

MASS TIMES: Bourton (B) Stow (S)

7TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time. Day of prayer for the unemployed.

Sat 22nd Feb: 6 pm (B) Vigil Mass with hymns MAGNIFICAT p. 342

Sunday 23rd: 9 am (S) with hymns and music. (M) p. 342 Second collection at both Masses for Adoption Childrens' Society.

The week-end Masses are being celebrated by Fr. Nicolas Alldrit. Welcome back and Thank you Fr. Nicolas. Fr. Stephen is back on Tuesday.

Tue. 25th 6 pm (B). Weekday in O.T. **Note the time of this Mass – 6 pm, Bourton.** (M) p. 366

Wed. 26th ASH WEDNESDAY. Day of Fasting and Abstinence. **6 pm Mass at Stow** (with ashing). Hymns. (M) p. 379

Thur. 27th. Thurs. after Ash Wed, 10 am (B) (M) p. 393

Fri. 28th. Fri. after Ash Wed. 9 am (S) (M) p. 405

No Mass Saturday morning, as usual.

NEXT SUNDAY Sun 1st March: First Sunday of Lent.

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

Sunday 1st March. 9 am (S) with hymns and music.

CONFESSIONS after any Mass or by arrangement.

LENT. FASTING (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) is observed by all aged 18 and older, who have not celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other collations taken at a usual meal time, 'sufficient to maintain strength' may be taken. Liquids are permitted.

ABSTINENCE. All Fridays in the year, (including, of course, Lent), *except* when a Solemnity falls on a Friday: is observed by all aged 14 or older. No meat allowed, except if health would be adversely affected.

ALMSGIVING. The Clifton ordo states: 'Almsgiving in conjunction with fasting and abstinence, and linked with a greater intensity in prayer, opens our awareness to the needs of others for whom fasting and abstinence are a way of life by virtue of their socio-economic status.'

LENT ARRANGEMENTS Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent, **EXCEPT Friday 28th February**, followed by Exposition. The service will take place at 6 pm at Stow, and will finish at 7 pm. People may come and go.

NOTICE BOARD

Fridays in Lent, except Friday 28th February (Friday after Ash Wednesday): **6 pm – 7 pm (S) Stations of the Cross** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Wed 4th March. House Mass, 79 Redesdale Place, Moreton in Marsh. **TIME (not date) MAY NEED TO BE CHANGED** . Watch this space.

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. (See next column).

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

Last week's count, (excluding Standing Orders): Bourton £57.14; Stow: £121.20; Other: £33.10. **Total: £211.44 (Terrible weather affected attendances last w-e)**

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH: Re—dedication of England as Dowry of Our Lady.

REMINDER. Main points: The first dedication took place by Richard II in 1381, when England was facing great problems.

The re-dedication was proposed by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in Nov. 2017. The process includes a tour by the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to every Catholic Cathedral in the country; (final visit Westminster Cathedral, 19-22nd March).

The re-dedication will take the form of an Act of Prayer across the country, on 29th March. All can join in by saying as a community (where possible) the **Angelus Promise** and the **Act of Entrustment**. Both can be found on www.Behold2020.com

The booklets which contain the 33 day Act of Commitment to Jesus through Mary, (which began this Friday 21st February) appear to have run out, according to the Behold Website! **We shall celebrate the rededication at the 9 am Sunday Mass at Stow.**

REMINDER. On Tuesday 3rd March, the adult First Communion/Confirmation class meets for the first time at 5.45 pm in the Webley Room at Church. The course is open to anyone who wants a 'refresher'. Title of this session 'Belief in God.' **INFANTS**

ALWAYS WELCOME IN CHURCH.

May be future priests, nuns, monks or saints!! Bring them after Homily if easier.

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