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**LENT 2 7th/8th March 2020**

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| **Day** | **Aston** | **Nechells** | **Intention** |
| **Saturday** | **12.30 pm** | **6.00 pm** | *Frances Goulding*  *People of Parish* |
| **SUNDAY** | **10.00 am** |  | *Dennis Seery* |
| **Monday** |  | **9.30 am** | *Hands of Jesus conference* |
| **Tuesday** |  |  | No Mass |
| **Wednesday (school)** |  | **9.30 am** | *Hands of Jesus conf* Mass in St. Joseph’s school |
| **Thursday (school)** | **9.10 am** |  | *Hands of Jesus conf* Mass in Sacred Heart school |
| **Friday**  *Day of abstinence* | **9.30 am**  **10.00 am** | **11.45 am** | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  *Hands of Jesus conference*  Eucharistic Service |

**LENT 3 14th/15th March 2020**

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| **Saturday** | **12.30 pm** | **5.30 pm**  **6.00 pm** | *Kitty McManus*  Stations of the Cross  *Margaret Dale* |
| **Sunday** | **10.00 am** |  | *Tom Kennedy*  Stations of the Cross after Mass |

**Please Pray for the sick**; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O’Connor, Andy Walsh, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure.

The Collection last weekend came to £199.27

The secondcollection for Cathedral Maintenance came to £94.03.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for **CAFOD** following the Fast Day.

**LENT** is the penitential season leading up to the celebration of Easter (the Easter Triduum in Holy Week). It is the time to renew our wills to follow Jesus, and to grow in virtue and holiness especially through works of penance in which we unite ourselves with our Lord’s passion.

**THE SOWER** Copies of the Diocesan Magazine “The Sower” are available free. Please take one.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** started on Ash Wednesday and runs up to Palm Sunday (8am – 8pm every day). If you would like to help by praying outside the abortion clinic in Kings Norton, please take a leaflet and contact Isabel on 07773 50172

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

**ENGLISH PRAYER TIME** You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in the Undercroft on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English.

**DAILY EXPOSITION** There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** 23rd – 30th May. There are leaflets about the pilgrimage at the back of the Church with details, costs and how to book. Some financial assistance may be available for sick pilgrims. See Fr. Stephen for more info about this.

**THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** is on Saturday 9th May. See notice on board.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) (Genesis 12:1-4a 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9) **Transformed by our love**

Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of

affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

**The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi in the Archdiocese,** is from Wednesday March 12 until Thursday March 19.

*O God who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.*

*Mary. Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us. Saint John Henry Newman Pray for us.*

**THE ANGELUS AND THE DOWRY OF MARY**

On 29 March, 2020, England will be rededicated as the ‘Dowry of Mary.’ This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, ‘some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary’s ‘yes’ to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve’s ‘no’ in the Garden of Eden.’ We profess our faith in ‘The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us,’ and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ.

**All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here.** The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.