

Prayer in preparation for Synod 2021

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways, to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. John Henry Newman,
Pray for us.

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey

Deacons: Rev. Adrian Anwyl
Rev. Sean O'Donovan
Rev. Tony Downes

The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp and St. Paschal Baylon Lamp can be lit for your intentions. Please contact the parish office—donation £5.

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28th February, 2021 Year B Second Sunday of Lent Palter week 1

On 9th February 2021 Pope Francis authorised the Congregation for the Causes of saints to promulgate a decree advancing the cause for the canonisation of the servant of God Fr. Ignatius Spencer. The Congregation, which is responsible for handling all causes leading to Beatification and Canonisation, having examined both the historical and theological context of Fr. Ignatius spencer, have declared that there are no objections to the cause of Fr. Ignatius being progressed, furthermore the decree states that he lived a life of heroic virtue. Consequently, from now on Fr. Ignatius will be referred to as “the Venerable Fr. Ignatius Spencer.” In order for him to be declared Blessed (the next stage in the process) a physical miracle is now required.

Despite his aristocratic background his possible canonisation will be due to the life he lived rather than because of whom he was related to. Both Sir Winston Spencer Churchill and Lady Diana Spencer were members of the same family. Fr. Ignatius Spencer(1799-1864) was born into one of the wealthiest and most influential families in England. Educated at Eton and Trinity Cambridge , He was ordained an Anglican priest, with the strong probability that eventually he would be made bishop in the Church of England. However, close examination of the early history of the church led him to decide to enter the Roman Catholic Church in 1830, with the loss of an annual income of £3.00. His journey of faith was very similar to that of his contemporary St. John Henry Newman.

After a course of studies in Rome he was ordained in 1832, and returned to work in England, initially in the Black Country. Any spare time he had after his parish work, was spent working for Christian unity, in particular begging for prayers to fulfil the prayer of JESUS: “That they may be one.” **(Cont on p.6)**

Second Sunday of Lent

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses etc.

Saturday	27th	5.30pm	Linda Ann Aitken
Sunday	28th	9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Patricia Bryan Birthday Anniversary

Please note changes to mass times this week!

Monday	1st	7.00am	Abigail Macy
		10.00am	Requiem Mass Mervyn Parsons
Tuesday	2nd	9.10am	David O'Mara RIP
Wednesday	3rd	10.00am	Funeral Liturgy Dennis Adderley at Springwood Crematory
		6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		6.45pm	Pat and Peggy McKenna
Thursday	4th	7.00am	Veronica Atherton Special Intention
Friday	5th	10.30am	Rosary
		11.00am	Kathleen Kidd RIP & Mary Hunt Birthday & remembrance
		12.15pm	Requiem Mass Raymond Jeffery

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	6th	5.30pm	Sandra Wibberley & family
Sunday	7th	9.30am	Peter Easton RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish

Masses received this week: *Carmel Murphy RIP, Thomas Dobbin RIP, Mary Ellis RIP, Alan Jones RIP, Jim Carson, Anthony Fay, Natalie Low, Lauretta Davison, Anne Hirrell RIP, Laura Murphy RIP*

Enrolled into Mass Association this week: *John Summerfield RIP, Gerry Devine RIP, Teresa Toohey RIP, Cathy Booth RIP, Jim Barlow RIP, Norman & Nora Bolton - 50th Wedding Anniversary*

We entrust these and all our Intentions to the heart of our community of prayer.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:

Paul Jennings RIP—First Anniversary

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: *Colin Evans—Special Intention*

Before you arrive

- You should stay at home if you are unwell. Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and live-streaming of Masses will continue.
- You will need to bring your own face covering. All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times when on the premises.

When you arrive

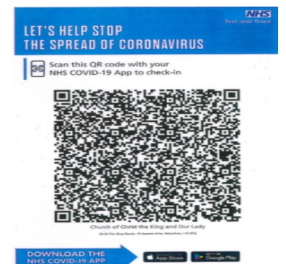
- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward and asked give contact details if you do not have the Track and Trace app on your phone.
- You will be directed to the hand sanitiser and then to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.
- Toilets will remain closed at all times, except for a genuine emergency
- The Piety Stall will be closed.

After Mass

- Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.
- Use only the designated exit.
- **Strictly no gathering in the church porch or on church property for conversations.**
- Please continue to wear your fact covering until you leave the area where other people are.

