

**MASS TIMES:** Bourton (B) Stow (S)

**2nd WEEK OF LENT, 2020.**

**SUNDAY 8th MARCH: 2nd Sunday of Lent.**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March: 6 pm (B) Vigil Mass with hymns MAGNIFICAT p. 110**

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> March: 9 am (S) with hymns and music setting. (M) p. 110** Second collection at both Masses for CAFOD.

**Mon. 9<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (S)** Weekday of Lent/St. Frances of Rome (M) p. **121**

**Tue. 10<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (B).** Weekday of Lent. (M) p. **133** Please note time. 12 noon. (S) Lay lead prayers. Bring a sandwich.

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (S)** Weekday of Lent. (M) p. **146**

**Thur. 12<sup>th</sup>: 10 am (B).** Weekday of Lent. (M) p. **156**

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup>: 9 am (S)** Weekday of Lent. (M) p. **168** and 6pm-7pm: (S) Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition. (Come and go as you wish). No Saturday morning Mass, as usual.

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**CONFESSIONS after any Mass or by arrangement.**

**NEXT SUNDAY Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March: Third Sunday of Lent.** Mass times as usual.

**CORONAVIRUS. UPDATE.** In addition to the precautions mentioned last week and advertised on the poster at the back of Church, the priest will use bacteria wipes before and after handling the Host. There will be no handshaking at the door after Church.

**PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED** Last November we received a generous grant of £3500 from Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust towards the cost of our projected WC and Parish Office, which will replace the existing garage at OL&SK, and which will be part of the Presbytery alterations. The Trust needs some High Resolution photographs of the Garage as it is now – preferably with two or three individuals included in the picture(s)! **Is anyone in the congregation equipped to take these shots?** Please let Fr. Stephen know as soon as possible.

**PRESBYTERY WORK** getting close to the Starting Gate. June would be my guess.

**MISSIO BOXES** Deborah James asks for boxes to be returned to either Church by the end of March.

**Last week's count, (excluding Standing Orders):** Bourton £62.95; Stow: £145.00; Let lunch: £62.70. **Total: £270.65**

**NOTICE BOARD**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March.** We are responsible for the Lent lunch at St. Lawrence's Church, Bourton. If you are able to come, please let Jenny Goodwin know, 01451 810019, as she needs helpers.

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

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March.** Re-dedication of England as Dowry of Mary. **CLOCKS WILL HAVE GONE FORWARD BY AN HOUR OVERNIGHT!**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April. 9 pm. Stow. Easter Vigil with New Fire.**

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June.** First Communion OLSK.

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Confirmation Service at St. Gregory's, Cheltenham.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOANNE WELCH** and all the staff at **St. Catharine's Roman Catholic Primary School at Chipping Campden.** They were inspected recently and had to withstand the rigours of a **Diocesan section 48 inspection, Jane Cannon reports.** They emerged with a top class report, putting well behind them some of the challenges of the past. Part of the citation reads: *'The pupils care and respect for each other and their remarkable involvement and ownership in all aspects of school life make an outstanding contribution to the Catholic ethos of the school and would serve as an exemplar for others.'*

**Angela Smith** has drawn my attention to a message from Pope Francis which has been circulating on Facebook and other social media about **LENT FASTING.** He recommends us to:

FAST from hurting words and say kind things;

FAST from sadness and be filled with gratitude;

FAST from anger and be filled with patience;

FAST from pessimism and be filled with hope;

FAST from worries and trust in God;

FAST from complaints and contemplate simplicity;

FAST from pressures and be prayerful

FAST from bitterness and fill your heart with joy

FAST from selfishness and be compassionate

FAST from grudges and be reconciled

FAST from words and be silent so you can listen

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

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