



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

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NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Father Austin's Day off: Wednesday.

15th and 16th March - The Second Sunday in Lent

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK *From CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen.*

I wanted to express my personal thanks for your continuing support for our Family Fast Day Appeal and to share an update on recent international developments. These are troubling times for so many across the world and of course, we continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis in his time of need. You may have heard that last month the UK government announced big cuts to spending on overseas aid. The United States and a number of European governments - some of the wealthiest countries in the world - have done similar in recent weeks.

Sadly, I have heard from our church partners and organisations in Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia and Central America the impact of all this. Put simply, it will mean that more families are unable to grow food because of the climate crisis, children will not be able to go to school, those fleeing conflict cannot be sheltered, and more people will go untreated and unvaccinated for curable diseases. They warn more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods.

CAFOD works where people suffer the most across the globe – Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, among them – and they need our support now more than ever. The compassion and generosity of the Catholic community across England and Wales offers precious light in difficult times.

This year is a Jubilee Year for our Church – a time of hope, journeying together, and resetting injustices, not a time to be turning our backs on those in need. As your agency, supported by the Catholic community in England and Wales, we know how important it is to follow the example of Christ and journey with those who suffer the most. This Lent, by giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day collection, you can ensure that we can continue to work with our international Caritas family to help people experiencing the worst impacts of poverty, conflict and climate change.

I ask you to support CAFOD this Lent. In the face of such challenges, this has never been more vital.

Thank you again for your prayers and for everything you do to support our sisters and brothers.

A BETTER WORLD NEEDS ALL OF US. A BETTER WORLD NEEDS YOU.

ANDOVER FOODBANK - LENT/EASTER This Lent you can make a real difference by donating food to us. We are also asking those who are giving up chocolate, biscuits or another treat for Lent to please consider giving the items or the money they would have spent on them to the Andover Foodbank. Making a financial donation, donating items or ordering from @givetoday will help make sure we can be there for people who need support in our community. We would also welcome donations of **chocolate or Easter Eggs**, so we can spread a little extra joy for this spring! Thank you!

Please find listed below the food and non-food items that are currently needed at the Andover Foodbank.

Tinned Meat Pies (eg Fray Bentos); Tinned Tuna; Longlife Milk; Rice (500g or sachets); Tinned Sweetcorn; Chocolate; Washing up Liquid; Laundry Pods; Toothbrushes/Toothpaste and Nappies – sizes 4, 5 and 6
Plus any cleaning items, toiletries and baby items. Thank you!

**** 'ROTATIONS' CHARITY SHOP ****

The parishioners and friends of St John Fisher Church are running the **Rotations Charity Shop** for Parish Funds from **Friday 18th April to Wednesday 7th May**. If you have never visited the shop in London Street before, why not make a trip during this time - it is a treasure trove of great bargains and the stock is constantly being replenished!

WHY NOT HAVE A 'LENTEN CLEAR OUT'?

We would be very grateful for donations for the Rotations Shop, we accept good quality clothes; shoes; handbags; jewellery; all types of bric-a-brac; toys; games; jigsaws; plants and anything that is of good quality that you would be happy to buy yourself! *We can't accept electrical goods, cycle helmets or child car seats.*


All donations can be brought to the office during office hours (please don't leave things in the hall or outside the office) or at St John Fisher, Whitchurch at Thursday or Sunday Mass.

On Saturday 15th MARCH, to help the parish celebrate the **Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope**, there will be an opportunity for Growing in the Faith and Eucharistic Adoration (*Held on the third Saturday of each month.*) Meet in the **Church Hall at 4.00pm** for some scripture based learning, followed by a led time of Adoration to 5.15pm. There's no need to come for the whole time, just what you can make. Also please note that the Adoration is family friendly and each session will have a theme.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Jeremy LeLean on 07917768145 or jeremy@theleleans.com.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 15TH MARCH - 28TH MARCH

Confessions will be from 5.30pm to 5.45pm each Saturday or you can ring the office to make an appointment.

Sat. 15th	First Reconciliations for the remainder of the First Holy Communion Candidates at 4.00pm	
Sat. 15th	Andover Mass 6.00pm	<i>Peter Gibson RIP</i>
Sunday 16th March - Second Sunday in Lent - CAFOD LENT FAST WEEKEND		
	Whitchurch Mass 9.00am	<i>Norman Thrower RIP - Anniversary</i>
	Farleigh School Mass 10.0am -	
	Andover Mass 10.30am	<i>Maureen Lerham RIP</i>
Mon. 17th	Andover Mass 6.00pm - St Patrick's Day	
Tue. 18th	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Anastasia Cullen and Dorothea Fox RIP - Anniversary</i>
	Andover - Healing Prayers 6.30pm - 7.00pm	
Wed. 19th	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	--
Thur. 20th	Whitchurch Mass 10.00am	
Fri. 21st	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Maggie Heyes RIP - Birthday Memoriam [Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass.]</i>
	Lenten Stations of the Cross in Andover at 6.00pm led by the children of St John the Baptist School	
Sat. 22nd	Andover - Lenten Mass of Healing at 2.30pm	
Sat. 22nd	Andover Mass 6.00pm	<i>Michael Scicluna RIP - Anniversary</i>
Sunday 23rd - Third Sunday in Lent		
	Whitchurch Mass 9.00am	<i>Con Murphy RIP - Anniversary</i>
	Farleigh School Mass 10.0am -	
	Andover Mass 10.30am	<i>Maurice Lerham RIP</i>
Mon. 24th	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Syd Simpson RIP</i>
Tue. 25th	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>Joseph Brian - Birthday Blessings</i>
	Andover - Healing Prayers 6.30pm - 7.00pm	
Wed. 26th	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	-
Thur. 27th	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	-
Fri. 28th	Andover Mass 10.00am	<i>June Saunders RIP [Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass.]</i>
<p>Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Sheila Muir, Mary Oak, Bernard Ivinson, Fiona Hilleard, Tony Fabian, Helen O'Connell, Douglas Manning, Diane Mahoney, Catherine Ash, Sile Monnelly, Linda Creaven, Jane O'Kelly, Rita Casey, Wendy Rawlings, Rose Bull and Mark Radcliffe. Please pray for the repose of the soul of June Saunders. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS: 16th - 22nd March</p> <p>Sunday: Community of St Patrick, E. Ilsley. Monday: Parish of St Joseph and St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell. Tuesday: Parish of St Joseph, Basingstoke. Wednesday: The Holy Father (Inaugurated 19.3.2013); Parish of Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Christchurch. Thursday: Community of St Joseph, Romsey. Friday: Benedictines in the Diocese. Saturday: Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End. 29th and 30th March - Special Collection for The Clergy Assistance Fund.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">LENTEN HEALING MASS</p>		
	There will be a Healing Mass at 2.30pm on Saturday 22nd March when we can pray for ourselves and for others whom we know to be in need of healing. There may be people you know who would like to attend this special Mass but have no means of transport, so if you, as a friend, can help them then please do so. The Mass might also be a good opportunity to invite someone who has not been to Mass for some time. There will be an opportunity to chat and enjoy tea and cake in the hall after the Mass.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or a wedding anniversary over 60 years?</p> <p>If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 21st June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. For more information contact the Parish Office.</p>		