



NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Peter Ballantine, Cornelius Walsh.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES

OCCUR AT THIS TIME: David Marshall, Rodney Steele, Maria Pridmore, Brenda Shackleton, Joanna Clasby, Ursula Lanfranchi, Richard O'Connell, Bishop Rudderham, Fr Stacey, Pat Taylor, Ernest Williams, Mamie Rellis, Poppy Moran, Sidney Verrier, Mary Hardwell, Mary Kirtley, Monique Gregory, Gloria Weaver, Marguerite Forscutt, Betty Grinter, Delia De Val, Doreen Hickson, Leslie Allen, Tessa Hickman, Lilian Hurman, Walter Ranson, John Coleman, Rosina Tooze, Edward Howard, Mabel Yandell, Ray Forgham, John Bradbury-Williams, Jennifer Knowles, Hilda Cain.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Michael O'Connell, Philomena O'Connor, Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, Nora Corcoran, Hazel Grimoldby, Joy Bellekom, Sylvia Richardson, Jan Rimmer, Mavis Parsons, Marie Mackay, Trevor Nelson, Richard Fairfax, Roger Dore, Florencia Duga, Sandra Jones, Christopher Browne, Monica Spalding, Eveleen O'Farrell, Jane Tolfree, Angela Roberts, Ann Young, Carmel Allan, Sean Carroll, Martin Connolly, Bernadette Fiddaman, Joseph Hughes, Imogen Jenkins, Paul Jones, Riza Carol Khan, Monica Macauley, Esther Page, Lochlan Quinlan, Jane Randall, Sr Raymond SSJA, Michael Sigsworth, Vic Smith, Norman Surrige, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

Sat	10 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Friends of Denise Knott
Sun	11 th	8:00am	St George	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Baptist Menezes RIP
Sun	11 th	9:15am	St George	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mrs Nora Caray, Dr John Caray and all the Gregory Family RIP
Sun	11 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Corazon Baylen RIP
Mon	12 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Andrew Walker RIP
Tues	13 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday in Ordinary Time	Minnie Crossman RIP
Wed	14 th	9:30am	St George	Ash Wednesday	Louise Loveridge RIP
Wed	14th	11:00am	St John Fisher	Ash Wednesday	People of the Parishes
Wed	14th	12:30pm	St Teresa	Ash Wednesday	People of the Parishes
Wed	14th	7:00pm	St George	Ash Wednesday	People of the Parishes
Thurs	15 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Raymond Forgham RIP
Thurs	15 th	12:30pm	St George	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	The McKay Family
Fri	16 th	10:00am	St Teresa	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Marian Ring
Sat	17 th	9:30am	St George	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Andrew Duncan RIP
Sat	17 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	First Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Sun	18 th	8:00am	St George	First Sunday of Lent	Deceased Members of the Foxtan Family
Sun	18 th	9:15am	St George	First Sunday of Lent	Deacon Trevor Jones
Sun	18 th	11:00am	St Teresa	First Sunday of Lent	Marian Ring

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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 Daily 6:30am-7:30am; Tue-Fri 5-6pm; Wed 6:30am-9:30am; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am - midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour); St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-7pm; Thurs 10-12pm

PRAYER GROUPS: Charismatic Prayer Group: Wed 7:00pm-8:30pm in St George's Centre

Mother's Prayer Group: Every other Thurs 8-10pm St George's Centre

Ignatian Prayer group: Thurs 1-2:15pm, 22nd Feb.

7th March 2pm 28th March, 11th, 25th April

Pray the Rosary: Tues 6:15pm St George's Church

As we prepare to enter into the Lenten season, I'm struck by how the Lenten commitments to deeper prayer, fasting and almsgiving nourish and strengthen each other. Fasting opens a deeper space for prayer. The time spent in prayer contemplating God's love and generosity opens our hearts more fully to those around us, especially those in greatest need. May the Lord richly bless and guide you as you decide on your Lenten commitments and embark on this journey of deeper conversion to God's heart.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN RETREAT: Clifton Diocese & 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in six online sessions. 20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March. To sign up, please go to www.cliffondiocese.com

3 WEST COUNTRY SAINTS: Sunday 25th February at 16:00 at the Parish Centre. Mary Chisholm is giving an illustrated talk on the lives of them, namely: St. Dunstan, St. Walburga, St. Boniface.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: to North Wales from Tuesday May 28th for 4 nights. We will visit the ancient shrine of St Winifride at Holywell, and the tiny, remote shrine of Pennant Melangel, and stay at St Augustine's Priory Old Colwyn, a retreat house of the Chigwell sisters. £65 per day plus transport costs. Please let the parish office know before the end of March if you want to attend.

LANDINGS: our new programme to welcome back resting Catholics will be starting on the 9th Feb at 7pm in the rectory.

LISTENING WITH THE HEART SERIES: the Diocese department of Adult Education and Evangelisation are offering an opportunity to develop the skills of small group facilitation on Tues 5 March: St George, Taunton (7-9pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779981193747>

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: a day of reflection on the theme of the Eucharist, on Saturday 24th February from 10:30am - 3pm in the Catholic Centre.. The day will be taken by Father David Mills & will include refreshments, Mass and a bring and share lunch. £10 charge to cover costs. adrian@adivine.co.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 is 23rd to 30th August. Details can be found on the Diocese website 0117 902 5590

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS: we're running small groups for Lent, using a new booklet called 'we dare to say'. The connection of the Our Father with the sacraments and the devotional life is explored, & wisdom from the saints is offered for the spiritual growth of group participants and individuals. If you want to join or a copy of the booklet (£1 suggested donation) please contact the parish office or register on the website.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD UPDATE: It would be wonderful if you could please forward photos to the Parish Office of any actions you have taken towards Living Simply, and/or any meat free recipes that you might be using for Fridays.

ELECTRIC PIANO: required for St Georges Church.

If anyone has an electric piano they'd be happy to donate to St Georges Church, please contact the Parish Office.

LENTEN SERVICE: 4pm Sunday 18th February, St Georges Church. Readings, Prayers and Reflections for the season..

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursdays 15th Feb-21st March 9am at St John Fisher; Fridays 16th Feb-22nd March 9:30am at St Teresa; Saturdays 17th Feb-23rd March at St George.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 20th March 7pm St George's.

IMPACT: our group for teenagers will next meet on the 18th February 5:30pm-7pm in the Rectory.

INSPIRE: we're taking teenagers to this event at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 2nd March. For more info & consent forms please contact the parish office.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 4th March-17th March. There will be Fairtrade items on offer in all churches.

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: Holy Rood, Swindon; St Peter, Swindon; Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett.

Standing Orders: 4/2/24

St George's: £1104.94 St Teresa's: £185.57

Offertory Collection: 4/2/24

St George's: £2130.52 St Teresa's: £326.39

ASH WEDNESDAY: this Wednesday, which is a day of fasting and abstinence.

FINANCE REPORTS: the annual financial results for each of our parishes and the report explaining these are now available on our website. Thank you for your continued generous support of the mission of the parish.

MASS TIME CHANGE: during Lent we will be changing Friday times at St Teresa's. From 16 February, these will be 8.30am confessions, 9am Mass and 9.30am Stations of the Cross.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: from 23 to 25 February at Brownshill Monastery. See ndv.org.uk or speak to Fr Tom for further information.

CHRISM MASS: if any Parishioners need transport, please contact the Parish Office.

THIS LENT: we invite families who've lost a child to join together in prayer and reflection through Lent at an informal friendly group meeting in the Rectory on Thurs 7pm to 8.30pm, from February 15. Just arrive, or call the parish office for more info. A family member or friend is welcome.

LENT PARISH SOUPS: take place in the Catholic Centre at St George's following the 12.30pm Mass on Thursdays throughout Lent, excluding Holy Week. All welcome. Donations to charity. Soup lunches take place on February 15, 22, 29 and March 7, 14 and 21.

ALL SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS: join us for the celebration of Lent & Easter. Practices are: Junior Choir: 7.00pm- 8.15pm, Choir 7.30pm – 9.00pm, Thurs evenings in St Georges Church. Instrumentalists please contact: the Parish Office or Anne-Marie Twort tel: 01823 253293.

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS: following initial work on improving our welcome for newcomers, we're now deciding which ideas to take forward. Could you join us for a brainstorming session to plan how we can make newcomers to our parish feel especially welcome? On 2 March from 1.30 to 3pm in the Catholic Centre we will be looking at the in-person greeting and the follow up process, on 4th March the Physical Space 5-6:30pm at St John Fisher.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER March 1st 10:30am at St George's, Wilton- prepared this year by the Christian women of Palestine.