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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Year of the Word

Focus on St Matthew's Gospel

2020 is the *Year of the Word*. As part of *The God Who Speaks* initiative we are publishing weekly meditations of St Matthew's Gospel on our website. The reflections by Fr Dries van den Akker SJ are accompanied by paintings of St Matthew's Gospel by the religious artist Peter Clare.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/category/matthews-gospel-reflections-2020

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6th March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

Host UK Will you consider inviting an international student to your home, for one day (daytime only) or for a weekend? Share a meal, conversation and exchange cultural traditions and views of the world. It is so very rewarding for both host and student guest. Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We would very much welcome you to join us. www.hostuk.org or info@hostuk.org or 020 773 96292.

Hospital Mass

Tuesday 3rd March at 1pm
 at St Cross Hospital

Life Ascending

Thursday 12th March after 10am
 mass in the Coach House

Sat 29 th Feb 2020	Saturday after Ash Wednesday 10.00-11.00 AM Confessions 05.30-05.55 PM Confessions	09.30 AM 06.00 PM	All Parishioners Parishioner (private intention)
Sun 1 st Mar 2020	First Sunday of Lent 09.30-09.55 AM Confessions No children's liturgy	10.00 AM 12.30 PM 06.00 PM	George and Myfanwy Morrison RIP Polish Mass Eddie O'Carroll
Mon 2 nd Mar 2020	Feast of St Chad, Bishop 08.00 AM-06.55 PM Adoration	08.00 AM 10.00 AM 07.00 PM	Oratory Mass Parishioner (well-being) Minnie Keen (well-being) Colette Lynch RIP (birthday)
Tue 3 rd Mar 2020	Lent Feria	10.00 AM	Mrs Mullens RIP
Wed 4 th Mar 2020	Lent Feria	10.00 AM	Sheila and Adam Kwasnica RIP
Thu 5 th Mar 2020	Lent Feria	10.00 AM	John Ryden RIP
Fri 6 th Mar 2020	Lent Feria 07.00 PM Stations of the Cross	10.00 AM 11.30 AM	Dominico Marsella RIP Funeral Service Veronica Saunders RIP
Sat 7 th Mar 2020	Lent Feria 10.00-11.00 AM Confessions 05.30-05.55 PM Confessions	09.30 AM 06.00 PM	All Parishioners Vittoria Sanna RIP

Next Week's Gospel Reading Second Sunday of Lent Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "LORD, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters-one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell face-down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Even in the solitude of this hill, where God has placed me, where there is so much opportunity to raise our soul to Him, where there is no pomp and the constant deception of the world, even here we are in the midst of dangers, even here we must engage in the battle against ourselves and the devil, and we cannot hope to win unless we take up the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation and the sword of the word of God. Truly the life of man on earth is a constant struggle.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini



Sunday Collection Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which amounted to £

Second Collection this weekend is for Cathedral Maintenance and next weekend is for Lent Fast (CAFOD). Please give generously. Thank you so much.

Syrian Appeal Thank you to everyone who responded so generously to the appeal to help our brothers and sisters in Syria. Let us continue to pray for peace and mercy to prevail.

Sunday Roast on Mothers' Day

This will include a 3 course dinner and a glass of fizz or wine for £15 per head on Sunday 22nd March from 12pm-2pm. Please confirm booking on 07596265871 or [hibbertskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:hibertskitchen@gmail.com)

Revive Lent Lunches

Soup, bread and cheese and a cuppa.
12pm-1pm
26th February at St Andrews
4th March at Methodist Centre
11th March at St Oswalds
18th March at St Maries
25th March at Baptist Church
1st April at United Reformed Church
Suggested donation £3 to support Christian Aid and CAFOD

RUG Meeting
on Thursday 5th March at 7pm
in Gentili House

The Sower

The Lent edition of the Diocesan publication *The Sower* will be at the back of the church this weekend. Please collect your free copy.

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RECENTLY DIED
Thomas Francis Watters
John Kinal

Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille

For those preparing for marriage:

11-12th July *Engaged Encounter Residential Weekend*, Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill B44 9AG

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-engaged-encounter-weekend-oscott-birmingham-3/>

17-18th October *Engaged Encounter Weekend*, St Peter's RC Church, Dorma Place, Leamington CV32 5AA

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/engaged-encounter-weekend-leamington-spa-2/>

For marriage enrichment:

4-5th July *Marriage Encounter Non-Residential Weekend*, Savio House, Bollington, Nr Macclesfield SK10 5RW

For more info contact Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627 charles.golabek@ntlworld.com or Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428498

lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/non-residential-marriage-encounter-weekend-savio-house/>

13-15th November *Marriage Encounter Residential Weekend*, Ibis Hotel Rugby, Dirft East, NN6 7EX

For more info contact Stephen and Barbara Dunn bookings@wwme.org.uk

<https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-marriage-encounter-weekend-rugby-4/>

For marriages in difficulty:

28th Feb-1st Mar *Retrouvaille UK Residential Weekend*, Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG

To speak to someone in confidence about your marriage difficulties call 07887296983 or 07973380443

Book now at www.wwme.org.uk

More information visit

<http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/index.html>

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Anthony Donaghy, Anne Watters, Dennis Hamill

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Derek Larkin, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor, Pat Mulvey, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Noel Hayes, Francesca Paquita Lopez Capel, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Padraig Reynolds, Maureen Borg, Susan Geehan, Kevin Bulmer, Viviane McSweeney