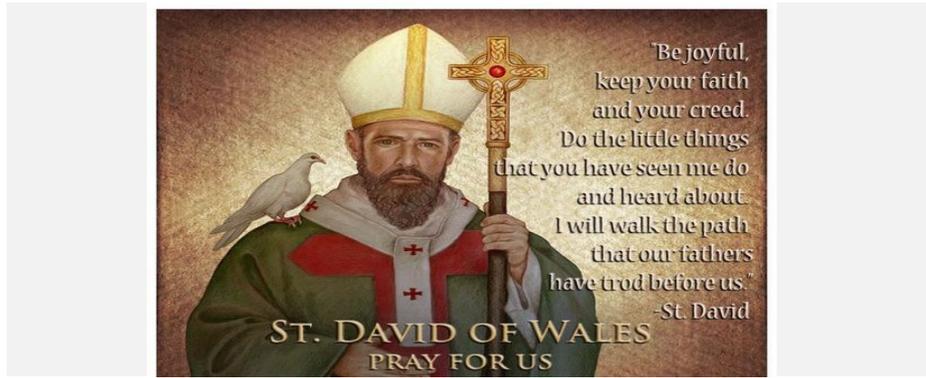




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Pope Francis



Prayer Intention for march:

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

‘Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.’

Video:

Tweet: ‘The Gospel of today calls us to contemplate Jesus’ transfiguration. It is an invitation to remember, especially when we pass through a difficult trial, that the Lord is Risen and does not permit darkness to have the last word.’

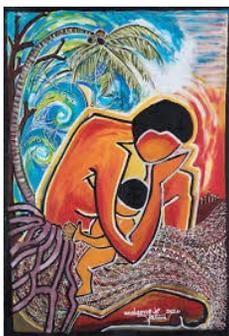
Liturgical Year

Week: 2nd Sunday in Lent.

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Women’s World Day of Prayer – 5th March 2021

This international, interdenominational prayer movement was begun in 1887. The service material is produced by a different country each year. In 2021 the theme will be ‘Building a Strong Foundation.’



A worship service for Women’s World Day of Prayer prepared by the people of women of the Republic of Vanuatu can be found here:

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

The logo illustrates the weather and resiliency of the people. The painting shows a mother bending and praying over her child during cyclone Pam in 2015. The waves crash over her but a palm tree with strong roots bends protectively. It was created by Vanuatuan artist Juliette Pita

Information about Vanuatu can be found here:

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2021-theme-and-country-vanuatu/>

Resources for children can be found here:

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/WDP-Childrens-Resource-Vanuatu-2021.pdf>



Pope Francis' Visit to Baghdad

Pope Francis is due to arrive in Baghdad on March 5, where he will be welcomed at the Presidential Palace, and later meet Christian leaders. He will visit Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the influential leader of Iraq's Shiite Muslims, in Najaf and attend an interreligious meeting in Ur. He will also visit the north of the country, celebrating Mass in Irbil and saying prayers in Mosul, before departing March 8. It will be the first ever papal trip to Iraq.

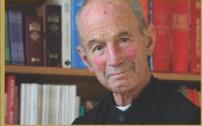
More information can be found here: <https://www.npr.org/2021/02/22/968803244/pope-plans-historic-visit-to-iraq-as-its-christian-populations-dwindle?t=1614523570588>

Pathways to Christ's Passion

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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Three webinars exploring the narratives of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus



Come, journey with us as we prepare for Holy Week with Father Henry Wansbrough, a Benedictine monk based at Ampleforth Abbey, who will lead us through the dramatic narratives of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus so that we may gain a deeper understanding of these powerful events.

The webinar trilogy offers an opportunity to increase personal insights into the historical context and theology expressed in these different accounts, with a view to understanding what the Resurrection means for the mission of the Church and for our spirituality.

The Passion and Death of Jesus according to the Synoptic Gospels
Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm

The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to John
Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to Paul
Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm

Register here:
<https://hiwebinars-10and17and24mar.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sponsored by Holy Innocents Parish, Orpington   Archdiocese of Southwark

Father Victor Vella, Parish Priest at Holy Innocents' Church Orpington, has organised a series of webinars on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, in order to prepare his parish for Holy Week. The opportunity to participate is now **open to anyone** who wishes to attend, especially Southwark parishioners, through the joy of modern technology.

