

**FINANCIAL MATTERS— WREXHAM DIOCESAN TRUST
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Thank you for last weeks collection of **£1,263.87** which consisted of
Gift Aid Envelopes **£255.66** Gift Aid standing orders **£450.78** loose plate **£557.43**

Last week's donations for the **FLOOR OF THE CATHEDRAL £0.00**

CAN YOU HELP

Chris Corcoran one of our parish, is flying to Malawi on March 17th to do voluntary work for a month helping to refurbish a hospital as well teaching English. There are 120 young children - no able, no chairs, so children sit on the ground. They have to share pencils or biro's as there are not enough to go around.

So Chris has an empty suitcase and is hoping to fill it with pencils (not coloured) and biro's.

There will be box in the porch for any donation.

Please can you help.



PLEASE CONSIDER GIFT AIDING IF YOU ARE A UK TAX PAYER. REMEMBER THAT A QUARTER OF ALL GIFT AID DONATIONS (WEEKLY GIFT AID ENVELOPES OR STANDING ORDER GIFT AID DONATIONS) ARE REFUNDED TO US BY HMRC.

LOOKING AHEAD:

27th February	Chapter Mass at 12 noon
1st March	St David Feast Day Mass at 12 noon
17th March	Wrexham Kerala Community Malayalam Mass 3pm
22nd March	Lenten Penitential Service 6pm

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NB: The secretary is in the office from Tuesday to Friday, from 9:30am to 2:30pm.



**Saint Mary's Cathedral, Wrexham
Cadeirlan Y Santes Fair, Wrexam**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
AIL SUL Y GRAWYS
25th FEBRUARY 2024**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EVENTS — SUNDAY

Coedpoeth 9:00 am (*People of the Parish*)

Cathedral 10:30am (*Antoni Sznerech - Get Well Intention*)

7:00pm (*Karolina Witek R.I.P.*)

The Cathedral is open daily from 9:00am to 4:00pm for private prayer unless stated otherwise.

PSALTER WEEK II SUNDAY READING CYCLE B

MONDAY 26th February	Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent Mass 9:00 am (<i>Mary Anne French - Foundation Mass</i>) Stations of the Cross after Mass
TUESDAY 27th February	Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent Mass 12 noon (<i>Charles Dennis Francis R.I.P.</i>)
WEDNESDAY 28th February	Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent Mass 12 noon (<i>Paul Davies R.I.P. from Bargoed</i>) Coedpoeth 6:00 pm (<i>Lukasz Modzynski R.I.P.</i>)
THURSDAY 29th February	Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent Mass 9:00 am (<i>Joe Towey - Memorial Mass</i>)
FRIDAY 1st March	ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES, PATRON OF WREXHAM DIOCESE AND TITULAR OF CARDIFF CATHEDRAL (SOLEMNITY) Mass 12 noon (<i>People of the Parish</i>) Station of the Cross 6:00 pm
SATURDAY 2nd March	Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent Mass and Rosary 9:00 am (<i>Richard Thompson - Foundation Mass</i>) Confessions 10:30 am—12 noon & 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 3rd March	3rd Sunday of Lent - Trydydd Sul Y Grawys Coedpoeth Mass 9:00 am Cathedral Mass 10:30 am & 7:00 pm

The Pope's Intention: Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR "B"

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity for us, providing that we listen to his voice, follow his way and place our trust in him.

In the First Reading we hear of the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son. Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined. Abraham trusted in God right up to the brink of disaster, confident that God would rescue him from this terrible deed. As Paul stresses, it was not anything Abraham did that justified him, not just his obedient action, but his total trust in God.

The Psalmist gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted. Like the author of the Psalm, we also can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord. Echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, Paul also challenges us to recall the immensity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son, reminding us that with Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him, whatever trials we may face.

In the Gospel extract of the witnessing the Transfiguration, Jesus invites Peter, James and John not simply to witness his divinity, truly the son of God, but as heard in the voice of God the Father, importantly they are to listen to Him, trust him. This week, let us pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we, too, might walk in his presence.

