



NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Anne Young

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Henry Cook, Richard O'Connell, Helen Partington, Titus Oates, Janet Maxwell, Francis Bleeks, Ernest Collier, Mariantonia Morelli, Eileen Samuel, Mary Walsh, Jack Lynch, Denis O'Mahony, Leighton Hanson, Sylvia Coleman, Tony Merceica, Leroy Daly, Kathleen Pocock, Frances Daley, Cynthia Fulton, Christopher Owens, Percy Dawe, Joseph Lanfranchi, Aurora Meatyard, Kathleen Rice, Margaret Golsworthy, Ester Mantavani, Anthony O'Boyle, Mary Ingrams, Eileen Weatherby, Mary Murphy, Tadeusz Bauer, Mary Nash, Frances Fewing, Maria Sanetra, Sally Potter, Joe McGale, Elle-Louise Williams, Peter Riley, Lilian Lay, William Moore, Anne Hurd, John Looney, Kathleen Archbank, Barry Denman.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Michael O'Connell, , Paul Thorpe, Maureen Hughes, Margaret Smith, Anna Bingham, Mary Hutchings, Margaritha Gibson, Anne King, Graham King, 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, 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 Surridge, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	2 nd	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Third Sunday of Lent	Jim Brown RIP
Sun	3 rd	8:00am	St George	Third Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Cremin RIP
Sun	3 rd	9:15am	St George	Third Sunday of Lent	Fr James Byrne RIP
Sun	3 rd	11:00am	St Teresa	Third Sunday of Lent	Greg John Gall RIP
Mon	4 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Peter Walker RIP
Tues	5 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Angela and Tony Ramsey RIP
Wed	6 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Andrew Walker RIP
Thurs	7 th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Weekday of Lent	Ann Cobb RIP
Thurs	7 th	12:30pm	St George	Weekday of Lent	John O'Brien RIP
Fri	8th	9:00am	St Teresa	Weekday of Lent	Cynthia Fulton RIP
Sat	9 th	9:30am	St George	Weekday of Lent	Maureen Hughes
Sat	9 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Fourth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parishes
Sun	10 th	8:00am	St George	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Mgr Patrick Lynch RIP
Sun	10 th	9:15am	St George	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Imelda O'Shea RIP
Sun	10 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Fourth Sunday of Lent	For the Repose of the Soul of Mr H. Kara

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We are blessed to have Lauren Jewhurst from Safe Families joining us this weekend. They work supporting families who are facing challenges. This past couple of years more than ever has shown us the impact of loneliness and isolation. For so many families in our communities this has not just been a recent struggle, it is a daily challenge they face. That is why the work of Safe Families in connecting and bringing a sense of belonging to families is more important than ever. As part of our commitment as parishes to supporting families in need we are partnering with Safe Families to support their work. There are some simple ways that you might consider doing this. You might be able to commit to praying for them and the families they work with. You might also consider volunteering to support their work. There are three main voluntary ways in which you can do this: as a family friend, host home or resource friend. Family friends might visit families for an hour a week to provide emotional and practical support, enabling parents to feel less isolated. Or they might offer encouragement over a phone or video call. Host volunteers offer respite to families by opening their homes to look after children for a night once a month, or perhaps for a few nights in an emergency, or even simply having children over for a meal and to play games. Resource friends are individuals who are able to provide useful items such as storage, a cot or children's clothing or who offer practical skills like gardening and DIY. They also welcome any financial donation you might want to make. You can find out more on their website <http://safefamilies.uk> or call Lauren on 07771453209 for an informal chat.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SERVICE: readings, reflections and music, 4pm this Sunday 3rd March in St Georges Church.

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.

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>

STAY AWAKE: is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024** from **10:00 – 19:00** at **All Saints Academy, Weymouth**. We are looking at taking a group from Taunton. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thursdays until 21st March 9am at St John Fisher; Fridays until 22nd March 9:30am at St Teresa; Saturdays until 23rd March 9am at St George. During Lent, **Friday Mass at St Teresa will be at 9am with 8:30am Confessions.**

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

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

CATHOLIC SEASONS: will hold a stall at St. George's church after the 9:15am Mass on Sunday 3rd March. Our online shop can be found here: www.catholicseasons.com and you can find us on Instagram @catholicseasons

WEST SOMERSET SINGERS: present 'Road to Calvary' music for Holy Week, including 'Olivet to Calvary' - Maunder and 'God so Loved the World' -Stainer. 7.00pm, Saturday 23rd March, St George's Church Tickets - £10, available on the door or contact Chris Knapman, secretary, on (01823) 335303 or email secretary@westsomersetsingers.org.uk.

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-Fri5-6pm;Wed6:30am-9:30am; Thurs 12 -12:25pm; Fri 5:00am - midnight; Saturdays 10am-11am (Children's Holy hour);St John Fisher: Wed 3pm-7pm;Thurs10-12pm

NOTICES

Diocesan Prayer Link: Christ the King, Thornbury; Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge.

Standing Orders: 25/2/24

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

Offertory Collection: 25/2/24

St George's: £1064.38 (weekly) St Teresa's: £275.16

FUNERAL MASS: for Ann Young will be held at St Teresa's Church on Monday 11th March at 12:30pm.

ADORATION: There is no adoration at St George's on Friday 8 March 5- 9pm due to the Syro-Malabar mission. Please keep the mission in your prayers.

LENT PARISH SOUPS: take place in the Catholic Centre at St George's following the 12.30pm Mass on Thursdays through Lent, excluding Holy Week. March 7, 14 and 21.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: with tea and cake after Mass 9th March at St John Fisher Church.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: we are looking to participate in this national scheme and offer tours, talks and displays about the history of the church. If you'd be interested in participating in the project you are invited to a meeting on Thursday 7 March at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 is 23rd to 30th August.

Details can be found on the Diocese website or by calling 0117 902 5590

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

IMPACT: our youth group for teenagers will next meet this Sunday 3 March from 5.30 to 7pm in St George's Rectory.

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

Ignatian Prayer group: Thurs 1-2:15pm **7th March 2pm**
28th March, 11th, 25th April

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