



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Norman Surridge, John (Sean) Holland, Geoffrey Rowsell, Claire Ivey-Barass, Mary Ravnkilde, John Hatch.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR

AT THIS TIME: Kathleen Archbank, Barry Denman, Frances Fewing, Maria Sanetra, Sally Potter, Antonio Lanfranchi, Louis Gallagher, Doreen Gilbert, William Mardon, 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, Micahel Dunworth, Valerie Plamping, William Taylor, Bob Mann, Majella Walsh, William H Olsen, Ellen Considine, Bridie Downey, Benita Spearing, John Coleman.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Sister Theresa Smythe, John Carrington, Sue Atkins, Geoffrey Rowsell, Madeleine Page. Alma Hamilton, Chris Edley, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	15 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday of Lent	Gordon Carter
Sun	16 th	8:00am	St George	Second Sunday of Lent	Marie Therese Sidmouth RIP
Sun	16 th	9:15am	St George	Second Sunday of Lent	Maura Richards RIP
Sun	16 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday of Lent	Marian Ring -Birthday
Sun	16th	4:00pm	St George	Lenten Service	
Mon	17 th	9:30am	St George	Feast of St Patrick	Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Families
Tues	18 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Albert Barry RIP
Wed	19 th	9:30am	St George	Solemnity of St Joseph	Sister Maria Basini
Wed	19th	6:15pm	St George	Solemnity of St Joseph	People of the Parishes
Thurs	20 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Lent	Anita McGrail
Thurs	20 th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	Benita Spearing RIP
Fri	21 st	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Lent	lêda Maria Borges RIP
Sat	22 nd	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Jude Flynn RIP
Sat	22 nd	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday of Lent	Roddy and Jane Macaulay RIP
Sun	23 rd	8:00am	St George	Third Sunday of Lent	The Most Holy Trinity, Mother Mary, St Joseph, angels, saints, Holy Souls in Purgatory and sinners everywhere.
Sun	23 rd	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Walker & McPhillips Families
Sun	23 rd	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Carey and Foxton families

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Shortly after his election as Bishop, Bishop Bosco wrote a powerful statement about our commitment to safeguarding. The full statement is available on the Diocesan website, but this begins with this powerful statement:

'In Clifton Diocese we are deeply committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all those entrusted to our care, especially the most vulnerable among us. The Church's mission is to bring the light of Christ to the world, and we must be vigilant in protecting those who are at risk of harm. The sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults is a grave sin that deeply offends our Lord and causes immense harm to victims.' He goes on to say,

'We are also committed to fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within the Church in all our activities. Responding to those who come forward to report having suffered harm is a vital part of our mission and the Diocese is committed to being a welcoming and safe Church that is truly a beacon of light and hope for all.'

I have invited Janice Pearson, our Diocesan safeguarding coordinator to speak at our 9.15 and 11am Masses today as part of our commitment to this mission.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursdays at 9am at St John Fisher until 10th April, Fridays at St Teresa 10:30am from 7th March to 11th April, Saturdays at St George 9am from 8th March to 12th April.

LENTEN SERVICE: 4pm 16th March, in St Georges Church, on the theme 'Dare to Hope'. This service of music, readings and reflections is based on the theme of our Jubilee Year, 'Hope'.

SAFEGUARDING: We are really blessed to have Janice Pearson, our Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator coming to our parishes next Sunday, 16 March to speak briefly at our 9.15 and 11am Masses about safeguarding in the Diocese and the safeguarding team. There will also be an opportunity to meet her after Mass.

THE PASSION IN ART: 4pm on Sunday 13th April 2025 at the Parish Centre. Mary Chisholm will be giving a talk on the events of The Passion through a selection of Renaissance and Baroque paintings. Starting with the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and completing with the Resurrection. All welcome.

MAMRE: Our next Mamre community lunch will take place this Sunday 16th March after the 9:15am mass, in the Catholic centre. Confirm your attendance-WhatsApp 07514712920 or the list at the back of church.

LENT RETREAT DAY: to reflect upon & experience Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope. 5th April at St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary School, Bristol. Conversation & reflection finishing with a Service of Reconciliation & the opportunity for individual confession with Bishop Bosco & Diocesan priests. Refreshments are offered from 9.30am but please bring a packed lunch, Our day will end by 3.30pm.

