



# NEWSLETTER

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Bernard O'Donnell, Emmanuel Ferrer.

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR

**AT THIS TIME:** William Mardon, Mary Tolmie, Antonio Lanfranchi, Louis Gallagher, Doreen Gilbert, Helen Ackland, William Sowerby, Maura Richards, Maureen Burke, Maria Harbord, Camilla Wilson, Derick Tansley, Leo Buller, Olive Cantwell, Henry Cooke, Stanislaus Czasynski, Vera Finney, Andrew Harrison, Pat Upton, Frederick Winter, Gerry Gregory, Michael Dunworth, Valerie Plamping, William Taylor, Bob Mann, Majella Walsh, William H Olsen, Ellen Considine, Bridie Downey, Benita Spearing, John Coleman, Margaret Jones, Mia Smith, Anthony Urwick, Mary Morse, Robert Poole

### AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Michael O'Connell, , Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Joy Bellekom, Sylvia Richardson, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Trevor Nelson, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Monica Spalding, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Angela Roberts, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Bernadette Fiddaman, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vic Smith, Norman Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Les Allen RIP
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Derick Tansley RIP
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Private Intention for Jorgelina and Ian Forrest
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Walker & Baron Families
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Solemnity of St Joseph	Frank and Margaret Roche
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Benita Spearing RIP
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention for Maureen Hughes
<b>Fri</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>St Teresa</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Graham Hill RIP</b>
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Glorianita and Manuel Demegillo RIP
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Palm Sunday	Roddy and Jane Macauley RIP
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Palm Sunday	Thanksgiving and Petation for the Souls of Pedro Crispina Suarez, Candido Consolacion Monticod, and Norma Villa
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Palm Sunday	Deceased Members of the Walker and McPhillips Families
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Palm Sunday	People of the Parishes

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Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Declan for health reasons. Canon Bosco MacDonald, who is currently Dean of our Cathedral, has been appointed as his successor. I am sure you will have many fond memories and great gratitude for the ministry of Bishop Declan as our Bishop for the last twenty three years. Bishop-elect Bosco will be familiar to many of us, as he was parish priest of Wellington and Wiveliscombe from 1995-1998. His warmth and pastoral care are still remembered with great affection by many in these parishes. Please keep them both very much in your prayers at this time of transition, as well as praying for our Diocese and all that the Lord will give us through the ministry of Bishop-elect Bosco.

**FATHER TOM DUBOIS**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE: JUST 4 SPACES LEFT** for our pilgrimage to North Wales from Tuesday May 28th for 4 nights. Please let the parish office know as soon as possible if you want to attend.

**DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL:** following the expansion of the deanery into the new St Dunstan pastoral area, the deanery pastoral council is being reestablished, to look at things that we might do together as parishes. The opening meeting will be on Saturday 23 March 10am-12pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome-let the parish office know by this Sunday.

**STAY AWAKE:** is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024 from 10:00 – 19:00** at **All Saints**

**Academy, Weymouth.** We are looking at taking a group from Taunton. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from [www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024](http://www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Thursdays until 21<sup>st</sup> March 9am at St John Fisher; Fridays until 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9:30am at St Teresa; Saturdays until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9am at St George. During Lent, **Friday Mass at St Teresa will be at 9am with 8:30am Confessions**

**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am St George's Church.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** with a number of Priests from around the Pastoral area will be coming to hear confessions 20<sup>th</sup> March 7pm St George's.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** ends this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget to get your Fairtrade items on offer in all churches.

**WEST SOMERSET SINGERS:** present 'Road to Calvary' music for Holy Week, including 'Olivet to Calvary' - Maunder and 'God so Loved the World' -Stainer. 7.00pm, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, St George's Church Tickets - £10, available on the door or contact Chris Knapman, secretary, on (01823) 335303 or email [secretary@westsometersingers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@westsometersingers.org.uk).

**CONFESSION TIMES:** At St George's: Sat 10am-10:30am; Thurs 12 noon -12:30pm  
At St Teresa's: Fri 9:30am -10am At St John Fisher: Sat 5pm-5:25pm

**ADORATION TIMES:** At St George Daily 6:30am-7:30am;Tue-Fri5-6pm;Wed6:30am-9:30am; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am - midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-7pm;Thurs10-12pm

## **NOTICES**

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St John the Baptist, Trowbridge; St Bernadette, Westbury.

**Standing Orders: 10/3/24**

St George's: £1104.94 St Teresa's: £185.57

**Offertory Collection: 10/3/24**

St George's: £356.68 (weekly) St Teresa's: £256.90

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:** The parish raised over £1120 for Cafod-thank you for your generosity.

**LENT PARISH SOUPS:** the last session will take place in the Catholic Centre at St George's following the 12.30pm Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION:** It was lovely to see so many at the St John Fisher Mother's Day celebration on Saturday and a big thank you to everyone who brought the amazing cakes. The next St John Fisher social event will be an Italian night on 20 April..

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 is 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August.** Details can be found on the Diocese website or by calling 0117 902 5590

**CHRISM MASS:** if any Parishioners need transport, please contact the Parish Office.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD:** healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time.  
[www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk) 07734 059080

**WORDS OF FAITH:** Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a short online course to find the best words to give an account of our faith and answer the hard questions Catholics can be asked about God, Jesus, the Church, morality and Catholic practices. The six sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: The link will also be accessible from the Clifton Diocese website - latest news section

**IMPACT:** our youth group for teenagers will next meet this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30 to 7pm in St George's Rectory, with special guest Sr Lucy from the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

**PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm St. George's Church; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre  
**Mother's Prayer Group:** Every other Thurs 8-10pm St George's Centre  
**Ignatian Prayer group:** Thurs 1-2:15pm 28<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> April  
**Pray the Rosary:** Tues 6:15pm St George's Church