



NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Geoffrey Rowsell, Claire Ivey-Barass, Mary Ravnkilde, Ida Ottavianelli, John Hatch, Michael Kellaway-Marriott, Margaret Dickason.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR

AT THIS TIME: Rogelio Pasaylo Senior, Nell Harris, Mrs McWeeny, Ron Meatyard, Lyn Rooker, Eveline Plowman, Ann Cobb, Maria Zelazik, Michael Fallon, Margaret Litchfield, Ronald Gadd, Elle-Louise Williams, Joe McGale, Henry Cook, Richard O'Connell, Helen Partington, Peter Riley, Titus Oates, Janet Maxwell, Lilian Lay, Francis Bleeks, Ernest Collier, Mariantonia Morelli, Eileen Samuel, Mary Walsh, Jack Lynch, Denis O'Mahoney, Leighton Hanson, Bernard O'Donnell, Anne Hurd, William Moore, Sylvia Coleman, Tony Merceica, Leroy Daly, Kathleen Pocock, Frances Daley, Cynthia Fulton, Christopher Owens, Percy Dawe, Joseph Lanfranchi, Aurora Meatyard, Kathleen Rice, John Looney, Margaret Goldsworthy,

Ester Mantavani, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary Ingrams, Eileen Weatherby, Mary Murphy, Tadeusz Bauer, Mary Nash.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

John Carrington, Sue Atkins, Geoffrey Rowsell, John (Sean) Holland, 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, Margartha 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, Norman Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	8 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	First Sunday of Lent	Jim Brown RIP
Sun	9 th	8:00am	St George	First Sunday of Lent	Deceased members of the Langdon and Bonello Families
Sun	9 th	9:15am	St George	First Sunday of Lent	Rumualdo Mata and Maria Mateus RIP
Sun	9 th	11:00am	St Teresa	First Sunday of Lent	Private Intention
Mon	10 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Imelda O'Shea RIP
Tues	11 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Louise Walsh RIP
Wed	12 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	In Memory of the Begley and O'Farrell Families
Thurs	13 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Lent	Bernard O'Donnell RIP
Thurs	13 th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	Francis and Mary Wicksteed
Fri	14 th	10:00am	St Teresa	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Nan Coughlan RIP
Sat	15 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Families
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

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One of the greatest blessings for our parish during my time here so far has been the growth in the number of African parishioners. Coming from Nigeria, Cameroon, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Zambia, Ghana and a number of other countries, the richness and vibrancy of their faith has brought us so much. On 23 March we will be having an African celebration. I have invited a special guest, Fr. Cosmas Onukwugha to celebrate our 9.15am Mass. He will also be giving a talk after Mass in the Catholic Centre. For the last three years we have had a powerful link with Uganda through our support of the wonderful charity Empowering Vulnerable Children Uganda. Phil and Gordon Lland will be returning to our parishes to speak about the work of the charity at our Masses on 22 and 23 March.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursdays at 9am at St John Fisher until the 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'. All are welcome.

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 Sunday 16th March after the 9:15am mass, in the Catholic centre. Confirm your attendance via WhatsApp on 07514712920 or add your name to 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. This is an opportunity to go deeper into the theme of hope during this Jubilee year using scripture, prayer, art and focused questions. Contact the parish office to join a small group.

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. If you would like to join us for the day, please register via: <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required. If you have difficulty accessing Eventbrite, please contact us at adult.education@cliffondiocese.com and we will help you with this. The closing date for tickets is 7 July.

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

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: St Joseph, Stonehouse; Annunciation, Woodchester.

Standing Orders: 2/3/25

St George: £2037.35 St Teresa: £378

St John Fisher: £172.62

Offertory Collection: 2/3/25

St George: £850.05 St Teresa: £260.02

St John Fisher: £218.22

WORKS: scaffolding will be erected on the Catholic Centre this week as we install solar panels as part of our Live Simply commitment. On 17 March, a hearing aid loop is being installed for the St George Room in the Taunton Catholic Centre. On 18 and 19 March the sound system at St Teresa is being upgraded.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK: (CSAN) 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.

CAFOD: Family Fast Day is the Friday 14th March. There will be envelopes given out at all masses this weekend for collection next weekend.

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS:

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

PARISH LENT SOUPS: take place after the 12.30pm Mass at St George's in the Catholic Centre on March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. Donations to charity.

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.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers meets Sunday 16th March at 5:30pm-7pm in St George's Rectory.

FAIRTRADE AVAILABLE at St George on 9th March, St John Fisher on 15th March, St Teresa on 16th March. All profits and donations towards Lasallian Project to Malawi. Thank you for your support.

PARISH BOOK GROUP: next meets Wednesday 2nd April at Cotford St Luke, reading Silas Marner by George Eliot. Contact the Parish office for details

COME FOLLOW ME: In September we are hoping to recommence children's catechesis for ages 5 to 11 at St George's. Please do get in contact if you're interested.

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. Appts by email: healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com