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CAFOD CAFOD LENT FAST DAY, Friday 26th February: This year's appeal, *Just one world* entitled **WALK FOR WATER**, tells us about Abdella who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous, dry 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, and he is just one of many millions in the same situation. We urge everyone to go to www.cafod.org.uk/lent and play the video. It says more than words ever can. During the weekend of 20/21 February, at all masses, we shall be telling the story of Abdella and his daily 10 hour walk in more detail and giving out CAFOD collection envelopes. Please make sure this week's parish newsletter is distributed as widely as possible, either by taking extra copies from church or printing them from the website and delivering to anyone you know who is not currently able to come to church and does not use the internet. Please, also, next week, take CAFOD envelopes to those same people. Other ways to donate are: Text LENT 10 to **70460** to give £10 (enough for sturdy water containers to store clean water safely). To give a different amount change the number, e.g to give £20 text LENT 20, and so on. Donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent or by phone, 0303 303 3030. By post, send a cheque to Freepost Plus RSSA-CLBY-TAAE, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, LONDON, SE1 7JB. And don't forget, as always, if you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation to increase it by 25% with no extra cost to you. Any queries or to request an envelope please call Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369 or email margaretatkins52@gmail.com.

CARING FOR CREATION An on line course in 5 sessions for discussion groups based on the booklet written by Brian Davis 'We are facing our greatest challenge ever: catastrophic climate breakdown. The cumulative damage we have done to the environment can only be undone by radical changes to our way of life. You are invited to join this course which is open to anyone who is interested in environmental issues. **Thursday evenings starting 25th Feb. See attached flier for more information and how to sign up. Or speak to Canon Brian Davis** revbdavis@aol.com 01858 431843, 07907 650727 Priest in Charge of Gaulby Group of Churches Chair of Friends of Launde Abbey

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:- at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£25.00; 12 Months:- £99.00 Or DIGITAL COPY:- 12 Months: £55.00



Our Lady of Victories

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14th February 2021
Week 6 of Ordinary Time
and Lent
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: 6th of Ordinary Time

Sat 6.00pm: Mass - November Dead List
9.00am: Mass: Mrs Bingura RIP (Sisters)
11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

Monday: Feria

10.30am Funeral Sheila Plowright RIP

Tuesday: Feria

Private Mass: Kathleen Gibbon RIP (Kenward)

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Mass: Rosemary & Henry Brzoskowski (Sr Helen)

Thursday: Lenten Feria

Private Mass: Robin Driver

Friday: Lenten Feria

9.30am: STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by
Public Mass: Mollie Foster RIP (Catenians)

Saturday: Lenten Feria

11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION
6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 21st: Richard and Gillian Clutterbuck

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am: Mass: Kitty O'Reilly RIP (Wallace)



*The leprosy left
him at once and
he was cured. .*

BOOK NOW

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Thursday or Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.
(Please note just Thursday and Friday Now)

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.
TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.
TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

FR CHRIS WRITES:

Dear All, we come once again to the season of grace which is Lent as a preparation for Holy week and the great season of Easter. There is an Ash Wednesday Mass. For adults and those not too old it is a day of Fasting and Abstinence as we begin the Lenten season. Indeed, we must reflect on our Spiritual exercises for Lent around Prayer Fasting and Almsgiving. What are we going to do? Over the years I have been influenced by Archbishop Patrick Kelly who recommended that we cut down on noise particularly on TV (nowadays we would include internet etc). Indeed he cut it out altogether except the radio once a day to keep up with the News. Can we cut out some TV as a form of fasting and spend that in prayer Bible reading Study and Prayer.

As a Parish we will be doing Stations of the cross before Friday Mass at 9.30am and also some zoom sessions on the Pope's letter on Holiness: see below:

FR. OWEN writes : I am now back in Harborough again for a few weeks convalescing at Peaker Park. Obviously I cannot see anybody whilst there because of COVID restrictions. I am taking FAMILY phone calls only. Thank you all for your prayers and love.



LENTEN SESSIONS ON DISCIPLESHIP AND HOLINESS: One of our ongoing themes as a diocese is that of deepening our **Discipleship** of Christ. Indeed missionary discipleship. I thought a good help for that would be the wonderful letter of our Holy Father Pope Francis on **"the Call to Holiness in today's world"** (*Gaudete et Exultate*) which is down to earth. **I propose some prayerful sessions on Zoom** to study the document or better put be inspired by it to discover how Our Lord is calling us to holiness as a disciple in our everyday life.

