**Sunday 12 March 2023 Divine Office: Proper/Week 3**

**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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A1**

**Saturday March 11**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday March 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

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

**Monday March 13**

**9.10am Morning Prayers NO MASS 6.30pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Tuesday March 14**

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

**Wednesday March 15**

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

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

**Thursday March 16 Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**4.30pm RECEPTION OF THE BODY OF MAUREEN WAREHAM**

**Friday March 17 9.10am Morning Prayers St Patrick**

**9.30am MAUREEN WAREHAM - REQUIEM MASS**

**followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church**

**9.30am LATIN MASS**

**(NATIONAL CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY)**

**5.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**Sunday March 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY**

**9.00am HOLY MASS**

**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.**

<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** - £271.80. Thank you to everyone who contributed. **STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for February - Gift Aided £1,162.50, Non Gift Aided £215.00. Thank you.

**ENVELOPE GIVING** - As we are nearing the end of the Tax Year, 5 April 2023, I have been reviewing the number of parishioners who use the Envelope Scheme for their Giving. After consultation with the Finance Committee **we have decided not to continue with the Envelope Scheme,** due to the reducing numbers of parishioners who use the Envelope Scheme and the cost of obtaining the sets of envelopes. A letter has been sent to all parishioners who have used an Envelope for their Giving since 6 April 2022.

*Ruth Hiscock* Parish Treasurer & Gift Aid Co-ordinator

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'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.** CAFOD envelopes are 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*

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**KNIT & NATTER** next meeting in the Hall on **Tuesday 21st March**. All crafters welcome! *Christina*

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 sized 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 at Mass, and if you would like to join us for one or more of the stages, please let us know! *Madeleine*

PS Due to the bad weather, this event was postponed - please contact Madeleine for update.

***LENT LUNCHES 2023***

***Saturdays 12-2pm***

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| **DATE** | **PLACE** | **HOST(S)** | **CHARITY** |
| 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 | Aid to the Church in Need (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.*

 **PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES FOR OUR CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY (PLYMOUTH**) 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.

**CARITAS MARCH NEWSLETTER** Caritas Diocese of Plymouth’s March newsletter is now available to read online. Please click the link here: https://tinyurl.com/yjmvuwmj If you would like a printed copy, please telephone Caritas on 01364 645360.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE** There are still many Ukrainians looking to come to the UK to seek sanctuary from the war. Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG) and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are offering a matching, training and support

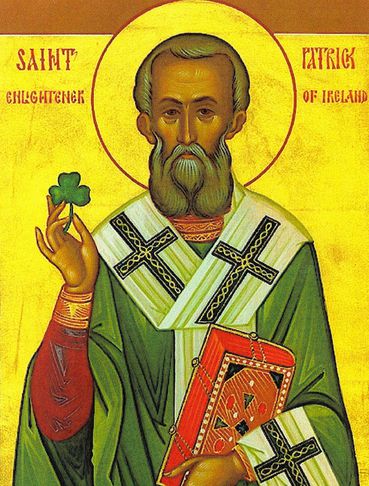
service under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. If you would like to know more, Caritas and SJOG are holding an online event on Wednesday 22nd March from 6-6.45 pm.

To register please follow this link: https://forms.office.com/e/adH56azgaq or telephone Caritas on 01364 645360 With all best wishes,  *The Caritas Team*

**BLANDFORD FOODBANK**  Over the last 10 years Blandford Foodbank has achieved so much and we are so grateful for the ongoing practical and prayerful support from the local churches. Last year we fed nearly 1800 adults and children in the DT11 area and the demand is increasing reflecting the impact of the cost of living.

We have been looking at ways to serve and support the community most effectively and this summer **we will be opening a community larder alongside the Foodbank**, where people on low income and other income related benefits will be able to access food for a small weekly cost.

Two of the major needs of the Foodbank are donations of food and financial donations. The items we are most in need of are coffee, fruit juice, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables. Alternatively or if you are interested in making a financial donation please email blandford.food@faith-works.org.uk or phone us on 01258 456093 for more information. Any food can be dropped at the Parish Centre, the URC (Tuesday and Thursday), and Morrisons and there are collection baskets at Lidl and Tesco. Also, if you have some spare time and you would like to volunteer with us please do get in touch. *Gail, Hayley and Heidi, Blandford Foodbank Team*

*We must accomplish all our actions through Mary, and in Mary. In that way, we will also accomplish them all through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus. -*  St Louis Grignon de Montfort