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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: Ash Wednesday is the Church's "Day of Atonement." Its very name comes from the Jewish practice of doing penance wearing "sackcloth and ashes." In the early Church, Christians who had committed sins were instructed to do public penance wearing sackcloth and ashes. Thankfully this practice stopped; from the 11 century receiving ashes on the first day of Lent became the universal Christian practice. Receiving the sign of the cross with ashes on our foreheads, the Church gives us a loving invitation to realize and acknowledge our sinful condition and return to our loving and forgiving God with true repentance. The message of Ash Wednesday to us all is to effect a real conversion and renewal of life during the period of Lent by fasting, penance, and reconciliation.

Please Pray for the Sick: *Mary Lamberth, Yoland Rahim, Clement Akujiobi, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, Trisha Weldon, John Curry, Pat Hillman, Clément, Trish, Teresa and Masie.*

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

Sat	22/02	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Deceased Members of McGonagle Family
Sun	23/02	11 am	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Roger Charlery (RIP)
Tue	25/02	6 pm	Feria	Nicholas Tylor (RIP)
Wed	26/02	11 am 6 pm	Ash Wednesday	Andrea Scanlon (RIP) Joan & Frank Patterson (RIP)
Thurs	27/02	6 pm	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Peter Fegan
Fri	28/02	6 pm	Friday after Ash Wednesday Stations of the cross after 6 pm Mass	Peter Fegan
Sat	29/02	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Mrs Diedre Callaghan (RIP)
Sun	01/03	11 am	First Sunday of Lent	Kathleen (RIP)

Second Collection

Today there is a collection for Cathedral Maintenance

Confessions and Rosary for the Month of February

Rosary in the Lady Chapel on weekdays Tuesday-Friday @ 5.30 pm before 6 pm Mass and Sundays at 10:30 am. Confessions on Saturdays at 5 pm or on request.

Baptism Preparation Course

The next courses will be held on Friday; 13th March 2020 @ 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please email the office [@stcatsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcatsiena@gmail.com) for a form which you should complete and return.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Next RCIA programme will be Thursday 7:30 pm in the church. Please email the office [@stcatsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcatsiena@gmail.com) for details about the RCIA programme

Something Extra To Do For Lent?

Ash Wednesday is on 26th February.

Beginning on Friday 28th February there will be 6 pm Mass and The Stations of the Cross. Following this we will be having a **soop supper** with donations given to CAFOD. This is a great opportunity to do something extra for Lent. **You can team up as group to support this Lenten project.** Signup sheet at the back of the church. Please be generous with your time and help, **Thank You**

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Hednesford

Is on Sunday 5th July 2020, Mass 4 pm. Further information will be communicated you later.

St Catherine's Parish Lottery Club

Last year we started a Lottery Club. Our aim is to sell at least 100 numbers! You can buy a number for £2 per month /£24 per year. 50 % of all income goes to the church, 25% to 1st number drawn, 15% to 2nd and 10% to 3rd. Winning numbers for January: 1st 35, 2nd 37, 3rd 49 **Next Draw will be held on 23rd February** and winning numbers published in the next newsletter. **There are still numbers available**

Please contact the office [@stcatsiena@gmail.com](mailto:stcatsiena@gmail.com).

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here on

February 29th/1st March 2020 to make an annual mission appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland.

Is 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10 kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613

Church Repairs and Conference Centre

We need to raise approximately £50,000 over 5 years to cover the cost of essential Church repairs and a new Conference Centre with Kitchen. Many thanks for all your contributions so far.

Need	Cost
Essential Church repairs	£ 32,500
Conference Centre	£ 14,000
Total	£ 46,500 + VAT
Amount Collected so far	£ 14,530.94
Amount remaining	£ 31,969.06 + VAT

Collections for January 2020	Amount
Weekly Collection (Loose)	£ 831.02
Weekly Collection (Gift Aid)	£ 180.00
Building Fund/ Conference Centre	£ 141.21
Direct Payment (General collection)	£ 522.00
Direct Payment (Building Fund)	£ 520.00
Direct Payment (Parish Lottery)	£ 62.00

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