**Sunday 5 March 2023 Divine Office: Proper/Week 2**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Rose Grant, Ruby Cooper, Iris Bell; Christopher; Noreen Breadmore; Christina and John Morley; Leeah, Marjorie’s daughter; Sandra, Teresa and Tom’s niece; Father Tom, and all at the Care Home where he is chaplain; and all families of those suffering at this time.**

**MASS INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A1**

**Saturday March 4 St Casimir (Comm)**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday March 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**9.00am CHILDREN'S MASS**

**6.00pm-6.30pm ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

**Monday 6 March**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS followed by**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Tuesday March 7 St Perpetua *and* St Felicity (Comm)**

**6.10pm Evening Prayers 6.30pm HOLY MASS followed by half-hour talk on the Holy Mass**

**Wednesday March 8 St John of God (Comm) Patron of nurses and the sick**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**2 to 2.30 pm Half hour talk on the Holy Mass**

**Thursday March 9 Morning Prayers 9.30am NO MASS**  **St Frances of Rome**

**Friday March 10 9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday March 11**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday March 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**Next week, on Thursday, March 9th, there will be no Mass, also our film, *The Mission* scheduled for 2pm will be postponed to the following Thursday.**

**DURING LENT there will be a course on the Mass each Tuesday for half an hour after the 6.30pm Mass, i.e. from 7-7.30pm, and on Wednesday afternoons from 2-2.30pm.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the soul of Maureen Wareham, who died on Tuesday 21st February. Please also pray for her family. There will be a Requiem Mass on **Friday 17 March** at 9.30am.

**BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY PRO-LIFE EVENT** **Isabel Vaughan-Spruce** was recently arrested and taken to court for praying silently outside of a closed abortion clinic in Birmingham. Come and hear her tell her story, along with **Adam Smith-Connor**, who was fined for praying near to the Bournemouth BPAS clinic.

The event takes place on **Sat 4th March at 6pm in the Oratory (Sacred Heart) Church Hall, on the corner of Richmond Hill and Post Office Road, Bournemouth.**

**27th April** – prayer relay in memory of the 10 million lives lost to abortion in the UK since 1967. Could you spare 15 minutes to pray at home for unborn babies and their mothers? We are hoping to set up a continuous stream of prayer all day.

**29th April** – pro-life chain: holding up pro-life posters along the side of the road as a witness to passing traffic. Please get in touch to join us in whatever capacity you are able. Email: spucbournemouth@gmail.com

<https://catholicismpure.wordpress.com/2023/03/01/jesus-will-save-civilization-by-living-in-the-members-of-his-body-and-acting-through-them-in-the-world/>

A short (3 minute) video accompanies this Catholic blog which talks of how Jesus saves the world through the Eucharist and through our work and witness.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** 12.02 2023: £193.30; 19.02.2023: ££251.31; 26.2.20.23: ££197.51 Thank you to everyone who contributed.

**CATHOIC CHIDREN'S SOCIETY** The amazing amount of £815.13 was raised via the basket by the Crib. Thank you everyone who donated.

