

Please pray for the sick: Pam Newman, Sue O'Brien, Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Dignan, Ellie Rose, Victoria Leighton, Joe McIntyre, John Riley, Edward Moore, Jeanette Brock, Joe Kemp, David Cochrane, Glenise & Geoffrey Clinning, Rachel Mason, Jessica.

To have the name of a seriously sick person on the newsletter, please hand in the small blue form from the porch.

SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Many parish volunteers are 70+. Younger are also needed Can you and your family help?

- Identifying/supporting a self-isolating neighbour
- Donating urgently-needed supplies, esp. cooking oil, UHT milk, rice (microwaveable, boil-in-bag & savoury), Cheese triangles, drinking choc sachets. Items can be left by St. Edward's altar, please, at any time. If you can, leave a note thro' letter-box.

Perhaps YOU need help? If you are self-isolating, due to the virus, we can:

- Pick up shopping, or post mail or get urgent items
- Give you a friendly phone call
- Deliver parish bulletin and "Catholic Voice" paper, (wearing gloves)

Frank & Emma McGrath are coordinating this. Call or text 0777 943 6279 and you'll hear from them.

For more details about assisting please visit parish website

<https://ourladyandstedwards.co.uk/our-mission/>

or email: olsecovid-19@outlook.com

Food banks are short of supplies.

THE DOWRY OF MARY – Re-dedication.- 29 March.

In 1381 King Richard II dedicated England to Our Lady, seeking her protection for the country. The country and its people were seen as a gift, a dowry, for Mary. Our Bishops invite all of us to renew that dedication, entrusting ourselves to Our Blessed Mother personally and as a people. We can do this at home of course. There are prayers for it, which we'll try to post on the website in the next few days.

Wednesday 25th is the Feast of the announcement to Mary by the Angel Gabriel (The Annunciation),
We're invited to pray the Angelus every day this week

-The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary.

R? And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace

-Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.

R/ Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail, Mary, full of grace

-And the Word was made flesh,

R/ and dwelt amongst us.

Hail, Mary, full of grace

-Pray for us, o Holy Mother of God,

R/ that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Pope's Prayer intention for MARCH 2020

Catholics in China:

We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

www.Behold2020.com all to do

with Walsingham, the Dowry of Mary, the Holy House, etc. Fascinating and inspiring.

And see the **Catholic papers on sale**, featuring all of this.

LENT - PRAYER. FASTING. ALMS-DEEDS

This week: ALMS-DEEDS Matthew ch. 25.

Donating money to missionaries as well as to works like Cafod, but also all "good deeds", caring, helping, giving time to work for good causes, lobbying authorities on behalf of less able people, visiting the sick or lonely. There are still the small lilac-coloured sheets on display in the porch.

GREETINGS to all MOTHERS THIS WEEKEND. Let's hope you can celebrate within your families, despite all we are going through. May God bless you all.

Gospel at Mass this weekend: St. John, chapter 9.

The man born blind – given sight by Jesus. Jesus is the Light of the World. "Do you believe in me? Lord, I believe." After the Samaritan woman last week, the Blind Man today leads us to deeper faith in Jesus Christ, our Healer, Redeemer, Saviour. Jesus sent him to wash in the Pool of Siloam; He sent us to be washed and given new sight and the Life of God in the Pool of Baptism.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings: 1 Samuel ch. 16. Anointing of David as future King. God prepares his people for their eventual King – Jesus. Ephesians 5: 8-14. You get good commentaries on the Scriptures; for instance on "Word on Fire" – see link on our parish website. Many others, too.

LARGE-PRINT NEWSLETTERS & PRAYER-SHEETS. If you know anyone who'd like large-print copies delivering, please let us know on 862437 (or ring 0777 943 6279).

CAFOD Lent Fast Day raised £1043. Isn't that great? And so soon after the Famine appeal. Thank you all.

Have money? Hire self-employed, such as window-cleaner, gardener, outdoor repairs, tree-trimming, decorator, etc.etc. Prompt payment helps enormously.

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www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events

VISIT: **www.ourladyandstedwards.co.uk**

for parish bulletin and keep up to date with parish news & photos, parish initiatives & events and link to Bishop Paul's Blog – GO ESPECIALLY to the "We Pray" page on the website, for such as Stations of the Cross