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## **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A**

**Fr Padraig Faughnan 1951-2026**

***"Requiescat in pace"***

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - YEAR A. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Monday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent. No Mass today.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Wednesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent, or, St Casimir, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Thursday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Friday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent. (Women's) World Day of Prayer. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Saturday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent, or, Ss Felicity & Perpetua, martyrs, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 8.30am for Fr Padraig Faughnan RIP (Parish Intention).

11.00am for Peter Caitano Fernandes RIP (Pereira family Intention).

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 10.00am for Fr Padraig Faughnan RIP (Parish Intention).

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am for Martin Cawte RIP (Jill Cawte's Intention).

### **Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:**

Oliver Conway, Carol Bartlam, Batilda Temba, Angela Jordan, Margaret Saunders, Elizabeth Skelton, Kate Kennington, Jonathan Sheridan, Deanna Knight, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, Joshua David, Marie O'Sullivan, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

**Collections:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Plate collection £659.10; Poor Box £12.20; Candles £52.87. CAFOD £5. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)** The theme today is *metamorphosis* or *transformation*. The readings invite us to work, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to transform and renew our lives during Lent, so that we may radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord. Please return your **CAFOD Lent Appeal** envelopes today. As an alternative to envelopes, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope), call 0303 303 3030, text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10, or scan this QR code.



**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: Open Church 12.30pm – 2pm.**

The church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time while the church is open.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: 10.30am Grand/Mothers' Prayers**

every Thursday at *Newbury Grove Care Home*, 370 London Rd, Newbury RG14 2QH. For more information, speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

**7.30pm RCIA Meeting** in St Francis de Sales' Parish Hall, Wash Common. Topic, '*Church, Community, and Family.*'

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: The Annual World Day of Prayer**

(formerly '*Women's World Day of Prayer*') **11.00am:** A Service will be held at St Joseph's church. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME from previous years. This year's theme: '*Come, I will give you rest*' and has been written by Christian women in Nigeria. All welcome. Refreshments will follow in St Joseph's Hall.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A) 11am Mass:**

**Children's Liturgy** in the hall for children at primary school in YR and above.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Formation Day for Parish**

**Catechists.** 9.30am - 3.30pm. Canon John Cooke invites catechists to St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham PO14 1QS for a Lent Formation Day for all new and existing Catechists. The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph from Sway led by Sr Hyacinthe OP will help lead the day. Please bring a packed lunch. If you wish to

attend, please email  
[farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: New Parish Hall Celebration Shared Lunch.** Following 11.00am Mass this Sunday we will enjoy a shared lunch together in our newly refurbished hall to celebrate its completion. Please bring drinks (tea & coffee provided) and a savoury dish to share (list of ingredients attached – for allergy clarity). There will then be a ‘buffet’ for all to enjoy. 8.30am Mass attendees please inform Anne Robertson of your proposed contribution dish, and 11.00am Mass attendees please inform either Maureen Smith or Marian Shaw. For dessert, cakes, scones with jam and cream will be provided and a small donation asked.

Also, **St Cassian's Pastoral Centre Open Afternoon:** 2pm - 5pm in Kintbury RG17 9SR - Come and see what the Centre does as it celebrates 50 years of running retreats for young people! Experience some of the activities run for our schools and have a look around the Centre and its grounds. Enjoy a cup of tea and some cake in the dining room. All are welcome!

**St Joseph's 2026 Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Tuesday 30th June to Saturday 4th July.** Stansted to Lourdes direct. 11.50am outward flight, 16.10pm inbound flight. £799 per person sharing. £39 per night single supplement. Pilgrims will incur additional charge for transfers to/from Stansted, cost TBC. To register interest, please notify the Parish office by email – [office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk)

**PAPAL PROCLAMATION:** Pope Leo has proclaimed a Franciscan Jubilee Year for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, during which all the Christian faithful are invited to become models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.

**'LIFE' Fundraising Appeal:** Jersey's parliament this week passed the Assisted Suicide Bill. Wherever it becomes law, it is the vulnerable who must pay the price – those who think themselves a burden; those whose depression is mistaken for consent; those given wrong prognoses; those at risk of suicide; those missed by so-called 'safeguards'. Palliative Care funding is not keeping up with demand - A **Lancet Global Health** study found that the number of people needing palliative care has increased by **74% over the past 30 years**, reaching **73.5 million in 2021**. Sadly, money is playing too big a part in the push by supporters of assisted killing to place the Bill on the statute books in Britain. Donations will make a material difference to CNK's (Care, Not Killing) multiple campaigns across the country to keep up the pressure against this deadly legislation over the next crucial weeks. Donate at: <https://www.carenokilling.org.uk/donate/>

**Resurrection Gardens:** As part of St Joseph's Easter celebrations we are planning a display entitled '*Christ is Risen*', featuring Resurrection Gardens. These are small

model gardens of Christ's burial site made with natural or craft materials. We ask for the help of parishioners - children and adults - to create this display. If you would like to participate, please speak to Fr Michael, Maureen Smith or Pauline Mason for more information. Thank you.

**FOR THE DIARY - Formation Morning for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Fr Anthony Fyk and the Liturgy Formation team invite you to a formation morning at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester on **Saturday 9th May 2026** commencing with Mass at 9am. There will be a welcome from Fr Anthony, a talk on the Eucharist in the scriptures as well as a session on Lectio Divina: "Living a Eucharistic life – what does it mean to live out the Eucharist?" All Eucharistic Ministers, experienced and new, are welcome. Please register via [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**CENTENARY of St Joseph's Church 2027:** Next year is the centenary of the building of our parish church in 1927! We wish to mark this milestone with events, celebrations and initiatives next year. Thoughts and ideas are invited, and it is hoped to form a **Centenary Committee** to plan our celebrations. Please share your interest and ideas with Fr Michael and the Parish Office!

**From West Berkshire Foodbank:** Donated items can be left in the collection box at the back of church at any time. Currently some of the most needed items are anti-bac spray, fruit juice, tinned fruit, tinned meat and dried milk powder. Your generosity is appreciated.

**The Quiet Garden Movement:** This year Tithe Barn Quiet Garden Days will be held on Fridays 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-4pm with coffee from 9.45am. £20 donation, a good lunch is provided. To book, please speak to Penny Lovelock or email the parish office for contact details.

**St Joseph's Hall:** Interested in hiring St Joseph's Hall for an occasion or a class? Please contact the parish office to enquire about availability, and to book. A provisional cost of £25 per hour has been set at present, subject to confirming the new heating and utility costs following the hall's major refurbishment. Office Tel: **01635 40167**; E-mail [office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk)

**Contactless Donations:** Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate your chosen amount on our digital collection pads for Sunday collections. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email each week, please contact the parish office.

**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** Isn't it odd the speed that our children learn how to drive a car, yet are unable to understand a lawn mower, vacuum cleaner, or washing machine!?