



"Today, the first Sunday of this liturgical season, the Word of God shows us the path to living fruitfully the 40 days that lead to the annual celebration of Easter. It is the road Jesus travelled, which the Gospel, with Mark's essential style, summarises by saying that before he began his preaching, he withdrew into the desert for 40 days, where he was tempted by Satan (cf. 1:12-15). The Evangelist emphasises that "the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (v. 12). The Holy Spirit descended upon him immediately after the baptism he received from John in the River Jordan. The same Spirit now impels him to go into the desert, to face the Tempter, to fight against the devil. Jesus' entire existence is placed under the sign of the Spirit of God, who animates, inspires and guides him. During the Season of Lent, the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, to enter the desert. It is not, as we have seen, a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which to be silent and listen to the word of God, "so that a true conversion might be effected in us" (cf. Collect, First Sunday of Lent, B). Do not be afraid of the desert, seek out more moments of prayer, of silence, in order to enter into ourselves. Do not be afraid. We are called to walk in God's footsteps, renewing our Baptismal promises: renouncing Satan, and all his works and all his seductions. The enemy is crouching there, beware. But never dialogue with him. Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary." (Pope Francis, 21.02.21)

DAY	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	TIMES OF MASS	INTENTIONS	EXPOSITION
0.1174		HR = HOLY ROSARY		<u>Monday-Friday</u>
Sat 17 th	Vigil Mass of First Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Maria Antonio, Neomi & Des Diego	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Sun 18th	First Sunday of Lent	9.15am	People of the Parish	CONFESSIONS
		10.30am HR	Halina & Tawek Buczkowski Anniv	Monday - Friday
		11.00am	John Michael Callaghan Anniv	11.15am - 12.15pm
	Mass in the Ge'ez Eritrean Rite	1.00pm HR	Private Intention	4.30pm - 5.00pm
	Rite of Election with the Bishop	2.30pm		Saturday
		6.00pm	Josephine Mary Topps Anniv	11.00am - 11.45am
Mon 19 th	Weekday of Lent	12.30pm	Rev Fr Richard I Diala RIP	5.00pm - 5.30pm
		5.30pm	Rev Fr Adrian Convery RIP	ANGELUS/ROSARY
Tue 20th	Weekday of Lent	10.00am HR	Edith Stanley Anniv	Mon/Weds/Thurs
		12.30pm	Rt Rev William Gordon Wheeler Anniv	12noon Sat 11.30am
		5.30pm	Anna Arturnenko RIP	EVENING PRAYER
Wed 21st	Weekday of Lent	12.30pm	Margaret Wynne Anniv	<u>Mon - Fri 5.10pm</u>
		5.30pm	Liz Cook RIP	CONFESSIONS AT HR
Thur 22 nd	The Chair of St Peter	12.30pm	Andrew Walters RIP	Sun 10am-10.15am
		5.30pm	Very Rev Canon C Willis Intentions	DIVINE MERCY
Fri 23rd	Weekday of Lent	12.30pm	Blanche Oseland Thanksgiving	<u>Thurs 1.05pm</u>
		5.30pm	Ofelia Bergonio Anniv	-
	Stations of the Cross	6.15pm		PSALTER WEEK 3
Sat 24 th	Weekday of Lent	12noon	Mr & Mrs Egbe Intentions	STATIONS OF CROSS
	Vigil Mass of 2 nd Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	November Dead List	<u>Tues & Fri 12noon</u> <u>Fri 6.15pm</u>
This week the following candles are lit for these intentions:			MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL	
OUR LADY OF UNFAILING HELP LAMPS: David Howard – Special Intention CATHEDRAL SANCTUARY LAMP: Obrou Lea M Ahoussi				
			 9.15am: Cantor Hymns: Entrance:199 Communion: 206 11.00am Scholars - Mass for four voices, Byrd; Miserere mei, De Cristo; Super flumina Babylonis, Palestrina 	
those who have recently moved to the city. Please say hello!				

