



**THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF**

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR

**Pat & Len Mills**

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - Saturday 10.30–11am & 5.15–5.45pm & *by appointment*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Friday 6.00 - 6.30pm & Saturday 10.30 - 11am.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** - Sunday at 3.00 p.m.

**PRAYER GROUP** – Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.

*Everyone welcome!*

**FINANCIAL MATTERS – 12th February 2023**

**Gift Aid** £190.40

**Non-Gift Aid** £334.69

**Total** £525.09

**Thanks for your offerings!**

**Standing Order £261-00**

**Second Collection £144.13**

*for the parish maintenance.*

**Lucky Number**

No. 59 £30.00

**Kathleen Green**

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR CAFOD EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

**PARISH GIVING**

The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details: **Our Lady of Fatima**

**NatWest Bank - Account No: 02272016 - Sort Code: 60 - 07 - 41**

or you may contact the Parish Office for a set of Gift Aid envelopes.

**Useful Information**

♦ **Sick List** - If you would like to add yourself, a relative or friend to the sick list you must complete a consent form, you can find them in the porch, and return it to the office.

♦ **Baptisms**: Please complete the request forms and send to the office. You will be contacted to book a date.

♦ **Parish Hall**: Please remember to consider using our Parish Hall for your family events, other family celebrations, gatherings and do recommend us to other people. All of this will help the parish to flourish into the future. Please contact parish office 0121 422 4865 to make an enquiry.

♦ **Hospital Chaplaincy**: If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know as the Hospital staff will not automatically let us know.

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs Kathy Carter

**Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

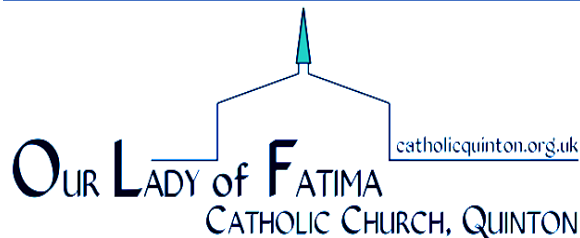
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**19TH FEBRUARY 2023 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

|                      |    |                   |   |
|----------------------|----|-------------------|---|
| Saturday             | 18 | 6:00 p.m.         | Michael Harrey RIP                        |
| Sunday               | 19 | 9:00 a.m.         | Dickie Reily RIP                          |
|                      |    | 11:00 a.m.        | Private Intention (M.P)                   |
| Monday               | 20 | 10:00 a.m.        | Eddie Morissey                            |
| Tuesday              | 21 | 10:00 a.m.        | Jill Simms                                |
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b> | 22 | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Holy Souls                                |
|                      |    | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | Christina Alan                            |
| Thursday             | 23 | 10:00 a.m.        | Christina Patterson                       |
| Friday               | 24 | 6:00 p.m.         | <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
|                      |    | 6:30 p.m.         | Mary Colman                               |
| Saturday             | 25 | 10:00 a.m.        | Marian Meehan                             |
|                      |    | 10:30 a.m.        | <i>Adoration and Confessions</i>          |

**26TH FEBRUARY 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A**

|          |    |            |                   |
|----------|----|------------|-------------------|
| Saturday | 25 | 6:00 p.m.  | Gen Kacperski RIP |
| Sunday   | 26 | 9:00 a.m.  | Gerry Conway      |
|          |    | 11:00 a.m. | Peter Gilson RIP  |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

John Kirby, Janet Jones, Diana Peeney, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Mary Davitt, Donna Walsh, Bridie Kinsella, Mali Piggott (child), Issac Justin (Child), Bill Tracey, Robert Kirby, Linda Stephenson, Dell Sheppard, Shellie Kerr and Dean Evans, Angela Kinsella.

