

MASS TIMES: Bourton (B) Stow (S)

1ST WEEK OF LENT, 2020.

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH: 1st Sunday of Lent. Day of special prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments.

Sat 29th Feb: 6 pm (B) Vigil Mass with hymns MAGNIFICAT p. 25

Sunday 1st March: 9 am (S) with hymns and music setting. (M) p. 25

Mon. 2nd: 9 am (S) Weekday of Lent. (M) p. 41

Tue. 3rd: 10 am (B). Weekday of Lent. (M) p. **51** and 12 noon: 5.45 pm at Stow: First talk on the Faith, for older Candidates for the Sacraments. **Open to All.** Topic: **The Existence of God.**

Wed. 4th: House Mass at 79 Redesdale Place, GL56 0EQ. 10.30 am (Time confirmed). Weekday of Lent. **No 9 am Mass at Stow today.** . (M) p. **61**

Thur. 5th: 10 am (B). Weekday of Lent. (M) p. **73**

Fri. 6th: 9 am (S) Weekday of Lent. (M) p. 84 and **6pm-7pm: (S) Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition.** (Come and go as you wish). No Saturday morning Mass, as usual.

NEXT SUNDAY Sun 8th March: Second Sunday of Lent. Mass times as usual. Second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast day. **CONFESSIONS after any Mass or by arrangement.**

CORONAVIRUS. Full advice on the Liturgy, Parish Events and Coronavirus is to be found on the Bishops' Conference website at this link: www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/

However, in this Parish we will take the following precautionary measures in order to do our part in controlling the virus: 1. HYGIENE: Wash your hands with soap and water as often as possible, and before coming to church. Keep wipes in the car and use them before and after church. Catch a sneeze in a tissue and bin it. 2. KISS OF PEACE. We will not share the Kiss of Peace for the time being. 3. COMMUNION IN ONE KIND ONLY will be the norm for the time being. These measures are slightly more than are being insisted upon under the present circumstances, but let's stay ahead of the game!

Last week's count, (excluding Standing Orders): Bourton £93.00; Stow: £141.90; Other: £22.00. **Total: £256.90**

NOTICE BOARD

Tue 3rd March. Adult/older children First HC/Confirmation class. 5.45 Webley Room.

Friday 6th March 10 am. World Day of Prayer. Service at St. Edward's at 10 am.

Mon 16th March. We are responsible for the Lent lunch at St. Lawrence's Church, Bourton.

Sun 22nd March. Mothering Sunday. Bring a friend to Mass who hasn't been for ages/before.

Sun 29th March. Re-dedication of England as Dowry of Mary.

Sat 11th April. 9 pm. Stow. Easter Vigil with New Fire.

Sun 28th June. First Communions OLSK.

Sat 3rd October: Confirmation Service at St. Gregory's, Cheltenham.

OTHER MATTERS **ASHING.** For those who were not able to be at Mass on Ash Wednesday, I am available to 'ash' you after the 9 am Mass at Stow this Sunday. (Takes seconds!) **Ask me** if you would like this. **DONATIONS FOR INTERCHURCH LENT LUNCH** on Monday 16th March. Small donations welcome. Basket at back of each Church. **INTERCESSIONS** for any person or cause may be posted in the 'Jar Container' at the back of St Kenelm's. The container will be placed on the altar for Sunday Mass. **RAFFLE.** We are holding a Raffle in May for Church funds. Decent prizes welcomed!

5.45 PM THIS TUESDAY 3rd March.

First Communion/Confirmation course for older children/young adults.

As mentioned elsewhere in this News sheet, this course starts on Tuesday. The course is not confined to those who are preparing for First Communion or Confirmation. Absolutely anybody is welcome to come. We shall meet in Our Lady and St Kenelm's Church, Stow.

The presentation will be partly by talk and partly by slide (Powerpoint). In the first couple of sessions I will try to cover the following topics: *How do we know if God exists? *How can we check or prove His existence? *Three tests: what makes a human 'Happy'; Creation; Revelation. *How did God first reveal Himself? *The place of the Bible. *St Peter and the early Church. *The Early Councils*St Thomas Aquinas and the place of philosophy.

Later, we shall move through The Holy Trinity, The Sacraments, the place of Our Lady, the Church's moral teaching and how the God of goodness can allow suffering in the world. If you are interested, just pitch up!

INFANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR CHURCHES. It is perfectly alright to come in after the Homily.

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