

First Sunday of Lent, Year B

17th-18th February 2024

Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.



Lent



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These will be prayed at 12noon on Fridays followed by a soup lunch in the Cenacle. Everybody welcome.

FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

A meat free soup with a bread roll will be served after Stations on Fridays. All donations to the SVP. Could you make a soup [free of common allergens such as nuts and celery] for 20 people and bring it to church on Friday before the Angelus at noon? We need two meat free soups each week. Sign up on clipboard at back of church.

CHOIR

On Wednesday 21st February the choir will begin rehearsals for Holy Week.

If you would like to join the choir this would be a good time for new members to make themselves known to Clare or Fr Joe.

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RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colin Clarke and for his family and friends who mourn him. Funeral here in church at 10.30am on Monday 4th March.



EASTER FLOWER FUND

There is a basket out each weekend to donate towards the cost of Easter flowers. Thank you for what you give.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER

5.30PM MASS

Fancy a cuppa?

Stay for a cuppa and a chat after Mass on **Saturday 24th February.**



Everybody welcome.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE



Why not come and have a chat and a cuppa at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning in the Cenacle?

Invite a friend. Everybody welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 23rd February Family Fast Day
- 9th March CAFOD Big Lent Walk
- 27th March Big Easter Clean
- 31st March Easter Sunday

WEEKLY INCOME 10-11 Feb

C'less:	£	45.00
Loose plate	£	293.60
Candles	£	24.52
Tea/coffee cash	£	36.83
Tea/coffee c/less	£	19.50
Weekly S Orders:	£	829.00

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY [SVP]

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society held a Pie and Pea Supper on the 10 February.



It was a great success and all who attended had a great time.



We raised £310.00 to support local charities and families in our community.

Thank you for continued support.



The Saint Vincent De Paul Society will be working with the Weller Centre during Lent.

They have asked for support collecting Easter Eggs for under privileged children in our community.

Some children don't receive an egg at Easter. Your support will put a smile on many children's faces.

The Saint Vincent De Paul would like to hear from all parishioners in our community who live on their own or are lonely and would like a volunteer to visit on a regular basis for a cup of tea and a chat or a regular phone call.

We are here for you and want to support you. Don't be shy you are our priority.

Please call Bev Ryan on

07969884212 for more details.



OUR LADY'S LAMP



Lit this week for:

Elsbeth Jenkins RIP

Please keep her in your prayers.



just one world

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK SATURDAY 9TH MARCH: Join Father Joe and fellow parishioners on this now regular fixture in our parish calendar. This year will be a walking tour with our wider Reading catholic community through our historic churches with hymns and a very short history talk at every stop. All to raise funds for Cafod's Lent campaign for the world's poorest and most marginalised. Gathering from **10.15am** in the car park at Our Lady and St.Anne, after a short talk from Father Joe, prayer



and rousing hymn, we will set off for St.James, followed by Reading Abbey, St William of York , Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi, and ending at Christ the King with a picnic. Total walking time 2 hours. You are free to join and leave at any stop. It is a whole lot of fun and does a whole lot of good!

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/reading-parishes-big-lent-walk>



Cafod family fast day Friday 23rd February: Please join in by eating simply and giving what you can. Envelopes available on your pews on w/end of 17-18th Feb. Pam Betys and Damian Porter will collect envelopes that weekend and the following

Fast, pray and give

one. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those affected by the conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine, and also help provide the tools to communities across the world to help lift them out of poverty.. You may also give at cafod.org.uk/give or you may also text **CAFOD** to **70460** to donate £10. Please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world



This first Sunday of Lent now leads us immediately into Jesus's own journey into the desert in prayer, fasting, and to face temptation.

The First Reading reminds us of the journey of God's chosen people. Here God establishes his Covenant with Noah and all his descendants, and with the whole of creation. Never again will God destroy the earth with a flood. He leaves a bow in the sky to confirm this. St Peter (Second Reading) links the few people Noah saved 'by water' to ourselves. We are saved through the baptism that Christ won for us by his death and resurrection.

The Gospel gives a short account of Jesus being tempted in the desert. He emerges ready to proclaim his message: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand'.

The Psalm reflects the message of hope that is contained in all the readings. The Lord's ways are faithfulness and love.

May we take heart from the scriptures as we begin our Lenten journey, ready to follow the Lord's ways, and eager to learn his paths.

Mass intentions for First Week of Lent

First Sunday of Lent

Year B

Saturday	17 th February	5.30pm	Eileen Leahy RIP
Sunday	18 th February	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	19 th February	9.15am	Canon James Webb RIP
<i>Monday of the first week of Lent</i>			
Tuesday	20 th February	No Mass	
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Wednesday	21 st February	6.30pm	Thgvig for 2023 and asking God's blessing for 2024
<i>Wednesday of the first week of Lent</i>			
Thursday	22 nd February	9.15am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
<i>Feast of the Chair of St Peter</i>			
Friday	23 rd February	9.15am	John Carman RIP
<i>Friday of the first week of Lent</i>			

Second Sunday of Lent

Year B

Saturday	24 th February	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	25 th February	10.00am	Rosa Maria Kingland RIP



Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Saturday evening Mass, starting approx. 4.45pm. Everybody is welcome, come down to the space in front of the Shrine.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.