*Ruth*

With blessings on every one of our parish family,

**Father Francis**

***ANY OTHER BUSINESS***

**LENT LUNCHES**  please see schedule below.

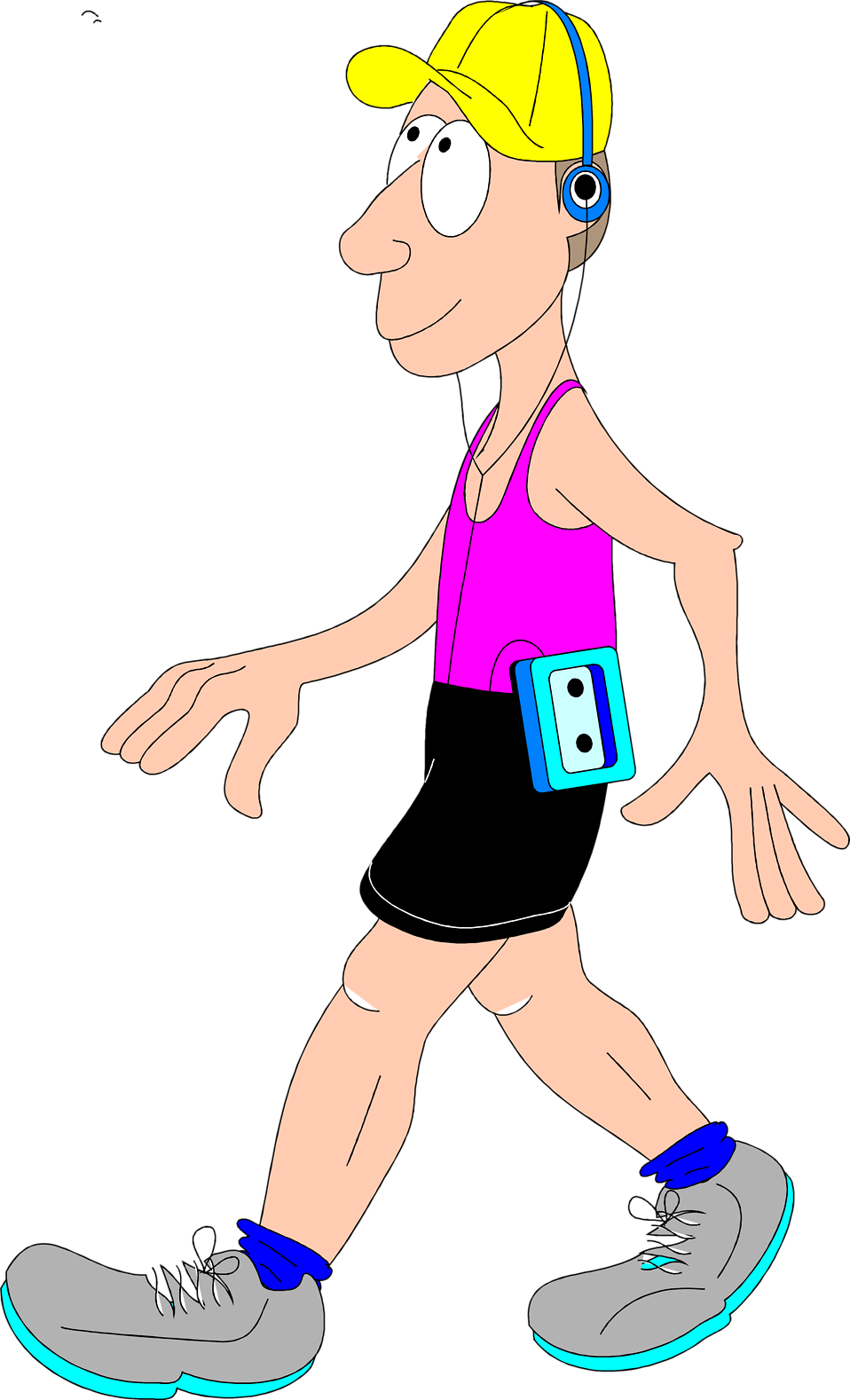
**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL** This year the family fast day was on **Friday 3rd March.** Due to the missionary appeal last weekend, CAFOD envelopes will be in church **from Saturday 4th March**. This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they’ve asked for to fight the climate crisis. Give today to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Use the envelope or give online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) *Ali*

**KNIT & NATTER** next meeting in the hall, **Tuesday** **March 7**. All crafters welcome! *Christina*

**OUR SPRING COMMUNITY EXPO**  Father Francis has received the following message from the Mayor’s Office:-

“Our Spring Community Expo is taking place, 10am – 1pm, at the Corn Exchange on Saturday 25th March 2023. This is a great opportunity for people in the local community to find out what local groups have to offer. At the moment we are compiling a list of those groups/organisations who are interested in having a table at the event.”

Please contact Father Francis if you are interested.