Whilst we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Track & Trace - The NHS QR code is available to use. If you cannot scan the code please sign the form in the Church porch leaving your details.



Lent is now upon us

During Lent we are once more invited to ponder afresh our relationship with God. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to do some serious soul searching as this alone can lead us to inner freedom and peace.

Below is our Lenten programme for 2021

Early Risers' Mass: Monday 7.00am

(This will replace the 7.00pm Monday evening mass throughout the season of Lent.)

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 6.00pm, followed by Mass at 6.45pm

The Rosary will be said half an hour before Mass each Friday during Lent.

During Lent a box for Lenten Alms will be out in the church porch

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Pastoral Area Lenten Activities

Each **Thursday** in Lent there is an opportunity to begin the day with **Mass at 7.15am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (L25 2RW)**
All are welcome

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Fr Ignatius Spencer *(continued from page 1)*

In 1847 he entered the Passionist Religious Order, and for a time lived with Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792)-1849). For the next 17 years Ignatius spent his life giving missions in England and Ireland, and spent several months at a time traversing Europe begging for prayers for Christian unity. Central to his preaching was the need for each individual to be personally converted before they could look to converting others.

Fr Ignatius died at Carstairs Junction, Lanarkshire, on 1st October 1864. he is now buried in Sutton, St Helens beside his co-workers Blessed Dominic Barberi and Venerable Elizabeth Prout (1820-1864).

Fr. Ben Lodge C.P. 077 989 335 83

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Baby Bethan Cooper, Mrs Sue Williams, Matthew Goodwin, Michael Fardey, Josephine Smith, Mrs Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Jean Withers.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: *Mervyn Parsons, Dennis Adderley, Raymond Jeffery, Joyce Mackereth, Peter Rooney and Fr Peter Fox (former priest of the parish).*

We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Joan Ryan, Jack Corkhill, Josephine Murphy
We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Due to practicalities, anniversaries will be noted in the newsletter for up to 5 years after death. Thereafter they will be remembered in the priest's private prayer.

Weekly Collection:

Many thanks, your contributions are very much appreciated. You can now also donate on-line via the Parish website: www.ckandol.org If you would like to donate via Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Lent Fast Day Collection

This week our parish is marking **CAFOD's Family Fast Day (Friday 26th Feb)**, a day on which we are invited to pray, fast and give to help people like Abdella. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says: **"I am wasting my life. I am a young man; I should be doing something else."**

Your gifts today will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and provide other vital support. You can donate online through the CAFOD website, or by using one of the envelopes. You can also donate by text. Text **LENT10** to **70460** to donate £10. Or add the amount you'd like to donate, eg text **LENT20** to give £20. If you wish to receive no marketing communications: Text **LENTNOINFO** to **70460**.

Saints of the Day

1st March— St David (d.601 or 589) was a monk of the 6th century. From 12th century he has been regarded as the Patron of Wales; he is also the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culled in the Western church. It is regrettable that very few details of his life are known. What seems certain is that he was primarily a saint of PEMBROKESHIRE (Dyfed), whence his cult spread through South Wales by dedications well before the 12th century. The oldest written evidence about him comes from Ireland in the Catalogue of Saints (c.800). On this firm basis is built later information, such as his nickname Aquaticus as the leader of reformed monks who drank neither wine nor beer but only water. He is said to have travelled Brittany and Cornwall after the plague of 547. He is also said to have founded ten monasteries, among them Menevia and Glastonbury, where the monks lived in extreme hardship, imitating the monks of Egypt in their regime of heavy manual labour and study. His cult was approved by Callistus II. David is usually depicted in episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share in the Synod of Brevi.

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LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

The national Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th—18th March 2021 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. In this Year dedicated to St Joseph, the Mill Hill missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You can join in by praying the daily novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.**

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Peter's Pence Collection: Archbishop Malcolm would like to pass on his thanks, and those of the Apostolic Nuncio, for the archdiocese's contribution towards the support of the Holy See. The amount raised was £6,365.90.

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Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio—www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience—they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website.

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Message from Hugh Dunleavy

Our Seminarian Hugh has been in touch to say he has safely arrived in Rome to continue with his studies for the Priesthood. At the moment he is still in quarantine but is being well looked after by being fed lots of pasta! He sends a big 'Hello' and his best wishes to all at Christ the King.