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**1st Sunday of Lent – (B) 21st February 2021**

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**CHURCHES WILL REOPEN ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH**

However, they will only be open for the Saturday Vigil 5.30pm and Sunday 9.30 & 11am Masses.

Canon Joe will continue to say weekday Masses in private for our intentions.

There will be the usual 3 Saturday/Sunday Masses over Palm Sunday, 27/28th March, and Easter Sunday, 3rd/4th April.

 There will be no services over the Holy Week period as these might prove to be difficult within the current Covid regulations.

**Canon Joe will say Mass in private each day for the following intentions**:-

Sun 21st February 1st Sunday of Lent People of the Parish

Mon 22nd February Saint Peter’s Chair Joe Harte RIP

Tues 23rd February Liturgy of the Day Holy Souls

Wed 24th February Liturgy of the Day Holy Souls

Thu 25th February Liturgy of the Day Margaret Cawley RIP

Fri 26th February Liturgy of the Day Sdasius RIP & Adolf RIP

**Public Masses Recommence**

**Sat 27th February 5.30pm @ CQ 2nd Sunday of Lent William Brownlie RIP** (Stewards – K Morris & P Thornton)

**Sun 28th February 9.30am @ QF “ “ “ “ Peter Brown RIP** (Stewards – P & C Fields)

**Sun 28th February 11am @ CQ “ “ “ “ People of the Parish** (Stewards – C Murdoch & S Copp)

**If anyone wants a virtual copy of the bulletin, please email Canon Joe to give permission. This is to comply with GDPR regulations.**

You can follow live streaming of Mass & other services from Bishop Peter via the Diocesan Facebook page - [**https://www.facebook.com/wrexhamdiocese/**](https://www.facebook.com/wrexhamdiocese/) There are also links to other Churches in the Diocese who are streaming Masses.

**Please Pray For**:-

* The repose of the soul Peter York Brown who died this week. His funeral is at 10am on Thurs 25th Feb at Northop Crem.
* Tilly from Queensferry, who had a bad fall last week and is currently recovering in hospital
* Bridget Doran, who is seriously ill
* Margaret Parkinson who is in hospital
* Christine Maughan who is ill, and her husband Kevin & family members
* Anne Thomas, who is recovering from Covid-19, and her husband Chris, who is still poorly in hospital
* All the sick of the Parish.

**Mass Rules**

1. When people come into Church, they must first wash their hands. 2. People MUST stay 2m apart (unless from the same household).
2. Face masks are mandatory unless you are exempt from wearing one. 4. The maximum number permitted at Mass will be 35
3. Mass will be much shorter than usual – there will be but no singing, and Communion will be given out at the end of Mass.

**Our Lenten Journey**

It’s sad that we can’t meet up in Church and journey together – but there are online resources we can participate in as well as attending Mass virtually all over the world!

There is an all-age **“Alternative Lent Course”** running every Saturday at 10am via Zoom – contact Lisa on lisa.rathbone@hotmail.co.uk or Trish on trish\_earlam@yahoo.co.uk to register.

The **CAFOD** website has some interesting Lenten links at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Lent-prayers> and, like they did during Advent, will have different daily calendars for adults, young people and children - with ideas, prayers, reflections and other activities to join.

**LENTEN TALKS: WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?** To mark the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' election, the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre will be hosting a series of talks each Tuesday in Lent, by prominent Catholic voices exploring the teaching of Pope Francis. Beginning - Tuesday 23 February 7.30pm: The first is by Austen Ivereigh and is on “Social Justice”

Zoom Login Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2365092814> or Meeting ID: 236 509 2814

**The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill** – If you are against the proposed changes to the school curriculum wrt Relationship, Sex & Religious Education, go to <http://catholiceducation.org.uk/welshparents> for a template to write to your MSs.

**Collections for Church Funds**: There are no collection figures this week as Church is currently closed.

While some Church expenses have decreased during lockdown, there are still many bills to pay.

During this time please consider setting up a Standing Order to give your donations regularly. This isn’t the same as a Direct Debit – only you can change the amount you give. If you’d like to do this, please contact Canon Joe for bank details.

**Please consider giving your offertory collection in a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax (a higher rate tax payer can obtain a further 20% tax relief)**.

**Items for the bulletin**: to Ann Payton by Weds evening please, tel 01244 821010 or e-mail ann.dragonden@btinternet.com