<https://embracingthemeracyofgod.eventbrite.co.uk>

WE DARE TO HOPE: during Lent we will be using this resource for small group faith-sharing and for individual meditation, featuring five sessions each reflecting on a different aspect of Hope. Contact the parish office to join a small group.

WEDNESDAY MASS: we are introducing a Wednesday evening Mass at 6.15pm during Lent to enable those who are working to attend. This is in addition to the normal 9.30am Mass.

DIOCESAN DAY: Bishop Bosco invites you to join him on 19 July for our Diocesan Jubilee Celebration of Hope at Downside School & Abbey. 3 keynote speakers, prayer, reflections & a joyful programme for our children/young people. Refreshments from 10am. Free hot lunch will be provided (a lunch box provided for children under 11). Our Jubilee Celebration of Mass will take place in the Abbey Church at 3pm. Visit <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS: in the Rectory weekly between Easter & Pentecost from 6.30pm-7.30pm on Friday 25th April -Friday 30th May, including Saturday 24th May 10am - 4pm. This is a perfect way to prepare for a full receiving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Bishop Bosco will be coming to our parishes to lead this service at St George's on Thursday 3 April at 7pm, with a number of priests available to hear confessions.

CARPARK: please remember to validate your reg number every time you visit our carpark-including the top carpark and the service road. Includes Sundays.

FAIRTRADE AVAILABLE at St John Fisher on 15th March, St Teresa 16th March. Proceeds to the Lasallian Project.

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 Tues-Sun-6:30am-7:30am;

Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am - midnight;

Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour); St Teresa: Mon 10am & Wed

7pm; St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-6pm; Thurs 10-12pm

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: Immaculate Conception, Stroud; with Brownshill, Painswick, and More Hall.

Standing Orders: 9/3/25

St George: £2037.35 St Teresa: £378

St John Fisher: £172.62

Offertory Collection: 9/3/25

St George:£1360.14 St Teresa:£263.95 St John Fisher: £201.37

SISTERS MISSIONS APPEAL: thank you for your generosity we raised £1095.65 for the Sisters' work.

CAFOD: Family Fast Day envelopes will be collected this weekend. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK: is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate, on Catholic families in England and Wales. Share your experience by completing the survey, at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, where you'll also find further information. Survey closes on 25th March.

UGANDAN APPEAL: Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda appeal next weekend. EVC raises funds so that desperately poor children in Uganda can attend school, find work and improve their living standards.

ST JOHN FISHER: will be holding a celebration of Mother's Day after Mass on Saturday 29th March.

PINOY CLUB: calling all Filipinos to join our new Pinoy club, being organized by the Parish in the Parish centre on the last Sunday of every month after the 9:15am Mass. You're welcome to bring marienda to share and enjoy the fellowship. First meeting is celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday 30th March. Non-Filipino parishioners most welcome.

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS:

We are practicing for Easter and would like to invite anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument. Practices are 7.30pm - 9.00pm in St Georges Church.

PARISH LENT SOUPS: take place after the 12.30pm Mass at St George's in the Catholic Centre on March 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. Donations to charity.

IMPACT: we are having a joint meeting with the young people from the Bridgwater parish on Friday, 21st March at 6.30 pm to 8.00pm. Fr Tony will give a small talk followed by group games and pizza & drink, venue: parish room, St Joseph's, Bridgwater. Transport available.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: will be having their monthly fellowship on Sunday 6th April after the 9:15am mass at the parish centre. We welcome everyone new and old, to join us with their families for a time of praising God in lively choruses, praying together as a family and sharing the word of God. Come along and experience fellowship with a warm community of Christians.

PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7.00pm-8.30pm St. George's Church; 2nd and 4th Wed 10am-11.30am St. George's Centre

Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre.

Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together:

Thurs 1pm-2:15pm, 3rd and 24th April, St George's Centre

Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30am St John Fisher Church.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRIES: 1st weekend of each month after all Masses except 8am and after Mass on 3rd Saturday at St. George's. Appts by email: healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com