

*Fasting is part of Lent... but why? Fasting without a purpose seems to me empty asceticism... but doing without some thing so that someone else can have the benefit, now that's virtue! And that's what the "Lenten Fast Day" is about... we do without something we enjoy and pass the cost on to help those in need. So, next Friday: what can you give up – and to whom do you wish to pass on the saving you make? "Cafod" are the most effective way to help those in the "third world".... this year they are concentrating their efforts on providing access to water.... envelopes are available in the porch. One advantage of giving to CAFOD is that the Government will match every £1 donated – meaning your donation is doubled. The "Lenten Alms" box donations go to local charities, and the Good Shepherd fund which you will be supporting through your children in School, goes to support children in the diocese.*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

9.30am Bert Southworth (A)  
11.00am Jimmy and Celia Critchley  
6.30pm Janet Latham (A)

**Weekday Masses**

Mon. 8.30am In Thanksgiving (St.Jude& Our Lady)  
Tues.8.30am Colin Cooke (LD)  
Wed. 8.30am Gertrude Eastham  
Thur. 8.30am Albert Gubay (LD)  
Fri. 8.30am Laurence & Mary Quigley  
Sat. 8.30am Chris Kirkham (LD)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am Thomas & Patricia Lennon  
11.00am Fred & Bessie Fowler (A)  
6.30pm Frank Smith (A)

**Sunday 3.00pm Holy Hour**  
**4.00pm Benediction**

**Friday 7.00pm Stations of the Cross**

**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley · Howard Line · Maureen McIver

**Baptism**

We welcome today in Baptism Freddie John Wood and wish him and his parents every blessing. Freddie is Barbara Cross's great-grandson and it is a special joy to welcome her to the 11.00am Mass which she served for so many years in our choir. Perhaps we'll get a hymn out of her at the Baptism!

**Collection**

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £ £1111.

**Stations of the Cross**

This Friday our Youth Group will lead the Stations using the CAFOD presentation of the story of this final journey that Jesus made to the Cross.

**School's back**

Welcome back... with the already busy time table of work the children will be preparing for their first Confession (Reconciliation) on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks to our parish team who are supporting the School in this preparation.

**200 Club**

The winners of January's draw are: Nr. 41 Third Prize (£20) Jen Parker Nr. 98 Second Prize (£30) Luke Bond Nr. 109 First Prize (£50) Mgr. M. McKenna

**Graveyard**

The Team will be removing Christmas wreaths etc. from the churchyard in the next week or so. If there is anything you wish to save please collect them before they are removed.

**Lent**

Article over is from Catholic Herald – the author is a better writer than dancer!

**Ministering to the Assembly**

**Counters (22nd February)** Derek and Celia Birchall

**Rotas (28th February)**

**S.A.S.** Janet & Pauline Critchley  
**Dial a Ride** Malcolm Scard and Terence Donnelly  
**Readers** Pauline Doyle  
**Ministers** Linda Walmsley  
Clare Meredith

Sharon Hobin  
Nick Mather  
Paul Thompson

Norma Gillett  
Paul Rynn

