

Second Sunday of Lent (B) Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 115; Rom 8: 31-34; Mark 9: 2-10	
Saturday 27th February 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: All my friends at St. Mary's (Valerie Hull)	Sunday 28th February 2021 8:30am: John and Brian Griffith RIP (Coombs) 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of the Parish (on ZOOM)
St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales Mon. 1st March 2021 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Canon Frank O'Sullivan RIP	Tues. 2nd March 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
Weds. 3rd March 2021 (Feria) 07:30-09:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Fred Miller RIP (V. Hull) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom	Thurs. 4th March 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Martina Connorton RIP (Foy)
First Friday Women's World Day of Prayer Fri. 5th March 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Drane Lekaj 7:00pm Holy Rosary (on Zoom)	First Saturday Sat. 6th March 2021 (Feria) First Saturday Devotions 9:15am: Private Intention 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom

Third Sunday of Lent (B) Exod. 20: 1-17; Ps 18; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; John 2: 13-25	
Saturday 6th March 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Fr. Brian Sandeman RIP	Sunday 7th March 2021 8:30am: People of the Parish 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: Chrissy Willsher RIP (H. Davies) (on ZOOM)

Anniversaries of Death
Andrew Bradley, Michael Hoey, Dennis Hughes, John McGinty, Sarah Mitchem, Henry Hoskins, Rosella Onwuemeli, Ellen Estherby, Ruth Looker, Edwin Brown, John Rayner, L. Bourke, Danny Boshell, Brendan Hession, Sidney Davies, Patricia Hine, Margaret Macklin, Dennis Neligan, Jill Sweby, Michael Clinton, Fred Miller, Michael Gaffney, Luigi Cascarini

God did not spare His Only Son
Christ did not come to explain away suffering; He came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we are called to be prepared to sacrifice everything to God, and thus in turn we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause before His Father in heaven. God provide the Lamb of Sacrifice: His Only Son to take away the sins of the world. Can we not give Him our Thanks and Worship ...??



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WITH GREAT THANKS TO
ALL OUR STEWARDS:

**ST MARY'S IS
OPEN**

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

and on

SATURDAY and SUNDAY
AT THE USUAL TIMES.

N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD ON ZOOM
09:40-10:10AM

FOR THIS AND THE ZOOM CODES
FOR 10:30AM HOLY MASS
PLEASE CONTACT ANUSHA ON:
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The Most Holy Rosary, ON ZOOM,
with Exposition and Benediction of the
Most Blessed Sacrament will be held in
Church every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm
Meeting ID: 840 8142 6950
Passcode: 429 686

**CONFESSIONS
MAY BE HEARD
- IN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY
ROOM - WHENEVER THE
CHURCH IS OPEN, AND
BY APPOINTMENT, AND ON
REQUEST. PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL
TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.**

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 20TH/21ST February 2021

Gift Aid: £410.00 & Loose Plate: £387.00

Second Collection Poorer Parishes: £12.00

Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*

PARISH COLLECTIONS AND GIFT AID

In early April we will start a new financial year for Gift Aid. This year I am reducing the number of boxes we will be using and changing the numbers. I have also ordered boxes for those who pay by standing order for second collections. Can I ask that all those taking part in the Gift Aid scheme either text or email me to let me know if they are able to carry on with the scheme and if they wish to pay by standing order? Once I have details of those taking part in the scheme next year I will let you know your number so that you can get your box from Father David. If anyone wants to pay by standing order but does not want to take part in the Gift Aid scheme then please get in touch and I will supply details of the bank account. I can be contacted

by text on **07504 460736** (**please DO NOT PHONE ME**)
or by email on **thingy.rmg@virginmedia.com**.

Thank you all for your support of the Church at this time.

Richard Gillespie (Gift Aid Co-Ordinator).

REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST READING: GENESIS 22: 1 - 19.

The last Test of Abraham's trusting in God. ABRAHAM IS A "TYPE" OF GOD THE FATHER: he offered his only son in obedience to God, and God offered His Only-Begotten Son to redeem humanity. **ISAAC**, who obeyed his father, and complied with his wishes, and carried the wood of his own sacrifice (and was probably a strong, obedient young man about age thirty years according to the Rabbis), **IS A "TYPE" OF CHRIST, both Priest and Victim, the Lamb of God**, Who carried the Wood of the Cross, His Altar of Self-Sacrifice. It is significant that Mount Moriah would later be the site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem (see 2 Chronicles 3:1). The Dome of the Rock, and Islamic shrine located on the Temple Mount, covers what is purportedly the site of the sacrifice of Isaac as well as the place where some believe Adam, Abel and Noah offered their sacrifices. (see The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2572). The ram is a "type" of Christ, caught in the thicket by its horns, a sort of crown of thorns. **THE FIRE** carried by Abraham is a **"TYPE" OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** - the Fire of God which would consume the sacrifice and raise up a Cloud of Smoke to heaven.

(Adapted from NOTES in the "Didache Bible" page 27).

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, ON ZOOM,

with **Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

will be held in Church every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: **840 8142 6950**

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 5TH MARCH 2021

Please see **the Supplement to St Mary's Newsletter this weekend** concerning this Annual Day of Prayer, which, for obvious reasons will not be held in public this year.

Fr David writes about **Preparation for the Sacraments and their Practice:**

- As we return to being in School "in Person", rather than "virtually", is it time to consider seriously, for those who are able and can, to attend Holy Mass "in Person"?

- Also, for the Children in Year Three, or above, who have not yet been prepared, or received Our Lord in Holy Communion for the First Time, could they be attending Holy Mass now?

- And what of the Children and Families prepared last Year and who have received the Lord in Holy Communion and met Him in the Sacrament of Confession, Penance, Pardon and Peace?

- Dear Brothers and Sisters, **these ARE NOT** "Rites of Passage" or "Life-Cycle Rituals/Events", or personal "Achievements", or any kind of "graduation" in the Life of a Catholic ... **these are Sacraments and Personal Gifts from God**, our Loving Father, given through His Son, Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit ... **Necessary and "Essential" in this Life** for our Salvation and for Everlasting Life ...

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of:

ANNE MURRAY,

who died on Sunday 7th February, her Requiem Mass will be on

Tuesday 9th March at 2:30pm ,

with Committal at Eltham Crematorium,

and

YVONNE FLORENCE MANUEL,

Aunt of HEATHER GALIBARDY,

her Requiem Mass will be at 1:45pm on Friday 9th April (Easter Week),

with Committal at Eltham Crematorium

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Alan Hughes, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Barry Alfred Colville, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, Clare Gummert, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis

for all in the NHS and

all in self-isolation, quarantine, or effected by Covid-19.