

Reflection Pruning Time
 Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.
 The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up lots of energy but produce no fruit.
 However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.
 Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time. There is much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives, that saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine.



CHURCH ROTA- WHO IS DOING WHAT THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK.....

Church Cleaning

March 1st V & M Heath

March 8th M Hak, L Nankya

Vigil Mass

Reader 1st March M Bourne

8th March C Chetwynd

E M. 1st March D Leaper

8th March T Wright

Sunday Mass

Reader 1st March M Henney

8th March K Keates

Offertory 1st March M Henney & Co.

8th March K. Keates & Co

EM 1st March M Stroud

8th March M Reed



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

The children from the school will be here with their parents and the children we take part in the Mass celebration. Also after there will be a cake sale. It was always a feature of St. Benedict's in the past that Cakes were made and sold for the benefit of the Church. After Mass you can buy them to have with your coffee in the hall or take them home.

First Sunday of Lent
We Repent

SATURDAY 29th February Vigil Mass 4.00 pm
SUNDAY 1st March Mass 9.30 am



Saturday	29th	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners
Sunday	1st March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Mass 9.30 am Mary Smith RIP
Monday	2nd	Lent Feria NO MASS
Tuesday	3rd	Lent Feria Mass 10 am Catholics in China
Wednesday	4th	Lent Feria Mass 6.30pm John Daniels RIP
Thursday	5th	Lent feria Mass 10 am Christian Unity
Friday	6th	Lent Feria Mass 10 am LENT FAST DAY The hungry of the world Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm in Church
Saturday	7th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Vigil Mass 4 pm

Next Week : THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
Saturday 7th March 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm
and Sunday 8th March Mass at 9.30am



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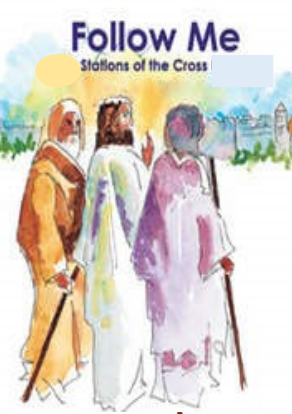
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional each Saturday 11.30-12noon and between 3.30 and 3.50pm before the Vigil Mass.

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.




Can you see this Lent 2020 as an opportunity to be a missionary disciple of Jesus through prayer, fasting and charity



Follow Me
Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent (including Good Friday) we will come together to walk with Jesus on the Way of His Cross. 6.30 pm each Friday in Church. Also each Wednesday evening after mass at 6.30 pm there will be a Lent Reflection group focusing on Matthew's Gospel and the fact that through our Baptism we are called to be "Disciple Missionaries". **These times of scripture, Bible and reflection will be guided by Pope Francis.**



STATIONS of the CROSS

Churches Together in Atherstone - World day of prayer
Praying with Zimbabwe
St. Peter's C of E Church, Mancetter 3 pm
FRIDAY 6th MARCH
 All are welcome, refreshments afterwards.
RISE! Take Your Mat and Walk.
 A service for everyone.


The funeral of Bridget Patricia (Pat) Carter will take place here on Thursday 5th. March at 2 pm followed by interment at St. Nicholas Church, Baddersley Ensor. May she rest in peace.

MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

11/2	100	8/9	97
15/16	95	22/23	105

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON FRIDAYS EACH WEEK.

After Mass on Friday morning the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar for adoration, prayer & reflection. Benediction at 11.15am
 Take this time to be before the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.



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For an informal discussion about this role please contact Steve Roche (Head of Finance) on 0121 230 6220 or Sue Simkiss (Finance Manager) on 0121 230 6283.
 Closing date for receipt of applications: (noon) Monday 9th March 2020.
 Interviews are expect to take place during week commencing 23rd March

FRIDAY IS OUR LENTEN FAST DAY WITH THE ENVELOPES TO COLLECT FOR CAFOD.

Take your envelope home today, bring it back next week full of the proceeds of your fast on Friday. Could I suggest that you place in the envelope the cost of you missing one meal.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place you mass offering inside. Fr. Paul has no outstanding Masses.



GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN
THANKSGIVING MASS 2020

This year it will be celebrated on **Next SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020**
By Bishop David McGough in St. Chad's Cathedral, Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EX
 At 12 noon.
 Followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw room.
 Fr. Paul hopes that St. Benedict's will be well represented by our Servers who are in the Guild.
 Please let Fr. Paul know if you wish to go to the cathedral for this event

