

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

## Second Sunday of Lent

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**Welcome to our celebration of Mass.**

**On the second Sunday of Lent we hear the story of the Transfiguration.**

**Before His death, Jesus appeared in glory to His disciples to strengthen them before the scandal of the Cross, and the truth of His mission was affirmed by the presence of Moses (through whom God gave the Law) and Elijah (the great Old Testament prophet).**

### Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**‘Come All Who Thirst’:** A “*God Who Speaks*” event is being organised as a Coventry City-wide Retreat at St. Osburg’s on 29/30/31st May. Are you creative/good at making artwork? Are you a musician? Would you like to help organise/serve/cook/attend this event? We need your response now. We are also looking for individuals who would like to lead a prayer team. We want to be able to offer this free of charge so all can come together and enjoy this experience. Any donations will be a blessing and play an integral part in the event. If you feel you can support this event financially or are interested in any way, please contact Justine on 07551 096 269. Thank you.

**Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations together at St. Joseph’s each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm, beginning this afternoon. All welcome.

***Congratulations to the newly-elected CathSoc Exec. Thank you for coming forward to help our community.***

***And congratulations to those who are stepping down this year. Thank you for all that you have done.***

**Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers,** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00-4.00 pm, at St. Joseph’s to prepare for the renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. All welcome, but please let me know if you are coming. Bring a packed lunch.

**CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day.** The collection during Mass today will be for the money you saved by having a more simple meal last Friday and it will go towards helping those people in the world who do not have any choice but to go hungry.

**LiveSimply.** On Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March we are having a “Bring and Share” lunch in St. Joseph’s hall, at 1pm. All are welcome, but we hope that most of you will be able to bring along some food, that can be shared with everyone. We are going to make a particular request this time - let’s make it a vegetarian meal. Hopefully for all of us it will be a good sociable event with our parish family. All are welcome.

**Dementia Prayer Week, 12-19<sup>th</sup> March.** This week we remember especially those suffering with dementia, and those who care for them.

**The annual Diocesan Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi** Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and to invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope: pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi: pray for us. Saint John Henry Newman: pray for us.*

(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)

Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>4.15 pm Stations of the Cross</b> 5.00 pm	Patrick Mullen <i>The People of the Parish</i>  Sean & Margaret Gallagher
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome</i>	10.00 am	Frank Meadowcroft RIP
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic</i>	10.00 am	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic</i>	<b>7.30-8.00 am Exposition</b> 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Martha Connolly RIP (Anniv.) <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition</b>	Abie Doherty <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic</i>	10.00 am <b>followed by Exposition</b>	<i>Special Intention (JF)</i>
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments. Dementia Prayer Week.</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic</i>	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>4.15 pm Stations of the Cross</b> 5.00 pm	<i>The Whelan Family</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>  Inge, Dieter & Hildegard Konrad
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am		

#### Lent 2020.

- Stations of the Cross.** We shall meditate on the Stations together at St. Joseph's each Sunday in Lent, 4.15 pm.
- Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:**
  - Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00,** with Morning Prayer of the Church, followed by breakfast.
  - Friday evenings, 6.00-7.00,** Evening Chapel: an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and Bible Study.
  - Saturday mornings: 10.30-11.00,** after Mass, with the opportunity for Confession.
- "My Day by Day" and "Walk With Me"** booklets are available (£1), together with Lent calendars (free). They are an aid to daily prayer and reflection throughout Lent.
- Afternoon of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers,** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00-4.00 pm, in the parish hall, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday.
- Parish Penance Service.** On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, before the evening Mass at 6.00 pm.

*Don't forget: Bible Study is now on Friday evenings, part of the Evening Chapel at St. Joseph's.*

**"Let It Be Done Unto Me".** To help us prepare for the Re-dedication of our country as the Dowry of Mary (and also as a Lenten theme) we are watching a lovely DVD about Our Lady and discussing it over the course of five meetings. The third meeting will be tomorrow in the hall, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes,** led by Bishop David McGough, 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Easter Duties.** All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

**"A Retreat in Daily Life":** during Week 4 of the summer term there will be the chance to do a retreat here in the Chaplaincy which fits around your work commitments. With the stress of term 3, this is a great opportunity to take time out, relax, reflect and pray under the guidance of a trained spiritual director. **I highly recommend it.** See me for more details.

**Coronavirus.** There is no directive for us to take any new steps, however as a precautionary measure until the situation becomes clearer, some of the parishes in this Deanery have decided not to offer Communion from the Chalice and to omit the Sign of Peace during Mass. We shall follow this practice at the Chaplaincy, starting today.

**Tailpiece:** Jesus said to His disciples, 'Who do you say that I am?' They replied, 'You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma of which we find the ultimate meaning in our interpersonal relationships.'

And Jesus said, 'What?'

*(Graffiti seen on the wall in a university lavatory)*

**May God bless you all,  
and have a great holiday if you are going away,  
Fr. Harry**