

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 February 2018: 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Parishioners
9.00am	Filipe Sabil Xavier RIP
11.00am	Mary Brolly RIP
5.30pm	Secular Franciscan Order

Monday 26 February

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 27 February

7.30am	Pereira family intention
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Wednesday 28 February

7.30am	Smith family
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Thursday 1 March

St David, Patron of Wales

7.30am	Catherine Godfrey RIP
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Friday 2 March

St Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese

7.30am	Family intention
Approx. 8.15pm, after Stations of the Cross	<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>

Saturday 3 March

8.00am	Tia Keown
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

Mary Brolly, Joseph McEntee, Mary Neal, Thomas Hanton, John Brown, Denis O'Shea, O'Donnell, Sarah Keating, John Moore, James Walshe & Norah Tobin.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£518.43	+ Gift-aided	£97.00
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Their Only Sons

Abraham completely trusted God. God promised him a son, and according to the Book of Genesis Abraham's son was born after Abraham waited 100 years. Then God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, his only son, the one whom he loved. But Abraham continued to trust God. His trust is what inspires us in times of great adversity.

For Christians the story is not only about Abraham's sacrifice but about God's sacrifice. That is why we hear it now, at the beginning of Lent, and again on the eve of Easter.

God led his Son Jesus, his only Son, whom he loved, up a hill, where he was raised high on a cross. In the story of Abraham, an angel stopped the killing. In the story of Jesus the killing continues, but angels announce that the One who died has risen.



1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

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

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

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!

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

Sunday 25 February 2018: 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent (Year B).

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Collection

There will be a special collection at all the Sunday Masses for Lent Family Fast Day.

CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and is part of Caritas International. Across the world they bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice. They work with people of all faiths and none.

Also today: Confirmation Programme for the Young begins.

The programme starts this Sunday at 10am. Please meet in the church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the preparation for Confirmation would aim at leading the young Christian towards a more intimate union with Christ.

For this programme the candidates need to have finished primary school and be entering or already in secondary school.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Wednesday 28 February: Adult Confirmation Programme starts.

This is for those aged 16 and older who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. They are invited to participate in a preparation programme at 7pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Road).

Thursday 1 March: St David, Bishop, Patron Saint of Wales

Born probably in Cardigan about the year 520, he received his early training from St Illtyd. He attracted many postulants to the monasteries he founded, all of which were remarkable for the austerity of their rule of life. Consecrated bishop, he was recognized as Primate of Wales and established his see at Myngw (Menevia), the monastery of which he was Abbot and where he died in 588.

Friday 2 March: St Chad, Bishop & Patron of our Archdiocese

Born in the seventh century, St Chad was educated at Lavington. As a bishop he established his see at Lichfield. His reputation as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick spread quickly. He died at Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. He is Patron saint of the Archdiocese.

Also on Friday 2 March: Holy Rosary followed by Stations of the Cross & First Friday Mass

As usual, on Friday evening at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. On Fridays during Lent it is followed at 7.30pm by Stations of the Cross.

The stations of the Cross is Franciscan in origin. When his early followers asked St Francis to teach them about prayer, he told them that all the lessons they could ever need on prayer could be read on the Cross of the Lord. From this developed the

devotion of meditation and prayer around fourteen of the incidents in the Passion and Death of Jesus. Come and join us on Friday at 7.30pm.

After the Stations we celebrate the monthly First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, at about 8.15pm, with prayers and anointing for healing.



Children's Liturgy—Can You Help?

Our parish welcomes the full participation of children in the celebration of the Mass. At the 11am Sunday Mass, children aged three years to pre-communion are invited to assemble in the sacristy, accompanied by some adults, to celebrate their own liturgy of the Word. They return to Mass just before the offertory.

The Children's Liturgy is the Liturgy of the Word for children. The Gospel is proclaimed at a level the children can understand and enjoy, through prayers, drama, and craft. The aim is to make the children's experience of the Church meaningful, helping them to grow in the faith of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in joining the team, please see Fr Gordon or a co-ordinator of the Children's Liturgy. All volunteers will be CRB-checked.

Gift Aid

Gift aid donors are asked to collect from the sacristy a set of envelopes for use during the next financial year. They are clearly labelled. Any donor whose name has been omitted should contact James Martin at jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk.

We have been asked to remind all Gift Aid donors to inform the Parish Gift Aid Organiser, James Martin, of any change of address or tax situation in order that accurate records may be kept. This information is treated as confidential. Such an update may be sent either by email (see above) or by post to the address in the letter accompanying the annual envelope supply.

The Parish is very grateful to every parishioner who has been able to join the Gift Aid scheme, which enhances each gift by 25% without further expenditure as this is recoverable from HM Revenue and Customs.

Any taxpayer who is interested in joining the scheme should contact James Martin as above. The procedure involves only filling in a simple form of declaration.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know one another.



During the season of Lent attend a Mass during the week.

Daily Mass is celebrated during the week at the Friary (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am). For morning Mass, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.