This is advance notice of the **CAFOD BIG LENT WALK.** Throughout Lent CAFOD is challenging us to to walk 200km to raise money for CAFOD's vital work in helping the most disadvantaged families. We have a parish fundraising page and perhaps collectively we can walk 200km. https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/lourdes-st-cecilia. If you can get family or friends to sponsor you, please use this page. **You could choose to do any siz****ed walk throughout Lent on any day of your choosing.** Let me know what distance you have walked and I'll update our fundraising page. **Or join us on Saturday 25th March when many of the parishes in Dorset are planning to walk together**. We are hoping to walk on the trailway and meet up with Shaftesbury and Marnhull parishioners, maybe at the Shillingstone railway station. This will then be followed by a Lent lunch at Charlie's house in Shillingstone for those who want to combine the 2 events. More details of this walk will follow but keep the day free if you can. *Ali & Anna*

**CAFOD BIG WALK AND ST. EDWARD’S WAY** Ruth and Madeleine are planning to support the Cafod appeal by walking the St. Edward’s Way in Dorset. This route has been devised to run between Wareham, where the king was martyred, to Shaftesbury, where he was buried. We will be doing it in 8-10 mile stages, **starting on Wednesday 8th March**. Please think if you can sponsor us....you can either hand the money ditrctly to either of us, or put it in an envelope, clearly labelled ST EDWARD’S WAY, and pop it in the collection basket atMass, and if you would like to join us for one or more of the stages, please let us know! *Madeleine*

***LENT LUNCHES 2023***

***Saturdays 12-2pm***

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| **DATE** | **PLACE** | **HOST(S)** | **CHARITY** |
| 4 March | Hall | Fr Francis & helpers | CAFOD |
| 11 March | At home | Marie | Mary’s Meals |
| 18 March | At Audrey’s home  There will be a raffle - donations left at back of church would be very welcome | Audrey & Becky | ACN \*please phone Audrey with numbers and leave a message if you are planning to come!\*  07818678993 |
| 25 March | At home | Charlie | CAFOD |
| 1 April | Hall | Fiona Mackay & Lucy | CAFOD |

*Location details, if not known, available from the hosts, or the newsletter, or Father Francis.*

**DORSET MUSIC UNBOXED!** The Ridgeway Singers and Band **4.00pm Saturday 4th March 2023 Blandford Parish Church**

 Led by Phil Humphries and Tim Laycock, Dorset music group The Ridgeway Singers & Band has collaborated with the Dorset History Centre to bring to life traditional music, folksongs and carols from the collections hidden in its archives in a special *Dorset Music Unboxed* concert. Amongst the musical manuscripts are those of William Knapp, an important Dorset musician of the 18th century who composed the well-known hymn tune “Wareham” - one of his pieces being performed in this concert was dedicated to Blandford after the huge fire in 1731 destroyed most of the town.  *Saturday, 4th March at 4pm.* Tickets £8, £4 (u18), Family £20 from www.artsreach.co.uk .  Tickets £8, £4 (u18), Family £20 from [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk/)

 **PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY** Two full boxes of used ink cartridges collected at West Moors recently raised almost £20. It couldn’t be simpler to help recycle old cartridges to reduce landfill and raise money for the CCSP at the same time. Please order a box today and pop the attached article in your parish newsletter to promote to your parishioners. A poster is also attached to help promote the scheme. Once full, the box can be taken to your local post office at no cost to you. As soon as it is received by Recycle4Charity, a new box will be sent to you for your parish to start collecting all over again.

Here is a link to our CCSP personalised page http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C5521 or if you would prefer for me to order a recycling box for you, just let me know thank you. *Father Francis*

**SEWING MACHINE AND SEWING ACCESSORIES WANTED** The Blandford Welcome Group is looking for a sewing machine for our resettlement family. Hinda would like to learn how to sew and we are asking if anyone might have an electric sewing machine that they no longer use, and would be willing to offer it to the family. We are also looking for cotton reels, scissors, a tape measure, and any material you may have lying around. Please contact Debra (07964 163 127). Thank you! *Anthony*

**A Blandford man** aged 92 in excellent mental health needs a lady carer for 2 hours a day, perhaps 6 days a week. He can pay £20 an hour. A very nice man. Does anybody

know of someone who might be prepared to help him? Please tell Father Francis if you can think of anyone.

*The Heart of Mary constituted a perfect empire for the Divine Love, which always reigned therein. And it caused to reign therein all the laws of God, all the maxims of heaven, and all the Christian virtues.* - St John Eudes

