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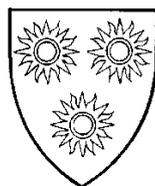
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 21 FEBRUARY 2021

Church Cleaning: Special rota on website

Divine Office: Week 1

SATURDAY Eve of the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 6 pm.

SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 11 am.

THURSDAY Weekday of Lent

Mass at 10 am.

SATURDAY Eve of the SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 6 pm.

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent.

A MESSAGE FROM FR VINCENT

Although during this present lockdown places of worship can still open for services, I wish to remind you that the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended. Bishop Declan has written to priests informing them that they can close churches and cease the public celebration of Masses if they are unable to ensure that government and diocesan health and safety guidance can be followed.

Here at Saint Edmund's we can continue with public celebration of Masses for as long as we have sufficient stewards and cleaners. They must follow the guidance which has previously been issued to them.

The national guidance makes clear that we must have a particular focus on protecting people who are clinically vulnerable and more likely to develop severe illness, including people who are aged 60 or older, regardless of medical conditions, and that the communal nature of churches makes them places that are particularly vulnerable to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Those in the clinically extremely vulnerable groups should be shielding at home at the present time.

If you are on the rota as a volunteer steward or cleaner and because of the high prevalence of coronavirus and the national restrictions choose not to attend Mass at the present time, please let Teresa Quinn know and your name will be removed from the rota.

If you are choosing to continue attending Mass you must follow the national guidance which includes the wearing of a face covering, (unless exempt), maintaining social distancing and not mingling with anyone outside of your household or support bubble, either inside or outside the church. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, or are self-isolating, you must not attend the church.

Parishioners must book places for any Mass they plan to attend by contacting Christine Martin at calnemass@btinternet.com or 01249 814086. For Saturday or Sunday, book by Friday evening; for Thursday book by Tuesday evening.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be live streamed from St Gregory's, Cheltenham, every Sunday of Lent at 5 pm. See <https://stgregorys.org.uk/stations>.

CAFOD FAST DAY is this coming Friday. One in three people globally do not have access to safe drinking water. With your support this Lent, we can reach out and make a powerful difference. Through CAFOD, you can provide boreholes and solar powered water pumps to remote communities. You can make sure people no longer have to spend all their time collecting water, so they can concentrate on making their hopes a reality. Take a donation envelope this weekend and return next weekend. Gift Aid your donation if you are able. You can also donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations>.

DARE TO DREAM: Bishop Declan invites each one of us to take time during this Lent to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, 'Dare to Dream' encourages us to think about God's invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we encourage you to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. This resource can be used by individuals, by families or by already established on-line parish groups. See <https://www.saintedmundscalne.org.uk/news/dare-to-dream>.

MARRIAGE CARE provides dedicated relationship support services online. Now is a great time to prepare for married life together! Our live, facilitated, marriage preparation courses continue to be popular with couples who can now easily join these interactive workshops via Zoom. The courses are approved for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church. You can also seek support if you are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. For further details see <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk>.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH will take place from 10 to 18 March 2021 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Masses will be available to follow on Zoom via the parish website <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk>.

TREE AID, the charity we supported last year with our Lenten offerings, has told us our donations helped towards planting 1,982,418 trees, which meant 365,412 new people were helped and that ensured 10,941 new hectares of land were protected. Further information from www.treeaid.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Kevin Bewley, Teresa Bowyer, Christopher & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Fr Richard Northey, Mary O'Brian, Margaret O'Dea, Eileen Tyler, Elizabeth Wilkins and Teresa Hickling (RIP). Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.