

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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Dear Parishioners, in the first reading this weekend we see how Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. It almost goes without saying that this was a huge test of heart and mind for Abraham. What we learn is that there will be times in our own lives when we are put to the test, times when life is hard and we have to make sacrifices. When we have to make sacrifices it is often to help other people. Just as God recognised the sacrifice that Abraham was prepared to make so also he recognises the sacrifices that we make and in time he will reward us for our willingness to give of ourselves. Let us try and follow the example of Abraham and have that generosity of heart to try and be willing to do that little bit extra for others and for God. Thank you for all the love and support you have given to me since Mum died. I am taking things a day at a time and am gradually working my way back into the swing of parish life. I will never forget your prayers and kindness. In due time Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions. God bless, Fr Andrew

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

Sunday 28 th	5.30pm (Sat) 9.00am 11.00am	Dan and Joan Doyle Intention People of the Parish Robert Hand RIP
Monday 1 st	9.15am	Susan Lee RIP
Tuesday 2 nd	9.15 am	Annie Howes
Wednesday 3 rd	No Mass	
Thursday 4 th	9.15am	Philip Winsper R.I.P.
Friday 5 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Ann Cheal RIP and Sue Franklin RIP Months Mind
Saturday 6 th Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Thomas Reidy RIP

Confessions Friday 6.30pm-7pm, Saturday 11.00-11.30am and after 5.30pm Mass Saturday evening in Day Chapel.

Please wait in the Narthex.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT B

Sunday 7 th	9.00am 11.00am	Szymon Saweck Int Bill and Peggy Henson
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Exposition and Rosary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 8.45am. Please do join us in prayer.

SPUC. If you would like to make a donation towards the work of the “White Flower” appeal the basket and stickers are in the Narthex. Thank you.

Baptism. Please pray for Darcey and Quinn Clarke who will be baptised on Saturday March 6th at 12noon.

RIP. Please pray for Baby Finn Reilly and for Liz Pattinson who have died recently. We remember their family and friends at this sad time.

CAFOD: 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/give or by using one of CAFOD envelopes. Lent Fast day is 28th February 2021. Maggy Jennings is also walking alongside Abdella this Lent by challenging herself to walk 10,000 steps every day for 40 days. The link for donations is walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/maggys-lent-walk.

World Day of Prayer. The Knowle, Dorridge, Bentley Heath and Hampton in Arden Churches have prepared a World Day of Prayer service. It will be available either via Dorridge Methodist Church Youtube Channel using this link

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYvS6IjMihAWWn45ussoSOQ?guided_help_flow=5

or on our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Dorridge-Methodist-Church-170842826259456> from mid

morning on Friday 5th March.

We have 20 copies of the order of service available for those who would like one.

Fairtrade Fortnight: If anyone wishes to order gifts for Mothering Sunday or Easter Eggs from the Traidcraft range, please contact Helena either by phone on 07708 328183 or via email helena.madden@btinternet.com. The easiest way is to browse the Traidcraft shop online and just let Helena know what you would like. Prices are always at least 10% lower than shown, due to our parish discount. If anyone would prefer to have a look at the spring catalogue then this can also be arranged for you if you get in touch with Helena. Some copies should be available next weekend in church. Grateful thanks to all those who have continued to support our parish Traidcraft ‘stall throughout COVID times. Producers in the developing world are the ones who benefit from your care.

Votive Candles: We are now able to resume lighting of votive candles in the Lady Chapel. Please place your donations in the basket provided but please **do not** touch the statue of Our Lady.

Deacon Sean’s new book, ‘Sharing in the Life of God,’ has so far raised £1060 for the **‘Father O’Mahony Memorial Trust.’** So a big and heart-felt ‘thank you’ to everyone who has so far bought a copy. It does mean, however, that we have now sold out! If you would like a copy it will continue to be available from Amazon.co.uk or you can either order a copy through Deacon Sean in Church or from the parish office, the price is £10. The book makes very good reading for Lent and is excellent preparation for our celebration of Easter, it also provides a wealth of information about Father O’Mahony and our Parish Church.

Collection:

21st February 2021: Gift Aid: £205.00 Loose: £213.86 Standing Order: £687.00 Total:£1,105.86.

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TODAY’S MASS:

First Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18. The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8: 31-34. God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Acclamation: **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!**

The Gospel according to Mark 9: 2-10. This is my Son, the Beloved.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.