



# NEWSLETTER

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Norman Surridge, Geoffrey Rowsell, Claire Ivey-Barass, Mary Ravnkilde, John Hatch.

### WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR

**AT THIS TIME:** Mary Tolmie, Margaret Jones, Mia Smith, Anthony Urwick, Mary Morse, Robert Poole, Gloria Copley, George Zelazik, Isabella Simmons, Mary Westworth, Jeremy Jelf, Edward Lupton, Frederick Bryant, Joseph Curry, Peter Murawicki, Marjorie O'Meagher, Richard Samuel, John Burke, Joyce Heidrich, Hugh De Fonblanque, Brenda Smith, John Kelly, Richard Hill, Doris Bottomley, Daniel Gilmour, Shirley Screech, Barbara Channer, Micahel Martusewicz, Nan Keevil, William Durrant.

**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	22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday of Lent	Roddy and Jane Macaulay RIP
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Walker & McPhillips Families
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Carey and Foxton families
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	CMBF
Tues	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Solemnity of the Annunciation	Jose Curioso - In thanksgiving
<b>Tues</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St George</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Al and Pat Parry RIP
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>St George</b>	<b>Weekday of Lent</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Lent	For the Repose of the Souls of Anne Keevil, Stephen Keevil & Thomas, Gill and children.
Thurs	27 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	Jack and Mollie Sowerby RIP
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Lent	Ms Angela Zurinkas RIP
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Derick Michael Tansley RIP
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Fourth Sunday of Lent	For the good health/recovery of Sister Theresa Smythe
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Orlando Cabanting RIP
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Fourth Sunday of Lent	James & Margaret Kilcullen
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Johnie Bunce RIP

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We celebrate on Tuesday the Feast of the Annunciation. I always find the celebration of this Feast in the middle of Lent particularly poignant. As we meditate on the fourth station of the Cross, with Jesus meeting His mother, we see Mary's journey with Him from the moment of His conception to His death on the Cross and then into heaven. How powerful it is to meditate on the mysteries of Jesus' life, death and resurrection through her eyes and heart. Our parish had some wonderful news this week which brought me great joy. As you will know, we have a beautiful annual tradition of a special Marian Mass during the month of May. This will take place this year at 3pm on Sunday 11 May. In addition this year, we have the great joy of welcoming two Bishops to our 9.15am Mass on Sunday 25 May. Our own Bishop Bosco MacDonald will be joined by Archbishop George Antonysamy of Madras-Mylapore, who will be spending the weekend with us in Taunton. After Mass we will have the traditional Santacruzian procession, marking the end of our Flores de Mayo celebrations which will finish with the blessing of our new Mary garden. This should be a very special celebration – do put the dates in your diaries!

**FATHER TOM DUBOIS**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LENTEN SERVICE:** on the 6<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm at St George. on the theme 'Jesus Christ is our Hope'. This service of music, readings and reflections is based on the theme of our Jubilee Year, 'Hope'. All are welcome.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm at St George's Church.

**FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION:** As we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Tuesday, we will have an additional Mass at 7pm at St George's.

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

**THE PASSION IN ART:** 4pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MAMRE:** Our next Mamre community lunch will take place Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April after the 9:15am mass, in the Catholic centre. Confirm your attendance-WhatsApp 07514712920/the list at the back of church.

**LENT RETREAT DAY:** to reflect upon & experience Reconciliation as the Sacrament of Hope. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> April -Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, including Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PETITION AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE:** Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. Visit [www.carenotkilling.org](http://www.carenotkilling.org) to add your name online.

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

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

**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:** Holy Family, Swindon; St Joseph, Wroughton.

**Standing Orders: 16/3/25**

St George: £2037.35 St Teresa: £378

St John Fisher: £172.62

**Offertory Collection: 16/3/25**

St George: £531.14 St Teresa: £260.84 St John Fisher: £225.10

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

**AFRICAN CELEBRATION:** On 23 March we will be having an African celebration. I have invited a special guest, Fr. Cosmas Onukwugha to celebrate 9.15am Mass. He will also be giving a talk after Mass in the Catholic Centre

**PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FUND:** will be our Second Collection next weekend 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**PEREGRINATIO PRO CHRISTO:** we are really blessed to have a team of 12 people from the Legion of Mary coming from Dublin and other areas to help lead a parish mission from 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to host one of them. This would just involve providing a bed for them as we will provide all meals. Please contact Martha MacNeice if able to help at: [shootinglodge@btinternet.com](mailto:shootinglodge@btinternet.com)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March. Non-Filipino parishioners most welcome.

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP:** will be having their monthly fellowship on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey), where you'll also find further information. Survey closes on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**OPEN DOOR:** thank you for all the wonderful contributions. They are in desperate need of adult joggers. Children's clothes are not needed thank you.

**IMPACT:** the next meeting for young people will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March at St George's Rectory from 5:30pm-7pm.

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, St George's Centre

**Pray the Rosary:** Tues 6:15pm St George's Church; 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Appts by email: [healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com](mailto:healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com)