

**Sunday**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Psalter Week II**  
**Year B**

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Ps 115:10. 15-19 r. Ps 114:9  
Rom 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10



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**March is dedicated to St Joseph – his Feast Day is 19<sup>th</sup> March**

### **MASSES AND SERVICES**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Exposition & Confessions: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>No Mass today</b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> February	St Anthony's Devotions & <b>Mass 7pm</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Stations of the Cross 11.00am <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Rosary 9.10am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales – Feast</b> Women's World Day of Prayer Friday Abstinence Exposition 8.45am – 9.30am <b>Mass 9.30am</b>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Exposition & Confessions: 10.30am – 11.30am Rosary 5.40pm <b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mass 9.30am</b>

### **INTENTIONS**

Sarah Russell RIP
Theresa Hart RIP
Ann Leach RIP
Sarah Russell RIP
Natalie's Healing & Conversion
Edward Craggs RIP
Meryl Fisher Ints
Roger Jones RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**– Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am and on request

**THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND** and those in care homes are important members of our parish, please pray for:  
Trisha Cannon, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby. W. Downes, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd.  
*If anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion, please let Fr Bernard know 01244 671015*

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME:** Marie Quirk, Winifred Morris, John Lynch, Anthony Haycock, Terence Lavery, Mary Hughes, Laura Barlow, Zoe Campbell, Steven Gentile, Roger Jones, Philip Walsh and Charlie Lawrence. **May they Rest in Peace**

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS** in the Parish Room. This week provided by Mike & Veronica on behalf of the SVP Holiday Home. Next week will be Sue and Elaine for Parkinson's UK. *Come and join us, all welcome.*

**LENT 2024:** Mass on Wednesdays during Lent is at 11.30 am followed by a Lenten Lunch (soup and a roll) for CAFOD in the Parish room. Thanks to those who came last week, we hope to see you again this week and more people too. Stations of the Cross - Wednesdays at 11 am in Church. CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes can be put into the offertory bag or delivered to the Presbytery up until the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March. We journey through Lent together engaging in extra time for prayer and reaching out to all those who are in need at home and abroad.

**THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS** – An Online Retreat: Running from Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Easter. Visit [www.onlineprayer.net](http://www.onlineprayer.net) to receive daily emails with quotes from Pope Francis for prayer/reflection, plus Scripture verse, music, picture and reflection question.

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS - MARCH:** For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY MEETING:** After the successful meeting a few Sundays ago, there will be a further meeting on Wednesday at 10.30am in the Presbytery. Any new faces very welcome.

**SINGING PRACTICES:** We are holding Singing Practices again each Thursday evening at 7.30pm. We **urgently** need more singers if we are going to be able to truly celebrate our Masses during Lent - and especially in the most important week of the year, Holy Week, leading to our celebration of Easter. Please come along on Thursday - just from 7.30pm until 8.15pm *"The one who sings, prays twice."*

**(WOMENS') WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This coming Friday 1st March 2024, 10.30am at St Werburgh's Church, Chester CH1 1QJ. This years' service has been prepared by Christian women in Palestine. The theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. It takes about one hour and light refreshments will be served afterwards. There will be a retiring collection for the work of the World Day of Prayer in the UK as well as projects run by Christian charities around the world.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Next meeting is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March after 7pm Mass.

**St CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** Music Night, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm at the Catholic High School, tickets £10 from SVP members. SVP Youth Mass Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March (see details below)

**SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING:** The next Lunch will be this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Mill, Liverpool Road, Upton CH2 1AU, 12.30pm. Menus available. Please contact Catherine: 01244 678825 or [catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk)

**ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID DONORS:** The tax year 2023/24 ends on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The process will begin of claiming back the Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Scheme) please contact Mike Russell on 07883 199628 by 5<sup>th</sup> April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on your donations.

**LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE:** Wirral & Chester Across Groups are taking sick and disabled pilgrims to Lourdes on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June & Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Aug by Jumbulance. Further information from Tony Murphy 07881656974 or [tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk). Take a look at the work of Across and the wonderful Jumbulances (or Jumbo Ambulances) here: <https://www.across.org.uk/>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** This year's pilgrimage dates: *by air* Fri 26 July to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Aug, *by coach* Thurs 25 July to Fri 2 Aug and *young people* Wed 24 July to Fri 2 Aug. Booking forms available @ [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) ring 07773 324264, if you are aged 16/22 email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) to join the youth section of the pilgrimage.

**HIGHLIGHT FROM THE HIGH:** The Chester Catholic High school is hosting an **SVP Youth Mass** for all Catholic schools in the Chester and Ellesmere Port area on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Local parishioners are very welcome to join us in this special celebration but as this is a school day all guests will need to register their wish to attend in advance. Please contact [GaspariniA@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:GaspariniA@christofidelis.org.uk)

The students at the CHS are rehearsing for the 'Living Stations of the Cross' performance which will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Parishioners are invited to come and watch the play. Tickets are free of charge. Limited places! To book your seat, please email [shawk@christofidelis.org.uk](mailto:shawk@christofidelis.org.uk)

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