*May the Lord grant them consolation, peace and healing. May God give all involved in health care in hospital or in the community, grace, strength and perseverance.*

**PRAY FOR THE DEAD**

We pray also for those in whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time. We pray especially for:

- **Queen Abieyuwo Uwaifo** who died on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- **Leo Wall** who died peacefully at QE Hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM FR LONG**

As we begin the sacred Season of Lent with ashes on our forehead, we are reminded that our lives here on earth are merely a journey with an ultimate goal of eternal life which we all share. So, now is the time to assure that we are prepared for that moment when the Lord calls us to himself and judges in love and mercy. Thus, Lent is a special invitation to deepen our commitment to daily conversion so that we are living with integrity and holiness of life. With the help of our Lord, we achieve this radical transformation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. First is prayer, reminding us of our complete dependency on God. Secondly, fasting allows us to let go of the things that weigh us down and that we do not need, and to remind us that only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Finally, our recommitment to 'love your neighbour as yourself' transforms our hearts, as we grow in generosity. It is my hope and prayer that this Lent is a source of abundant blessings for all the people of our parish and school and a time of recommitment to the Lord and His call to conversion.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY (22nd February)**

Mass will be celebrated at 10am & 7pm.

It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence – All those 14 and over to abstain from meat. For all adults between ages of 18 & 60 you are required to fast with one meal and only two other light portions during the day. Those outside of these age restriction may of course engage with the fast.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday evening (from 3<sup>rd</sup> March) at 6pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Lent**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays @9.30 - 10am & Saturdays 10.30-11am.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confession will be available during Holy Hour on every Saturday 10.30 - 11.00 a.m. and after Weekday Mass and by appointment.

#### **CAFOD EARTHQUAKE APPEAL & FAMILY FAST DAY**

A second collection this weekend will be in aid of the earthquake appeal. The money will go to CAFOD who are working as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee. Cafod are responding to the recent tragedy in Turkey and Syria. Massive amounts of aid are required. The Cafod Family Fast Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March will be an important opportunity for us to respond to this need. Fast Day envelopes will be available next weekend.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like a Mass to be offered for an intention on a specific date, please fill out an envelope at the back of Church and hand it to Fr Long. Please request this well in advance and check the bulletin to see when your Intention is being included. Thank you!

#### **SHRINES TO OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART**

If you would like to have one of these candles burning for a week for your intentions and your loved ones, please ask Fr Long. It is £5 for the week. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

**Lots of dates are still available!**

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - Over the last few years, we have lost a number of our musicians and singers and so music during Masses has dwindled. It would be such a lovely thing to be able to praise God with our musical offering, so I am imploring anyone with any musical talent, whether it be playing an instrument or singing, to get in touch with me. How wonderful it would be to celebrate the Easter season with a full music group!! Please think if this is something you could contribute to the parish, after all St Augustine said: "to sing is to pray twice"!!

**PARISH SAINT VINCENT THE PAUL SOCIETY** - SVP members are always willing to visit those in need, especially elderly and housebound and families in need. If you know of anyone in any need, please contact us 0121 422 4865.

#### **PARISH FINANCES - A NEW WAY OF ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

Further to my item in last week's newsletter, I remain so grateful to those who have standing orders or donate cash to our collections each week. This income is vital to the Parish and for the continuing upkeep of our Church. As we all know, in recent years there has been a huge reduction in the number of day-to-day cash payments in favour of bankcard payments. Many of us no longer routinely carry cash, so following the lead of other Parishes we have decided to introduce an alternative option to make donations. You can continue to put cash into the collection bags if you prefer, but you will also now be able to make donations via a contactless card terminal which will be situated in the church porch. I have asked a member of the Finance Committee to briefly explain more details at the end of all masses this weekend for those of you who may want to donate this way in the future. Thank you! Father Long.

**PIETY STALL** - We have just restocked the Piety Stall with new items. Please take a look, we have lots of lovely items for your friends and family. Also, on sale our St Patrick's Day cards, Mother's Day cards and Easter Cards also Easter Mass Cards. All £1. First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards £2 boxed. Please put your money in the box marked 'Piety'.

#### **BOOKING OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH HALL**

Please remember to consider using our Parish Hall for your family events, other family celebrations, gatherings and do recommend us to other people. We now have our own skittle alley for you to hire for your party. Please contact parish office 0121 422 4865 or via email: [olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk) to discuss booking arrangements.

**AND FINALLY...** I look forward to celebrating the beginning of Lent with you on Wednesday. Pope Francis says, *"This Holy Season is a commitment sustained by grace, to overcome our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. It is a time to withdraw, to deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration."* May these words inspire us as we prepare to begin Lent. Every prayer and blessing for the coming week. Fr Long !!!