

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

“As Lent approaches this year, we are all aware that the cost-of-living crisis weighs heavily on our hearts. Things are very tough for our church community here in England and Wales. This is a global experience of course where we hear every week from our colleagues and CAFOD’s Church partners worldwide about the profound challenges they face in their countries seeing so many grappling with poverty as they strive to provide for their families while prices of essential goods soar. The cost-of-living crisis presents a dual challenge. Not only does it affect those we serve but it is impacting CAFOD’s ability to support people and communities during this critical time. It is vitally important the Family Fast Day appeal is to our work, especially at a time when we see the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our income. Your endorsement of Fast Day amongst parishes and schools in your diocese over the coming weeks is so needed. CAFOD’s Family Fast Day falls on Friday, 23 February. Your endorsement and support for our Lent Appeal is invaluable, give to the Fast Day collection, and take part in the Big Lent Walk with their parish or school as well as remembering CAFOD’s work in their prayers.

Below are a series of links to our available resources, but please do contact your CAFOD CPC if you have any questions.

Family Fast Day Resources; <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

Parish Resources; <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising>

Big Lent Walk Resources and Sign Up here; <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes invites us to come to the Holy Grotto at Lourdes to experience the love and healing of her Son. As a diocesan family we will be responding to her call as we make our diocesan pilgrimage from the 26th July – 2nd August 2024.

Everyone is welcome. We will welcome back our youth pilgrims and offer a special welcome to those who have never been to Lourdes before.

The theme in Lourdes this year is, “Come here in procession.” It is the third part of the theme over the last three years based on Our Lady’s words to St. Bernadette, “Go tell the priests to build a chapel here and people are to come here in procession.” The theme fits well with 2024 being a year of prayer. Where better to pray than in Lourdes where heaven met earth in the encounters of Mary with St. Bernadette. We will join thousands of pilgrims from around the world in coming to Lourdes in procession and prayer.

Please consider coming on pilgrimage. If that is not possible then, please do participate with your prayers from home. You may wish to participate via the live streams from the Lourdes Sanctuary, which are available online every day.

For details on how to be part of the diocesan pilgrimage please see <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/>

Please pray for the success of our diocesan pilgrimage.

Collection for 21/01/ & 28/01 (St. TA):

Church plate: £565.57

Standing order: £258.00

Total: £823.57

Hall Rental: £510

Collection for 21/01/ & 28/01 (THF)

Church plate: £335.71

Standing order: £641.00

Total: £976.71

Syo Malabar Donation: £140 (for January)



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Sunday 4th February - Sunday 18th February

Almighty and everlasting God,

As sick, we come to the physician of life;

As unclean, to the fountain of mercy;

As blind, to the light of eternal splendour;

As needy, to the Lord of Heaven and Earth;

As naked, to the King of Glory.

Heal us and make us whole we pray.

Amen.

A Prayer of St Thomas Aquinas for Healing

Family Mass

On Sunday 4th February, the staff and children of St Bede's school will be taking a lead in our liturgy acting as welcomers, readers, servers and collectors and I'm sure before we know it they will be introducing us to new hymns.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning after mass in St Thomas Aquinas on Sunday 4th February 2024. We are looking for volunteers to help with future coffee mornings.

Syro-Malabar Mass

From Sunday 4th February Father Binoy will celebrate a 4:30pm mass every Sunday in The Holy Family Church. The children will gather for Catechisis at 3:30pm in church prior to mass.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The next First Communion Session at The Holy Family will be on the 6th February 2024 after school. Parents and guardians are asked to collect their children from church at 4:20pm. The next First Communion Session at St Thomas Aquinas will be on the 11th February 2024. Parents and guardians are asked to drop their children off at 10:15am at the Parish Hall and to make their way into church for a time of quiet pray before mass begins.

Baptismal Preparation

The next Baptism Course for the Partnership will be: Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 6:30-8:30pm, St Augustine's Parish Centre
To book a place on the course email: info@stagustineschurch.org.uk
Or phone 01325 266602.

The majority of the catechists who run the course are from St Augustine's Parish and we are currently looking for people to join the team from both our parishes.

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 18th February at St Mary's Cathedral.

Requiem Mass for Sister Jude

Sister Jude's requiem mass will be held on the 19th February at St Thomas Aquinas at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

Lenten Sycamore Course

The Hogarth Partnership are pleased to let you know that they'll be starting a Lenten Sycamore course on the 21st February for 6 weeks. This will take place at St Augustine's parish centre. The evenings will start at 7.15pm with a snack and teas/coffees and then a showing of the episode with discussion in small groups. The evening will finish about 9.00pm. All are welcome and if you do want to attend, please let them know through the Hogarth Alpha Facebook page or email hogarthalphaonline@gmail.com as this will help with catering.

Partnership Ministers' Day – A Date for your Diaries

On Saturday 24th February there will be a Partnership Day of Recollection. The day will be led by Father Gero McLoughlin SJ. I've known Father Gero since my seminary days in Edinburgh where he once led us on retreat. Gero was also one of my tutors when I trained in faith accompaniment and spiritual direction. We are blessed that he has agreed to lead us in the time of recollection.

Mass Times and Intentions

Order	Time	Church	Mass Intention
<i>Sunday 4th February</i>	9:00am	The Holy Family	People of the Parishes
<i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	10:30am	St Thomas Aquinas	Ruby & Di Lambert
	16:30pm	The Holy Family	Syro-Malabar
<i>Monday 5th February</i>	10:00am	The Holy Family	In Thanksgiving (V)
<i>Tuesday 6th February</i>	10:00am	St Anne's	Requiem Mass (James Jimmy Roddy)
<i>Wednesday 7th February</i>	10.00am	St Thomas Aquinas	Mary Dolan
	13:00pm	Funeral Service	Kenneth James Roberts
<i>Thursday 8th February</i>	10:00am	St Thomas Aquinas	Martin Bishop
<i>Friday 9th February</i>	10:00am	The Holy Family	Fr Harry
<i>Saturday 10th February</i>		No Mass	
<i>Sunday 11th February</i>	9:00am	The Holy Family	People of the Parishes
	10.30am	St Thomas Aquinas	Lettie Conlon
	16:30pm	The Holy Family	Syro Malabar
<i>Monday 12th February</i>	18.30pm	The Holy Family	Syro Malabar Ash Monday Mass
<i>Tuesday 13th February</i>	9:15am	The Holy Family	Special intention
<i>Wednesday 14th February</i> ASH WEDNESDAY	10am	The Holy Family	People of the Parishes
	18:30pm	St Thomas Aquinas	Deceased members of Dixon/ Roxburgh families
<i>Thursday 15th February</i>	10:00am	St Thomas Aquinas	Bishop Robert
<i>Friday 16th February</i>	9.30am	The Holy Family	Stations of the Cross
	10:00am	The Holy Family	Fr John Gibbons
<i>Saturday 17th February</i>	9.30am	St Thomas Aquinas	Fr Harry
<i>Sunday 18th February</i> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am	The Holy Family	Philip Hodgson
	10:30am	Saint Thomas Aquinas	People of the Parishes
	16:30pm	The Holy Family	Syro Malabar

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions.

Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Penitents and Wanderers.