St Francis of Assisi Church

Year of the The Word

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Second Sunday in Lent

13 March 2022

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| Sunday 13th | 9:00am4:15pm5:15pm | Sarah Smith & family intentionsStations of the CrossPatrick & Marcella Ward dec’d |
| Monday 14th | 9:30am | Word and Communion |
| Tuesday 15th | 9:30am | Kevin O’Donnell’s intentions |
| Wednesday 16th | 7:00pm7:30pm | Exposition of the Blessed SacramentWord and Communion |
| Thursday 17th | 9:30am | Lynne Stevens Foundation Mass |
| Friday 18th | 9:30am10:00am - 10:30am  | Word & CommunionExposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Saturday 19th | 11:00am | Freel, deceased members |
| Sunday 20th | 9:00am4:15pm5:15pm | People of the ParishStations of the CrossLynne Stevens Foundation Mass |

Psalm Response: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

Gospel Welcome*:  Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory!*

**There will be an appeal on behalf of CAFOD at all masses today, together with a second collection.**

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**Lenten Stations of the Cross**

**This Sunday and every Sunday during Lent at 4:15pm**

**Please join us for**

**The Way of the Cross**

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal**

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food.

Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope **(second collection today**) or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

**Appeal for supplies for families from The Ukraine**

The Birches in Shefford are preparing for the arrival of Ukraine families from Luton airport next week. If you can help in any way with donations of the following:

**Toiletries;**

**Toys;**

**Tea, coffee, hot chocolate;**

**Washing up liquid;**

**Cereals, pasta, chocolate, soups;**

**Men’s, ladies and children’s clothing;**

**Towels. (No bedding please!)**

Please contact the SVP via Noreen Cousins on 07526753986 who will co-ordinate collection. Thank you in advance for your help.

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**For a Synodal Church**

During the month of January 2022, the opportunity for all to speak and be listened to was provided in the Parish. Through a series of opportunities, Parish Groups, before and after Mass, Online meetings and individual written contributions, people have provided their thoughts and opinions.

Through LISTENING, the thoughts have been captured from all participants, documented, and submitted to the Diocese in Northampton. This input will now form part of the Northampton Diocese submission to Westminster, who in turn will include this in its submission to the Vatican in Rome. **The final document is now on the Parish Website.** If anyone cannot access the Parish Website, then a Printed Copy can be made available upon request.