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**Second Sunday of Lent - 28 February 2021**

“ From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!’ ”

**Matthew 17, 5**

## LENT 2021

### LENT COURSE

This will happen on Zoom this year –

[OLASA LENT COURSE](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943731720>

Meeting ID: 849 4373 1720

Each session starts 19.30 and lasts approx. 1 hour.

This year's theme: The Passion Narratives & the Easter Story

**1<sup>st</sup> March – The Garden of Gethsemane & the Jewish Trial**

**8<sup>th</sup> March – Jesus before Pilate and Herod**

**15<sup>th</sup> March – The Crucifixion & Burial**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March – The empty Tomb & the Easter appearances**

**29<sup>th</sup> March – Resurrection faith in St Paul's epistles**

### CAFOD 'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

The CAFOD 'Big Walk for Water' was a huge success. The fund raising currently stands at £2320, absolutely smashing the target! A huge thank you to all those who took part and to those who sponsored. It was an extremely fun day that brought us closer together with ages ranging from 7 to Grandparents. We can be bursting with pride for our parish. The substantial sum raised will make a big difference to a lot of people's lives. Can't wait for next year's event when we can all do this together!! Thankyooooou!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These will take place on Fridays during Lent at 12noon followed by Mass at 12.30.

All welcome, no need to book.

### ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT

The Friday Mass at 12.30 will be open during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12.00 before Mass.

Saturday morning Mass at 10am followed by exposition and benediction will be open to the public during Lent.

Everybody welcome, just turn up.

There is no need to book for these Masses.

### CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets to use or good hygiene to protect themselves in these times of a global pandemic. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

**Donate online** at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) or you can give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.\*

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**Second Sunday of Lent (Year B – Mark):** For the vast majority of us living through the pandemic is a trial: life seems grey or at best lacklustre. We all know that, regardless of the pandemic, life can be pretty dull and subject to routines which vary little from day to day. Our journey of faith is not all that different and Lent reminds us particularly of how mundane much of our life as Christians is. Through living the day to day with fidelity our appreciation of the high days, the feasts and holy days is greatly increased. We are aware that our Lenten journey has a goal in sight, i.e. the celebration of the Paschal mysteries of the Lord at Easter, and we feel that the more intensely we live the intervening weeks the greater will be our joy when the festal celebrations come. Jesus had focused the minds of his apostles on going together to Jerusalem (the synoptic gospels suggest that it was only once, i.e. the last time, that they went together) but he must have felt that their spirits flagged. The incident described in today's gospel was intended to let the three selected apostles, Peter, James and John, catch a glimpse of what Jesus' ultimate goal was and get an idea of what resurrection, a theme to which he returned regularly in his exchanges with them, signified. May the Transfiguration story lighten our mood as we struggle with the limitations of lockdown and the spiritual demands we have imposed on ourselves during Lent.

**First Reading (OT): Genesis 22, 1 – 2. 9 – 13. 15 – 18:** This rather gruesome excerpt from the first book of the OT does not make for easy reading. Abraham is asked by the angel, i.e. God's messenger, to sacrifice his only son! It is the ultimate proof of his faith in God. He is an old man and is willing, to obey what he believes to be God's will, to sacrifice his son and the future of his dynasty. But God stays his hand. Abraham is a friend of God and the reward for this extraordinary act of trust is that his descendants will be more numerous than the stars of heaven or than grains of sand on the seashore.

**Second Reading (NT): Romans 8, 31 – 34:** With the story of Abraham in mind, Paul situates the death of Jesus, God's only Son. Paul encourages the Christians of Rome never to abandon prayer. Given his generosity in regard to his Son, how could people feel he might refuse any requests they made. Paul affirms his belief that Jesus died for us, but then proclaims that he also rose again and reigns for ever at God's right hand.

**Gospel: Mark 9, 2 – 10:** None of the details in this extraordinary story of the Jesus' transfiguration is incidental. The whole history of the OT is summed up in the prophetic presence of Elijah (whose return people expected and whom some thought was made present again in Jesus) and of Moses (giver of the Law and whom Jesus suggested had come again, a "new Moses" in his own person), and then the cloud (which had led the chosen people through the desert) from which came the voice of God. Jesus imposed silence on Peter, James and John, quite simply because his transfiguration, a momentary glimpse of the glory that awaited him, would only make sense once he had risen from the dead.

## Mass Intentions for Second Week in Lent

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>10.00</u>	People of the parish Exposition & Benediction
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>			<b>Year B</b>
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	17.30	Shikry & Hortence Yaghmour
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00	Valeria Dubaj
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	09.15	Canon Giles Goward
<i>Feast of St. David, Bishop &amp; Patron of Wales</i>			
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	09.15	Holy Souls
<i>Feast of St. Chad, Bishop &amp; Patron Birmingham Diocese</i>			
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	09.15	Suzanna
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	08.00	Joan O'Hare
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>12.00</u>	Stations of the Cross
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			Kath Turner
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>10.00</u>	People of the parish
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
			<u>Exposition</u>
			<u>&amp;</u>
			<u>Benediction</u>
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>			<b>Year B</b>
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	17.30	Hazel Bell
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki

Weekday Masses in bold and underlined are open to the public.