

### **NEWSLETTER**

# FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

Michael Connor, Jim Grace

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Oliva Sherlock, Mary Cullen, Albert Bird, Vee Grother, Charles Morland, Hilda Hodges, Keith Hester, Margaret Buckle, Mary O'Grady, John Povey, Terry Murphy, Peter Walker, Mary (Jo) Stafford, James Francis, Rosie Bicknell, Daniel Gonta, Joan Robinson, Joan Crane, Malachi Carin Gorospe, Margaret Berner, William Cooke, Alfred Passmore, Barbara Stembridge, Bernard Tomala, Guy Walter, Winifred Wheeler, Iris Robinson, Olwen Forgham, Bridget Hutchings, Andrew Whelan, Anne Ryan, Victoria Batko, Ellen Jones, John Hughes, Patricia Ellen Jeffries, Hildegard Grzegorski, Raymond Boyce, Baby RB, Thirza Mann, Anthony Holland, Clemencia Baker, Mabel Dykes, Gary Gall.

#### AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Elizabeth Smart, Brian Smart, Julia Tucker, Catherine Twomey, Sister Theresa Smythe, Sue Atkins, Madeleine Page, Alma Hamilton, Jill Tansley, Anna Hradil, Penny Watson, Michael O'Connell, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Hazel Grimoldby, 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, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

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Sat	8th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Dr William White RIP and the Family
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Deceased Members of the Coleman & Warren Families
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Peter Walker RIP
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Josie Berry
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Leo the Great	Fr. Peter Hawkins RIP
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Martin of Tours	Olwen Forgham
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	1:15pm	Musgrove Chapel	Memorial of St Martin of Tours	Teresa Hewett RIP
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Memorial of St Josaphat	Anne Ryan RIP
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:15pm	St George	Memorial of St Josaphat	NO MASS DUE TO CAFOD CONCERT 7pm
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Gary Gall RIP
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Dennis Phillips RIP
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	St Teresa	Memorial of the Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese	Joan King RIP
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Norman Surridge RIP
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	Michael Connor RIP
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	St George	Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	Neil Amor RIP
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	St George	Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	Deceased Members of the Walker and Baron Families
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	St Teresa	Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	The Lowe and King Families

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In today's Gospel Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple, saying, "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" This powerful act is not merely about cleansing a physical space; it signifies a deeper spiritual truth. Jesus wants us to understand that true worship is not found in external rituals or structures, but in a heart that honours God. When He speaks of "destroying this temple" and raising it again in three days, He is speaking of His own body—the living temple in which God's presence now dwells with us.

In today's reading from Corinthians, Paul reminds us that "you are God's temple and... God's Spirit dwells in you." The spiritual temple of the Church has Christ for its foundation and just as Jesus purified the temple in Jerusalem, we are called to allow Him to cleanse our hearts and communities of anything that defiles or distracts from God's presence.

Today's readings invite us to undertake deep examination of self. If we are the temple of God, then our lives must reflect His holiness and truth. To misuse our bodies, relationships, or spiritual communities for selfish purposes is to embody the corruption Jesus condemned. Rather, we are to live as sacred spaces where God's love, justice, and mercy dwell. Christ, our true foundation, continually renews and sanctifies His temple—us—so that we may reveal His glory to the world.

#### **FATHER DAVID SAVOURY**

#### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHARITY CONCERT:** in aid of Cafod, 7pm - 8pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, \$t Georges Church. **There will be no 6.15 Mass this evening.** Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Parish Centre. This concert is free; a basket will be available for cash donations to CAFOD.

ADORATION AT ST JOHN FISHER: could you spare one hour a week to be with the Lord? We're looking to augment our adoration hours at St John Fisher as more and more people are visiting the Blessed Sacrament on a Wednesday evening. If you think you could make a commitment or just want more information, please contact philbarra@blueyonder.co.uk or come along during our regular adoration hours.

**FAMILY MASS:** Bishop Bosco is to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 14 February** (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, if you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Red Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians on Wednesday 19th November at 6.45pm in Clifton Cathedral with Bishop Bosco MacDonald as main celebrant. The default position of 'the world' on the issue of Christian persecution is largely silence. #RedWednesday week offers a chance as Catholics and other Christians to make a stand together in solidarity. Bishop Bosco will be saying this Mass for Persecuted Christians. Please come and unite in prayer with our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. All are welcome.

**ADVENT LUNCHES:** As part of our Advent preparations at St. John Fisher we are planning to hold four Advent Lunches where over a packed lunch we will explore themes linked to the season. The first will take place on Wednesday 26th Nov & then 3rd, 10th and 17th December. Meetings will be from 12 - 1.30. The theme for the first will be Journeys. You are invited to bring scriptural readings, poems, hymns or anything linked to the themeor just bring yourselves and a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. All are welcome.

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 – 9:00pm Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour); St Teresa: Mon 10am; St John

Fisher: Wed 5pm-6pm; Thurs10-12pm

**BENEDICTION:** 7pm Fridays at St George's Catholic Church

#### **NOTICES**

**Diocesan Prayer Link:** St Edmund, Calne; St Anthony of Padua, Melksham.

Standing Orders: 2/11/2025

St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92

St John Fisher: £176.08

Offertory Collection: 2/11/2025

St George: £1077.58 St Teresa: £310.63

St John Fisher: £250.59

JIM GRACE'S FUNERAL: will be held on Monday 17th November at 2pm at Taunton Crematorium's Chanel

**FAIRTRADE:** available at St George Sunday 9th November, St John Fisher on Sat. 15th November, St Teresa on Sun. 16th November. Thank you.

**AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP:** meet Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after 9:15am Mass, in the Parish Centre.

**PINOY CLUB:** next now meet every **third** Sunday of the month- next meeting on Sunday 23rd November after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre.

**IMPACT YOUTH GROUP:** meet 16<sup>th</sup> November. For teens aged 12-18 in the Rectory 5 30 to 7 pm.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Thursdays 6:30-8pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome.

FR PETER MARDEN: wishes to thank everyone who made his Silver Jubilee of Ordination so special. SAFEGUARDING: we have been contacted by the Diocese regarding training updates for all DBS 2 & 3 volunteers. The Diocese wishes a training update every 3 years. They prefer this to be done through the CSSA website as it is verifiable. Should volunteers have trouble with the website, please

**ST TERESA:** Next event will be soup & a roll on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**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

**Led Holy Hour:** St George's on the last Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm

Mother's Prayer: Every other Thurs 8-10pm Parish Centre. Prepare for Sunday praying the Mass readings together:

20/11 1pm in St George's Centre

contact the Parish Office.

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 each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George. Also appts by mail: healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com