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'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News!' (Mark 1v15)

Weekly Masses continue this week as normal. On Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross just after morning Mass.

Please pray for: Sylvia Ellis, Dave Crummay, Nora Williams, Malcolm Hunter, Teresa Bradley, Dorothy Watson, and all others whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

Sunday 25th February	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 26th February	Weekday in Lent No Mass
Tuesday 27th February	St Gregory of Narek 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 28th February	Weekday in Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 29th February	Weekday in Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 1st March	ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 2nd March	Weekday in Lent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 3rd March	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 10.00 am: Mass

Rotas for 25th February

Readers

First Reading: Julia

Second Reading: Nick

Intercessions: Tony

Eucharistic Ministers

Denise

Brian

Rotas for 3rd March

Readers

First Reading: Richard

Second Reading: Eileen

Intercessions: Ivan

Eucharistic Ministers

Saji

Helen

Please let Chris know of any changes so newsletter rotas can be updated accordingly – contact details overleaf.

Notices

Preparing for Mass

In this Lenten season, a reminder of the two bells before Mass: the first to provide a short period of quiet ahead of Mass, and the second to mark the start of our celebration of Mass

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's *Family Fast Day* appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

Easter Raffle

Hot on the heels of the successful Christmas Raffle, Jean has launched our Easter Egg Raffle. Donations of prizes welcome, and tickets are now on sale in the Church porch after Mass.

National Novena to St Joseph

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th-18th March 2024. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society 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 those who support their work.

These Masses are available to follow on Zoom via the Mill Hill website: <https://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena>. Also available via Zoom will be Evening Prayer together with the Novena Prayer. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena prayer booklet by writing to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ or emailing novenamhm@gmail.com

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!

Determined Admission Arrangements for St Mary's College 2025/26

In accordance with the School Standards and Framework Act, St Mary's College, part of St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust, has determined its Admission Arrangements for 2025/26. You may view the arrangements on our web site <https://smchull.org/secondary-school/admissions>

SVP food donations

SVP was very pleased to be able to provide the three families with supplementary food hampers through St Anthony's School. Many thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456.

Diocesan Directory / Catholic Voice

Don't forget to get your copy of the 2024 Diocesan Directory and the February Catholic Voice.

Items for the newsletter should be given by Wednesday for inclusion the following Sunday