Into the Future – 3 Listening Exercise

In Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter on Advent Sunday he spoke of meetings in the New Year to consider the updated pastoral plan. Dates and venues for those six open meetings are now established, they are Saturdays:

2nd March 10.30am to 12noon -Llandudno; and 2.30pm to 4.00pm -Porthmadog;

9th March 2.30pm to 4.00pm -Buckley.

Each meeting will have the same format: Formal and silent prayer; Presentation from Bp. Peter; opportunity for opinions, comments and suggestions from those present (maximum 3 minutes, please); Closing Prayer. Written (maximum 250words please) submissions can also be made – anonymous comments will not be considered. Please be sure to read 'Into the Future – 3' before attending a meeting or making a submission and note that purely negative responses are not helpful or constructive for the future:

https://www.rcdwxm.org.uk/_files/ugd/0d070d_ba440c4896e347feb6b5fc0127eb57a8.pdf

NOTICE

1. Refreshments after 10:30 am Mass only on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month!
2. Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6pm and Monday after Mass.

Wrexham Newman Circle

A meeting of Wrexham Newman Circle will be held on Tuesday **March 5th 2024** at the **Holy Family Convent** 14 Sontley Rd Wrexham LL13 7EN at **10.30am**.

The title of the talk will be "What is Spirituality?"

The Rev. Charles Ramsay will lead a group exploration of this mysterious term, in relation to the book "Tomorrow's Church" by Daniel Harrington.

You can enjoy this session fully without having read the book.

St David's Day Mass, Friday 1st March

St David's Day Mass at the Cathedral will be celebrated **in Welsh** by Bishop Edwin with Bishop Peter presiding. Please note that it will be at **12noon** as usual (not 11.30am as you may have seen elsewhere). Everyone is welcome.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Yes Lent is here! We will have the celebration of the Stations of the Cross in the **Cathedral** twice during the week: **Friday's** at 6:00 pm and also on **Monday's** after 9 o'clock Mass. Anyone is welcome to lead the Stations of the Cross. We will try to keep to these two days each week in Lent. Please keep an eye on the newsletter.

The times for Lenten Stations of the Cross in **Coedpoeth** this year will be as follows:

Monday 10am, **Tuesday** 10am,
Wednesday 5.30pm, **Thursday** 6pm,
Friday 6pm. **GOOD FRIDAY** 11am.

PLEASE PRAY

- ♦ . . for our sick, elderly and housebound of the Parish, the patients of Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Nightingale House Hospice and the sick clergy of the Diocese.
- ♦ . for the repose of the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary is around this time; Josephine Mary Collins, Joan Meigh, Brian Baldwin, Christine Anne Drury, Denise Lorraine Williams, Joanna Lecki, Maureen Lennon.

This Sunday

"**Lenten Family Fast Day**" (CAFOD). This weekend, there will be a **retiring collections after Masses** to collect what we saved fasting on Friday. It will go to CAFOD to help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families. Please avail of them and do the best you can with the collection.

Discussion Group

The Parish spiritual formation team is hoping to form a group of those interested in looking at various areas of our faith. An opportunity to share our thoughts and perhaps explore more deeply, alongside a cup of tea/coffee. Please see notice in the porch.

Topics could include The Lord's Prayer, What does the Eucharist mean to each of us?, What is the importance of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?.....We welcome your suggestions as well.

We would envisage meetings to last for 1-1.5 hours every 6 weeks or so. Day and time to be flexible depending on those interested.

If you would like to know a bit more, please speak to Deacon Steve Davies, Carol Bayliss, Carole O'Toole.

Please sign the notice in the porch, giving your contact number, if you are interested. Don't feel you have to come every time, just when you can.

The "Lenten Alms"

Your donations will go towards:
- Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-UK)
Registered Charity No.1097984
and
- Friends of the Holy Land
Registered Charity No. 1202568