I propose **each Wednesday at 7.00pm to about 8.00pm or so. First session on the 1st Chapter) on Wednesday 24 February** : each one will be based around a Chapter of the Popes exhortation. There are 5 chapters. There will be a prayerful reflection and Discussion on each Chapter. The Document can be down loaded from <http://w2.vatican.va> under Pope Francis and Apostolic exhortations or [click here](#). Google will find it. There is an ebook too. If any need a printout I can do that too. Zoom link for the first session I will put in next week's newsletter.



RECENT DEATHS IN THE PARISH: Sheila Plowright RIP Her funeral will be on 15th February at 10.30am. Also Alison Smith (nee Pratt) died this week. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 3rd March at 10.00am. Also we must report the death of Presentation Sister Assumpta Mulroe who will be known to many of you as she served in our Parish. She died on Wednesday. Our condolences to all families and to the Sisters

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW WINNERS - Feb 21: 1st Prize £70 Ticket No 125 P Bebb; 2nd Prize £30 Ticket No 31 M Hall; 3rd Prize £20 Ticket No 141 M Lunn. Annual ticket holders are reminded that they need to renew. Cheques to be made out to The Victory Prize Draw and forwarded to Keith Shiers 23 Fairfax Road Market Harborough LE16 9JT. Thank You

'WALK WITH ME ' PRAYER BOOKLETS have been produced for our Diocese by *Alive Publishing*. The cover *Lent and Eastertide* and help us to live these seasons of grace in a special way. They are a gift to all the Parishes to help us encounter Christ and live as his disciples more deeply this Lent. From my experience in various parishes they have been most helpful.

So I would ask parishioners to take one home and take them to the people you know who are isolating and staying at home at the moment.

This Lenten edition explores the theme of prayer as well as the great themes of Lent: Conversion, transformative healing and the Paschal (Easter) Mystery. It also draws inspiration from Pope Francis encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* and his book *Let us dream which explores faith in the light of the Pandemic*.

SOMETHING WORTH DYING FOR – Saint Valentine's Day: On February 14 every year, couples around the world celebrate one of the heroes of Catholic history. As the story goes, Valentine was a Roman priest who married young couples in secret despite the decree of Emperor Claudius II forbidding all weddings. The emperor did this to more readily recruit young, unattached men into his armies. Valentine was discovered, arrested and eventually executed.



St Valentine didn't officiate secret weddings simply out of compassion for local, love-struck couples. He did it because Catholic marriage is about a whole lot more than just two people committing to live together and maybe raise a few children. **CATHOLIC MARRIAGE HAS A PURPOSE BEYOND THE FULFILMENT OF THE TWO SPOUSES.** It is a call to honour God by living in service to each other, helping each other and their children to grow closer to God and to our destiny to be with Christ for eternity. It is also a Sacrament – a living witness of God's presence in the world. As such, it has a number of characteristics that define it. Click the link to find out what they are! <https://smartloving.org/something-worth-dying-for-st-valentines-day/>

NOTTINGHAM 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2021 is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. In Nottingham Diocese, with the support of Bishop Patrick, we have prayed outside the abortion facility at the QMC during Lent for several years. Routine abortions no longer take place there so last year we prayed at the Stapleford Care Centre, which contains a BPAS abortion clinic, until the Covid lockdown meant that we could no longer pray outside the clinic. We completed the prayer campaign by praying at home.

During Lent from **17th February to 28th March**, people in our Diocese are invited to pray and fast for an end to abortion. We planned to return to Stapleford but are currently prevented from doing so by lockdown (although the abortion clinic continues to see women). So, we plan to start our 2021 campaign online.

You are invited to peacefully pray for an hour or more during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please **sign up now** to pray with us at 40daysforlife.com/nottingham, or you can contact us at 40daysforlifefenotts@gmail.com. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass for us on **Thursday 11th February** at the Cathedral at 7.00pm - if you live near Nottingham (and are not in a high-risk category) please do come. You can also follow the Mass online through the cathedral website.

CATHOLIC NEWS in England & Wales Please see the Bishop's [website: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/)