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Times of Mass this Week 13th/14th February 2016 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 5.30 pm Edward De Franco RIP
Sunday 11.00 am Sarah Dowd RIP

There are no weekday Masses this week.

NEXT SUNDAY THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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Saturday 5.30 pm Rex Holbrook RIP
11.00 am Eugene Hogan RIP

Confessions: Saturday after Mass

THIS FRIDAY IS FAMILY FAST DAY

Please take a CAFOD envelope today to use in the **Second Collection next Sunday for CAFOD.**

This is a very good way to make our Lenten Alms-giving; to give the proceeds of what we may be going without during these weeks. We hear in the news that there is a dreadful drought in Ethiopia and this in a country which has been taking in, and looking after, huge numbers of refugees from neighbouring war torn countries.

LENTEN "WALK WITH ME" BOOK-

LETS in this Year of Mercy. In his introduction, His Grace, the Archbishop, writes: "(In Lent) So many of the scriptures invite us to rediscover the merciful face of the Father. The Holy Spirit gives us the grace to make our own the many rich passages from Scripture from the Lenten liturgy. Lent is a season of mercy because it is also a time of repentance and conversion. ... As Pope Francis has said in his message for Lent, during these weeks we are to give first place to a 'prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word.' Let us do just that!"

LENT LUNCHES On Mondays in Lent the Christian Churches in Bidford come together for a simple lunch. The venue is The Methodist Church from 12.15 – 2.00 pm. The money donated will be

given to 'Open Doors', a charity which supports persecuted Christians around the world. Each church takes a turn; our is on 29th February.

THIS WEEK'S TWEET The Diocese has asked me to contribute a Tweet each Wed., bearing in mind the context of Prison Chaplaincy.

Mk 5 "No one could secure him anymore. He would howl and gash himself... They came to Jesus and saw the man clothed and in his full senses."

The Diocesan website is very interesting:
www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S WEBSITE UP & RUNNING Address: <http://sjtw-bidford.org.uk>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Led by Archbishop Bernard, 28th May – 3rd June. There are two choices of travel: By **COACH** all the way from various points in the Diocese to Lourdes via the short sea crossing Dover/Calais. By **AIR** from Birmingham to Lourdes. The Coach Section: fares from £407.00: Air Section: fares from £695.00. I have some booking forms if you wish to see more details.

Offertory Collection 6th/7th Feb: Offertory £128.69 plus Standing Orders. Thank you.

2nd Collection for "Life": £192.53

Thank you

Further donations from Andy & Eileen house clearance: £82 Thank you.

11am Mass Tea/Coffee: £52.67 Thank you.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Harry, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett.