



NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Mary Toomey, Carmel Allan, Jurdanalyn Francisco, Mary Ann Estonido Mariano, Marie Grant, Eduardo Albanez.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Jacqueline Urwick, Vera Hart, Mrs Rice, Emilia Wadham, Mariette Lockyer, Mary Nelson, Shelley Pielou, John Cross, Patrick Kirwan, Patricia Brodie, Louise Timmins, George Camps, Jean Pedrick, Sheila Gibbs, John Hegarty, Gregorz Lamanczyk, Freda Bourke, Doris Collins, Domenica Dolente, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Mrs Woods, Robert King, Veronica Ismail, Frank Allen, Carole Marden, Philip Binding, Mary Veronica Raunkilde, Franc Barnes, Thomas Conlon, Fred Selwood, Louise Walsh, John Westworth, Cathy McStay, Mary Middleton, Lily Cook, Marcelle Holden, Margaret Murphy,

Wendy Francis, Mr Dukes, Mrs Lincoln, Robert Walker, Eileen Osborne, Barbara Sampson, Kate Boden.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Eileen Strickland Brian Toomey, 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, , Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, 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:

Sat	21 st	5:30pm	St John Fisher	First Sunday of Lent	Fr Noriel Salvador
Sun	22 nd	8:00am	St George	First Sunday of Lent	Deceased Member of the Foxtan Family
Sun	22 nd	9:15am	St George	First Sunday of Lent	Deacon Trevor Jones
Sun	22 nd	11:00am	St Teresa	First Sunday of Lent	John Hatch RIP
Sun	22nd	3:30pm	St George's Centre	Lenten Service	
Mon	23 rd	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Carol Ann Marden RIP
Tues	24 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Kenneth Loveridge RIP
Tues	24 th	1:15pm	Musgrove Chapel	Weekday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Wed	25 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Fr James Byrne RIP
Wed	25 th	6:15pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Thurs	27 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Thurs	27 th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	Deacon Trevor Jones
Fri	28 th	10:00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Lent	Thomas Lowe
Sat	29 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Mass of Thanksgiving to God and His Kingdom
Sat	29 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Second Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Sun	30 th	8:00am	St George	Second Sunday of Lent	Fr David Savoury
Sun	30 th	9:15am	St George	Second Sunday of Lent	James Littlejohns RIP
Sun	22 nd	11:00am	St Teresa	Second Sunday of Lent	Mai Kelly

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (cf. 9:1-3). Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN FISHER: there will be four Lenten Lunch discussion groups at St. John Fisher. The first will be on Wednesday 25th February; the second on Wednesday 4th March. They will start at 12 and finish at 1.30. The dates of the two other discussions will be later in March. Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. If you have a Sunday missal please bring it with you, though this is not essential. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend.

LENTEN SERVICE: Lenten Service, 3.30pm Sunday 22nd February in St George's Parish Centre. Theme: 'Seek ye for the Kingdom of God'. A service of readings, reflections and music for Lent. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS: We are now practicing the music for Lent and Easter on Thursday evenings in St Georges Church. Juniors 7.00pm – 8.15pm, Choir and Music Group 7.30pm – 9.00pm. All are welcome.

PARISH LENT SOUPS: take place after the 12.30pm Mass at St George's in the Catholic Centre on Feb 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. All welcome. Donations to charity.

YOUTH MASS: the next youth mass will take place on Wednesday 25th in St George at 6:15pm.

FAMILY FAST DAY: next Friday 27th February. This year we are supporting people in South Sudan our neighbours who have suffered from drought. If they had the amount of rain we are having their crops would be able to grow in abundance. Sadly, the drought they are facing is worse than ever. Please support if you can. You will be able to get a fast day envelope from the church this Sunday.

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-8:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am – 9:00pm

Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);

St John Fisher: Wed 5pm-6pm; Thurs 10-12pm

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

PARISH COMMUNITIES & FELLOWSHIPS:

LEGION OF MARY: meet Thursday 6:30-pm in the Catholic Centre. All welcome

AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: meet the first Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

PINOY CLUB: meet the third Sunday of every month from 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Dominic, Dursley/ St Joseph, Nympsfield.

Standing Orders: 14/02/2026

St George: £2153.42 St Teresa: £369.92

St John Fisher: £176.08

Offertory Collection: 14/02/2026

St George: £696.61 St Teresa: £298.65

St John Fisher: £184.40

FUNERAL: there will be a funeral for Mrs Elizabeth (Mary) Toomey at Taunton Crematorium on the 26th February at 10:40am. If you knew Mary and are planning to come, please contact the funeral directors on 01823 272183.

FATHER NORIEL SALVADOR: On Sunday 22nd February after the 9:15am Mass, there will be a farewell for Father Noriel in the Parish Centre to thank him for his work and service to the Parish.

FAIRTRADE: available at:

St George on Sunday 22nd Feb.

All proceeds to the project in Malawi.

THE BOOK GROUP: will next meet on 4th March at 2.00pm reading "All Among the Barley" by Melissa Harrison -we meet in St George's Rectory.

THANK YOU: for the cards and gifts and kindness you have all given to me. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and will miss you all, Diz.

PRAYER GROUPS:

Charismatic Prayer Group: every Wednesday 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: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1pm in the Parish 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 each month after all Masses except 8am & after Mass on 3rd Sat at St. George.

Appointments are available by mail: healing@tauntonvalecatholics.com