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**2nd Sunday of Lent – (B) 28th February 2021**

*Wrexham Diocese Charity Number 700426*

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**OUR CHURCHES HAVE REOPENED**

but only for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday 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 2 only on Easter Sunday Morning, 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**:-

Mon 1st March St David, Bishop Graham Burnell RIP

Tues 2nd March Liturgy of the Day All who have been affected by Covid and especially all who have died

Wed 3rd March Liturgy of the Day Margaret Parkinson (ill)

Thu 4th March Liturgy of the Day Holy Souls

Fri 5th March Liturgy of the Day Jimmy & Bridget Doran RIP

**Masses open to the public**

**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 (Anna Ward RIP)** (Stewards – P & C Fields)

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

**Sat 6th March 5.30pm @ CQ 3rd Sunday of Lent Colin Neave RIP** (Stewards – S Copp & J Baker )

**Sun 7th March 9.30am @ QF “ “ “ “ Cecilia (Tilly) Czachur** (Stewards – D & C Fellows)

**Sun 7th March 11am @ CQ “ “ “ “ People of the Parish** (Stewards – L Voas & C Murdoch)

**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**:-

* Bridget Doran, who died this week, and her husband Jimmy who died earlier in the month
* Tilly from Queensferry, who is now recovering at home
* Margaret Parkinson who is in hospital
* Christine Maughan who is ill, and her husband Kevin & family members
* Anne Thomas’ 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.

**Pope Francis** writes in his Lenten Message this year …

"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to ‘make his dwelling’ among us".

 “In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross”.

**LENT FAMILY DAY AT HOME** - To mark the start of the Year of the Family and to help families in our Diocese to observe Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter, you are invited to join in with some Lent and Easter crafting activities at home.  As in Advent, we are providing a limited number of free packs of craft material and instructions to produce some simple crafts such as an Easter Garden.

You will be invited to join us on Zoom on 21st March at 3pm for a family friendly Stations of the Cross service (no need to complete all the crafts before this) and there will be some time to share some of the crafts you have made with other families.

The packs are limited and for families within our Diocese on a first come first served basis.  To request a pack and indicate your wish to take part in the service please email your details including postal address to Margaret Hinton mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk by Monday 8th March.

**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