PRAYER INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY 2024: For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment. **MASSES RECEIVED:** *Deceased (Recently or Anniversary):* Fr Adrian Convery, Alice Biele, Robert Morrow, James & Barbara O'Shaughnessey, Peter Mullen, Anna Arturnenko, Margaret Wynne, Bethany McNaboe-Mills; *Intentions:* Theo & Reymar, Ashley Ukachi, Carmel Bray, Patrick Sizer. **INTENTIONS:** envelopes are available in both churches; also, it is possible to request a Mass via the Parish website. **LIFE:** Pregnant? Need to talk? Call freephone: 0808 802 5433. **PRAYERS:** Please pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, for all who are sick, our housebound parishioners, for those in distress and bereaved; and for all who have died recently and for those who anniversaries occur at this time. **ABORTION TIME LIMIT REDUCTION FROM 24 TO 22 WEEKS AMENDMENT:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

THE RITE OF ELECTION: those to be Baptised at Easter enrol their names this Sunday at 2.30pm with the Bishop. Please remember in your prayers those from our Parish who will be Baptised, Confirmed and Received at the Easter Vigil.

THE SEASON OF LENT: Please do take home the LENT INFORMATION LEAFLET. STATIONS OF THE CROSS -Tuesdays and Fridays at 12noon (in place of the Rosary) and Friday at 6.15pm; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and Confession (see above for times).

CATHEDRAL BELL TOWER OPEN DAY: TODAY (Sun 18th Feb), after the 11am Mass, the Cathedral bell tower will be open for visitors. Please be aware that to access the tower requires climbing two narrow spiral staircases with 42 steps. Please gather by the Memorial Chapel.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 23rd Feb - Envelopes available at the back of Church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Also, on contactless machines.

LENTEN ALMS BOXES are available for you to take home, to be returned at the end of Lent, especially at Mass on Maundy Thursday. This year, the proceeds will be divided between Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Care, and Aid to the Church in Need.

CATHEDRAL SOUTH STEPS: closed for a minimun of two weeks from **Mon 12**th **Feb** so that the steps and hand rail can be replaced. Access will be from Great George Street. Thank you for your patience.

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY COFFEE: Each Sunday after the 11.00am Mass in Wheeler Hall.

YOUNG ADULTS' PRAYER GROUP meet again Fri 23rd Feb, in Wheeler Hall from 6.30-8.00pm for bible study, prayer, reflection. Info <u>francescogalassimobile@gmail.com</u>

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS will be held in Wheeler Hall, **Wednesdays** starting on the 6th **March**. More details on the notice board; flyers available to take home. Short talk after Masses on 2nd/3rd **March** with more info.

LEGION OF MARY: meets this **Sunday 18th February** in the Syndicate Room of Wheeler Hall, at 10.30am.

PRAYER MEETING: Each Sunday from 5.00pm until 7.00pm at the Holy Rosary Church. For more information, contact Jones Bediako on 07983 776337 or www.ccrleeds.org.uk

URGENT APPEAL FOR MOUNT ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME: The Little Sisters of the Poor have had to take the heartbreaking decision to close their Leeds Care Home after RAAC concrete was found in 95% of the roof. The Sisters must meet costs upwards of £500,000 to keep everyone safe until all residents have been found new homes. More details: <u>www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/urgentappeal/</u> **Collection next weekend 24th/25th February.**

INFANT & ADULT BAPTISM & MARRIAGES: Please speak to one of the Clergy at the end of one of the Sunday Masses. Note: at least six months' notice is required for marriages. PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP: will meet in Wheeler Hall 10.30am – 11.45am on Friday 23rd February for our usual weekly coffee and chat. This group is run and organised by Catholic Care, for more information please contact Gill on 07739 975 021. All welcome

CATHEDRAL SURVEY 2024. As part of the NLHF project, you are invited complete a short, anonymous survey which is aimed at listening to your feedback about welcome and access at the Cathedral. Paper copies are available. It can also be completed via this QR code or the home page of the Website. With thanks to those who have done so!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): contact 07415003874 svpleedscathedral@svp.org.uk

PARISH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING TO THE PARISH: The Parish bank details are: HSBC Bank PLC, Sort Code: 40-27-15, Account no: 31165453, Account name: Diocese of Leeds Mother of Unfailing Help. It is possible to donate via the Parish website & contactless machines. With very grateful thanks for your generous donations to the parish.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Looking ahead, 10th March, Catholic Care appeal; 18th July, 100th anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral.

Please silence your mobile phone while in the church. Details of other Parish & Diocesan Events and Current Vacancies are on the website and notice boards.

LES LECTURES DE LA MESSE sont disponsibles en Français. AS LEITURAS DA MISSA estão disponiveís em Português. LAS LECTURAS DE LA MISA están disponibles en Español.

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