The webinars will take place on three consecutive Wednesdays in March and be led by the renowned biblical scholar, Father Henry Wansbrough, a Benedictine monk from Ampleforth Abbey:

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The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to John - Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the writings of Paul - Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm

These free webinars offer an opportunity to increase personal insights into the historical context and theology expressed in the different accounts, with a view to understanding what the Resurrection means for the mission of the Church and for our spirituality. After each lecture there will be an opportunity for those attending to ask the speaker questions.

Father Henry Wansbrough has written over twenty books. He edited the New Jerusalem Bible (1985) and recently single-handedly the Revised New Jerusalem Bible (2019). He has lectured in Africa, Australia and

North America. He was for twelve years Master of St Benet's Hall in Oxford also Chair of the Oxford University Faculty of Theology and more recently Professor of Biblical Studies at Liverpool Hope University. He has served on several Vatican Commissions, including the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Anglican Roman Catholic international Commission.

Lenten Resources

Resources for prayer and reflection during Lent can be found here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Lent-resources-young-people>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/lent-2021/resources-for-lent-2021>



Follow me: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience for the people and parishes during Lent 2021, beginning on the first Sunday of Lent and ending in Holy week. Please use the link below:

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

Invited 2021 – Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

Lenten retreat for those living in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.

“We will be exploring God’s *invitation* to enter into relationship with Him and what that means for our lives. It will be a wonderful journey of discovery that helps us to know more deeply who we are in the eyes of God and to live authentically as His beloved. There will be challenges - we may have to take a 'long hard look' at ourselves - but by the end of the programme we aim to be transformed and empowered to become Spirit filled disciples who rejoice in God’s goodness and want to build His Kingdom here on earth.”

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/invited-2021>



Saints of the Week

St David, Bishop – 1st March



David is said to have been born around the year 520.

It was a time when Welsh kings ruled small kingdoms and their people made their living by farming. Most people in Wales were Christians, and monasteries were important centres of prayer and learning.

His birth is said to have taken place on the cliffs in a wild thunderstorm, near the city that’s now named after him. Some

believe that David was the son of Sanctus, king of Ceredigion and a nun called Nonnita (Non).

About the year 550, David is said to have founded a monastery close to the place where he was born. Here, he and his fellow monks lived a simple life, drinking only water and eating only bread and herbs. Meat and beer were forbidden, and David became known as Dewi Dyfrwr (David the water drinker). The monks farmed the land, but David insisted that they pull the plough and carry their tools without the help of animals. They spent the evenings in prayer, reading and writing, and were not allowed any personal possessions.

There are many stories of St David's miracles. They include bringing a dead boy back to life by splashing the child's face with tears and restoring a blind man's sight. David's best-known miracle allegedly took place in the village of Llanddewi Brefi. He was preaching to a large crowd, but some people had difficulty hearing him. Suddenly a white dove landed on David's shoulder, and as it did, the ground on which he stood rose up to form a hill, making it possible for everyone to see and hear him.

Today, a church stands on the top of this hill. The dove became St David's emblem, and often appears on his portraits and stained glass windows. Churches and chapels dedicated to David are found not just in Wales but also in south-west England and Brittany. David's influence also spread to Ireland, where the Irish embraced his beliefs about caring for the natural world. His final words to his followers were, "Do the little things, the small things you've seen me doing." These words still inspire many people today. St David is believed to have died on 1 March 589.

St Casimir of Poland – 4th March

Patron saint of Poland and Lithuania. He was born in 1458 or 1460, the third of thirteen children of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, daughter of Albert II of Habsburg. He was born on October 3, 1460, in the royal palace at Cracow, Poland. The young prince was trained in spirituality and displayed holiness at an early age. When Casimir IV ordered Casimir to lead an army against King Matthias I Corvinus of Hungary in 1471, he refused. Casimir believed an attempt to seize the Hungarian throne was unjust and refused to take part in it. He was confined to the castle of Dzoki as punishment, and there he refused as well to marry, as his father commanded. When his father was away from Poland from 1479-1483, Casimir served as regent of the nation. Casimir died of consumption on March 4 while visiting Grodno, Lithuania. Buried at Vilnius, Lithuania, his tomb became famed for miracles, and he was canonized in 1522 by Pope Adrian VI. Casimir is also patron of the Knights of St. John and is invoked against enemies of Poland and the faith.

