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Fr Sean writes ...

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and so Lent begins. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fasting and abstinence, when we are asked to cut back on our food intake and abstain from eating meat. Fasting has hit the news recently as we have heard that our Prime Minister regularly fasts not from any religious perspective, but to achieve a 'balanced lifestyle'. For the person of faith fasting always has a penitential edge to it: we know that we are always in need of a greater trust and faith in the Lord and our penitence reflects our recognition that we still need to improve.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are two days of mandatory fasting and abstinence, and some people like to use every Friday as a time for fasting and penance. Such small acts ensure that God has access to our hearts and can change us into better people! Why not think more seriously about fasting this Lent?



**This weekend**, there is a pastoral letter from Bishop David which he has asked to be read on the Sunday before the beginning of Lent.

**On Ash Wednesday**, ashes will be distributed at all the Masses—9:30am at St Dunstan's and 10:30am and 8pm at St Teresa's.

**Next Friday** the 16th of February, there will be a Service of Word & Communion at St Teresa's.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B (Mark)**

Date	Celebration	St Teresa	St Dunstan	Mass Intentions
Sat 10th Feb	Holy Mass	9:30 am		Nora Kennelly INT In Thanksgiving
	Holy Mass	6 pm		Jim Dunne RIP Mark Sarl & Family INT
Sun 11th	Holy Mass	8:45 am	10 am	William J Kernan RIP (St Dunstan's)
	Holy Mass	11:30 am (live streamed)		Jim & Connie Dodd RIP Jim Robinson RIP Phillip Thomas INT
Mon 12th	Holy Mass	9.30 am		Jim Robinson RIP Samantha Cooke INT
Tue 13th	Holy Mass	9.30 am	9:30 am	
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Holy Mass	<b>10:30am &amp; 8pm</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	
Thurs 15th	Holy Mass	9:30 am		Elizabeth Moore RIP Sophie Jones INT Nancy Meaney RIP
Fri 16th	Holy Mass	9:30 am Service of Word & Communion	12 noon	Ron & Dominic Melbourne RIP (St Dunstan's)



**Sycamore:** Do you remember the Synodal process which Pope Francis started in 2022 where we were asked about how we have experienced our Catholic Faith and how we would like to see the Church in the years ahead? The process continues during Lent with another series of *Sycamore* meetings starting on:

- Tuesday evening 20th Feb at 7h30pm at the Parish Centre and a repeat of the session on
- Wednesday morning 21st of Feb at 10h30am.

Please see the flyers for dates, times and details! The topic for the first session is "The Meaning of Love" and will follow a simple format: refreshments, prayer, a short *Sycamore* video clip and discussion after. If you have a *Sycamore* book that you are no longer using, please return it to the parish for anyone who may still like one. Thank you.

**Pancake Tuesday:** Please join the Coffee & Company group at St Teresa's this Tuesday at 10:30am for savoury and sweet 'Shrove Tuesday Pancakes'! All funds raised are for 'The Children of Palestine' charity. Donations are very welcome to support this worthy cause!



**Churches Together in Beaconsfield**...are hosting the first of their Lenten lunches this Wednesday at Hope Church from 12h30-1h30pm. Each lunch includes a brief talk on various interesting subjects, soup, bread & cheese. All donations are in aid of Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome!

**Lenten Soup Lunches:**

- ◆ At St Teresa's on 6th March: Are you able to make a soup (we need a list of ingredients please) or can you assist on the day? Please add your name to the list in the parish office.
- ◆ At St Dunstan's: Exposition at 11:15, followed by Mass at 12 noon and a Soup and Bread lunch at 12h30 every Friday during Lent at St Dunstan's. Funds are in aid of CAFOD and everyone is most welcome. Thank you!



**Lenten Alms Boxes** in aid of Leonard Cheshire Children's Home in Mongu are available in the foyer this weekend at St Teresa's!

**Through Lent with Pope Francis:** An online retreat at [www.onlineprayer.net/lent-2004/](http://www.onlineprayer.net/lent-2004/) with a quotation, scripture, music & reflection for each day. Please email Joanna if you would like a printed booklet : [joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:joanna.hale@northamptondiocese.org)

**Walk with Me Booklets for Lent**...now available at both parishes at a donation of £1 each.

**Pilgrimage to Lisieux** by coach, led by Fr John McGowan from 2nd-6th September. For information and booking, see the poster in the narthex or call St Josephs on 07598 913986 or email: [johnmcgowan50@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcgowan50@gmail.com)

**Pilgrimages:** As we prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope' you are invited to join our diocese on pilgrimage. For more information, please visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>

**The Catholic Post** for February is available at a suggested donation of £1.

**We Dare to Say**...this is a course prepared by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as a prayerful preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. It's reflecting on the Our Father. We will have four sessions at St Dunstan's (anyone is welcome to come along) on Mondays 19th & 26th February and 4th & 11th March. Sessions start at 7:30pm and will be over by 9pm.



**Fete planning group**...thanks to all those who came along. Another meeting has been planned for 21st March at 7:30pm.

**What happened in Rome** ...at the Synodal



Assembly on October 2023? Would you like to know? Why not join us at St Teresa's Parish Centre on 2nd March from 10am- 12noon. Austin Ivereigh will share his experience as a witness to the proceedings. There will be an opportunity to share comments in small groups after the talk and refreshments will be served!

**World Day of Prayer**...this year's service will be on Friday 1st March at 2pm at St Teresa's. The celebration includes prayers, reflections, readings & music collated by the women of Palestine. Refreshments will be served. Donations of cash & cheques (made out to World Day of Prayer) are welcome to support this worthy charity. Thankyou for your generosity.

**Volunteer Drivers** are urgently required by the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre. Petrol costs are covered. Please contact Sylvia on 07443602152 or email [srljones@aol.com](mailto:srljones@aol.com) for information.

**Marriage Enrichment:** To celebrate World Marriage Day (this Sunday), *Smart Loving* is offering 50% off The Marriage Kit, an online marriage enrichment course for married couples. Visit: [www.smartloving.org/marriage-kit](http://www.smartloving.org/marriage-kit) and use the code 'MarriageWeek24'.



**Women's Breakfast**...Sat 17th Feb at 8:30am in the URC Hall in Old Beaconsfield. Includes a talk on 'Gender' by Rae Douglas & a lovely breakfast. Donations are welcome to cover costs.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your generous donations! Last weekend's offertory amounted to:

- ◆ £592.51 plus £210 via electronic giving totalling £802.51 at St Teresa's. We also receive around £1000 pw through standing orders.
- ◆ And £550.65 plus weekly standing orders of £350 at St Dunstan's.



**Digital Giving at St Teresa's:** You are able to make electronic payments for: Parish (offertory & donations), Mongu, Holy Souls, Votive candles, Books & papers, Retiring collections, SVP & all second collections. You could also opt for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1. The option is available on the card machine.