed Eucharistic faith and love. The very restrictions imposed by the pandemic have helped us treasure our churches as places of prayer, silence and personal encounter with Christ. In so many ways we have been led to recognise anew, as the

Catechism reminds us that *“In His Eucharistic presence He remains mysteriously in our midst as the One who loved us and gave Himself for us”*.<sup>iv</sup> It is Jesus Himself who awaits us in the Sacrament of His love.<sup>v</sup>

I hope we will continue to make generous efforts in 2021, to keep church doors open wherever this is possible; and ensuring we give of our best in everything connected with the Mass and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the heart of every one our communities. If Eucharistic love pervades our parishes, then we can be sure nothing will be lacking in our sense of mission.

At the start of my letter, I said we are setting out to re-build on the foundation of the Eucharist. Saint John Paul II put this simply when he said, the Eucharist builds the Church.<sup>vi</sup> He recalled the teaching the Second Vatican Council which declared, *“As often as the Sacrifice of the Cross ... is celebrated on the altar, the work of redemption is carried out ... and at the same time ... the unity of the faithful, who form one body in Christ, is expressed and brought about”*.<sup>vii</sup> May this be so for us in 2021, as we gather in ever growing numbers to fulfil Christ’s command *“Do this in memory of me”*.<sup>viii</sup>

May Saint Joseph, to whom we have entrusted this year of recovery, pray for us and accompany us as we grow in Eucharistic love,

+ Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury

<sup>i</sup> Gen. 9: 14

<sup>ii</sup> Cf. Rite of Penance

<sup>iii</sup> Cf. Gen. 8: 20

<sup>iv</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1380

<sup>v</sup> Cf. *Dominicae Cena* n.3

<sup>vi</sup> Cf. *Ecclesia De Eucharistia* Chapter 2

<sup>vii</sup> *Lumen Gentium* n. 3

<sup>viii</sup> Cf. I Cor. 11: 26