

## **CAFOD fundraising this Lent - Walk for Water**

Lilli Pace one of our Parishioners and also Year three teacher in St Mary's school, is taking up the Lent walk for water challenge. Please sponsor her either by adding your name to the form at the back of Church, placing your donation in an envelope and giving it to Fr Shanju or donate on line at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-walk-for-water801>

Walk for Water is 10,000 steps a day. Every day. For 40 days. The motivation is people like Abdella. He is 23 and he has big dreams. He dreams of starting a small business. He dreams of starting a family. He dreams of having his own home. He dreams of the day he won't have to walk ten hours to get water.



Abdella lives in Afar, Ethiopia – one of the hottest places on earth. Like hundreds of people in the area, he spends most of the day walking to get water for his family to drink. He knows that if there was water near his home, his family wouldn't have to worry any more about getting enough to stay alive. And he could start on the dreams he has for the rest of his life. Thank you.

### **Prayer for Lent**

Loving God, we hear your call to all who thirst for a brighter future: Come to the water.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and lead us to walk alongside one another.

Let a desire for change well up within us.  
May we overflow with compassion and love.

And as a stream wears away stone,  
may we reshape our world together  
to reflect your kingdom of hope for all.  
Amen. (CAFOD)



## **Catholic Parishes of St Mary, Lady of Lourdes**



St. Mary's Brierley Hill,  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford and  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Cradley Heath.  
Fr. Stephen Fawcett and Fr Shanju John  
The Presbytery, Summerhill,  
Kingswinford, DY6 9JG.

01384 274520, [ourladyoldhill@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyoldhill@gmail.com)

[www.stmaryladyoflourdes.co.uk](http://www.stmaryladyoflourdes.co.uk)

Deacon John Brindley

Convent - Daughters of Divine Love 01384 380155

*Part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham: Reg. Charity No. 234216*

### **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**21ST FEBRUARY 2021**

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of Christ.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of Christ.

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.*



Lent (B1)	Psalter week 1	Intention/Info
<b>Sunday 20th /21st 1st Sunday of the Lent</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	People of the Parish Brian Curran Olivia Falato
Monday 22nd Chair of St Peter		
Tuesday 23rd	<b>10am Mass OH 10.30am-11am OH</b>	Jerry Comerford Adoration
Wednesday 24th	<b>10am Mass BH 10.30am-11am BH</b>	John Berry Adoration
Thursday 25th	<b>2.30pm Funeral Service BH</b>	Shirley Foley
Friday 26th	<b>10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass 2.30pm BH</b>	Adoration Oswald Fernandez Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th		
<b>Sunday 27th /28th 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH</b>	John Berry People of the Parish Fr Stephen

Please pray for all those whose have died , especially John Berry, Shirley Foley, those on our February deceased list and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Catherine Greenaway, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Michael Rose, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, Barry Simner, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people**

## Stations of the Cross

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be observed each Friday as follows, thank you to Fr Shanju for doing this. Everyone is very welcome at any of the Churches.

26/2 2.30pm Brierley Hill

5/3 6.30pm Old Hill

12/3 11.30am Kingswinford

19/3 2.30pm Brierley Hill

26/3 6.30pm Old Hill

## Campaign against home abortions

As you are likely already aware, the UK Government has temporarily allowed home abortions. Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, as has been reported extensively in the media, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger.

The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing 'DIY' home abortions. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission.. If you would like to take part and make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2021, you can do so by visiting the link below. It only takes 2 minutes!

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>

**Flowers at Old Hill** Anne Rose has been doing a fantastic job of looking after the flowers and general tidiness of the Church for a while now. As she is going to be out of action for a while it would be a big help to the Parish, and Anne's peace of mind I'm sure, if some volunteers could take over for the time being. You don't have to be artistic, skilled or talented just willing to help!

**Walk with Me booklets and Lent Day by Day** booklets are now available at the rear of Church. Please take one for anyone you know who is housebound or currently not attending Mass if you think they would like one.