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In this season of Lent we follow Jesus into the desert for forty days and forty nights.

Like Jesus we go on the front foot and we confront the sources of sin and temptation in our lives empowered by the Spirit and making full use of the tools that the Spirit gives us for this struggle: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All of these things are meant to help us remember the Lord and his Goodness. They are meant to help us bring what is most important, our friendship with God, to the front of our minds. Perhaps look through your Bible, think about whether there is a story or a

verse that illuminates or resonates with your experience of God. Bring the remembrance of God to the front of your mind this lent where it can shape your thoughts, emotions and choices. And once you have brought this story to mind, share it with someone else. Tell your husband, your wife, your brothers, sisters, friends. Be strengthened by the memory of the goodness of God working in your life; and strengthen someone else by sharing that story.

> God Bless Fr. Benedict OSB

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

103 Ålcester Road Studley Warwickshire B80 7NW Telephone 01527 852524 Email: stmarysstudley@gmail.com WEBSITE: <u>stmaryscatholicchurchstudley.org.uk</u> Registered Charity Number 1063237 This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent Year C Week commencing Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 <u>Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse</u>

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. She can be contacted at: sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Masses			
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	1st Sunday of Lent C	Zita, Harold & Sollis Family RIP
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent C	Agnes Flyn (Ongoing Recovery)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March			
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> March			
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> March			Private Intention
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March			
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March			
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent C	Kathleen McLoughlin RIP
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent C	Kathleen O'Brien RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

#### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Agnes Wilkins, Alma Finnerty, Bud Sollis, Agnes Finn.

#### Those who have recently died: ,

Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker, Georgette Cowell, Anthony Mathew, John Knox, Bill McCarthy, Bernadette Mary Parker, Mary Phipps, Alan Clatworthy, Abbot Finbar Kealy OSB, Katherine McCallion, Fr. Boniface Moran OSB, Richard Thornton-Pett, Mary Scally and all those for whom we have been asked to pray.

### **INFORMATION**

### <u>Sunday Coffee</u> <u>Please come and join us for coffee and biscuits.</u>

The next Sunday coffee morning will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March Thank you to Wendy and Barbara for volunteering. Thank you to those who have volunteered up until March. We need volunteers from May please. The form is at the back of the church to sign up. Thank you.

## Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed, so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Because of the age of the buildings the work is continuous and ongoing. On occasion there will be other second collections and these will be noted here.

## **Unwanted** Gifts

So that we are able to keep the bric-a-brac table stocked, we are appealing for any unwanted gifts and any contemporary paperback fiction please. Thank you for your help.

### <u>Missio</u>

Please could you return your red boxe as soon as possible so that the money can be counted. Please leave them on the front bench of the church. Many thanks.