



NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

Geoffrey Rowsell, Claire Ivey-Barass.

WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Thomas Wyse, Mr Blagdon, Winifred Hayman, Mary Smith, John Moore, James Davies, Sam & Emily Hays, Martin Halligan, Mrs Watts, Camilla Alexander, Michael Fitzgerald, Marguerite Wakefield, Edward Gay, Stanley Trott, Derek Gubb, Mary Crowther, John Steer, John Bell, Alice Wrigley, Beatrice Duxberry, Eileen McNichol, Tony Raucki, Laurence Byrne, Anton Hreszuk, Linda Taylor.

AND THOSE WHO ARE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Alison Brown, Sister Theresa Smythe, John Carrington, Sue Atkins, 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, Margaritha 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, Vera Terry, Mary Wallace.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat	12 th	5:30pm	St John Fisher	Palm Sunday	People of the Parishes
Sun	13 th	8:00am	St George	Palm Sunday	Leslie Allen RIP
Sun	13 th	9:15am	St George	Palm Sunday	Roy Strickland RIP
Sun	13 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Palm Sunday	Deceased Members of the McIntosh Family
Mon	14 th	9:30am	St George	Monday of Holy Week	Maureen Whelan RIP
Tues	15 th	9:30am	St George	Tuesday of Holy Week	Evelyn O'Farrell-Birthday
Tues	15th	1:05pm	Musgrove Hospital Chapel	Tuesday of Holy Week	Molly O'Brien RIP
Wed	16th	11:00am	Cliffon Cathedral	Chrim Mass	
Wed	16th	6:15pm	St George	Wednesday of Holy Week	Norman Surridge RIP
Thurs	17th	9:00am	St George	Holy (Maundy) Thursday Morning Prayer	
Thurs	17th	7:00pm	St George	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	People of the Parishes
Fri	18th	9:00am	St George	Good Friday Morning Prayer	
Fri	18th	3:00pm	St George	Good Friday	Claude Page RIP
Sat	19th	9:00am	St George	Holy Saturday Office of readings & Morning Prayer	
Sat	19th	8:30pm	St George	Easter Vigil	People of the Parishes
Sun	20 th	8:00am	St George	Sunday of the Resurrection	In Thanksgiving
Sun	20 th	9:15am	St George	Sunday of the Resurrection	Stephanie Hunt (Brown) RIP
Sun	20th	9:30am	St John Fisher	Sunday of the Resurrection	People of the Parishes
Sun	20 th	11:00am	St Teresa	Sunday of the Resurrection	Patrick King RIP

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As we enter into Holy Week, I wanted to invite you to consider joining us for the Paschal Triduum, the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These are incredibly powerful and such a beautiful way to enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of Himself in the Last Supper, on the Cross and in the joy of His Resurrection. If you have never been to these liturgies, I would warmly encourage you to do so. It's also the only time when all of our parishes come together for a shared celebration, making the communion lived at the heart of our Taunton Vale Catholics family one that is rooted in our common prayer and drawing closer to Jesus.

As Cardinal Nichols powerfully said a few years ago "In recent years, since the Second Vatican Council, we have talked of the Church as a *communio*: a communion or even as a community. This talk of the Church, or the parish, as a community, has little depth unless the word *communio* refers first of all the life of God. The Church is a *communio* in and through the communion of life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Only because we have been drawn, together, into that life are we a community. We are not a group of like-minded people who agree a programme of action. We are participants together in the mystery of God. Everything about our Church flows from there. Everything about our parish flows from there – at least everything worth having! Parishes are not really communities unless they are rooted in the *communio* of the life of God. Nothing else will hold us together. Our striving after that sharing of life, of love, of truth, of goodness, of beauty which flows from God is the only thing that makes sense of parish life. That is why the celebration of Mass is our central act; why we say that the Eucharist makes the Church. This is why our life of prayer is essential; why our pondering of the Scriptures is crucial; why our gazing on Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament is our silent centre." Let us pray that our shared celebration of this Holy Week may draw us more profoundly into that *communio*.

FATHER TOM DUBOIS

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER: we will be celebrating Morning Prayer at 9am at St George on each of the days of the Triduum. All welcome to join us.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: we will be having Divine Mercy Sunday devotions and confessions at St Teresa's on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April at 3pm.

PARISH FEAST DAY: 9:15am at St George. Enjoy a Mass and celebration for Parish Feast Day with a blessing of the Divine Mercy Image.

THE PASSION IN ART: 4pm 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. All welcome.

MAMRE: Our next Mamre community lunch will take place this Sunday 13th April after the 9:15am mass, in the Catholic centre. Confirm your attendance-WhatsApp 07514712920/the list at the back of church.

CHRISM MASS: at Clifton Cathedral at 11am on Wednesday 16th April. If you wish to go and need transport please contact the office.

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. Visit <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your ticket. For the catering, a printed/mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS: in the Rectory weekly between Easter & Pentecost from 6.30pm-7.30pm on Friday 25th April -Friday 30th May, including Saturday 24th May 10am - 4pm.

ST DUNSTAN PASTORAL AREA JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Saturday 12th July at St George 10am-4pm (Vigil Mass 3pm). Celebrate God through each other while reflecting on what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope. Music, food, art, children's activities, confessions, rosary prayer and reflection and more. For sponsorship or volunteering contact sharonmarydouglas@gmail.com

PEREGRINATIO PRO CHRISTO: we are really blessed to have a team of 12 people from the Legion of Mary coming from Dublin and other areas to help lead a parish mission from 5th-12th July. We are looking for volunteers who might be willing to host one of them. This would just involve providing a bed for them as we will provide all meals. Contact Martha MacNeice to help at: shootinglodge@btinternet.com

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: closed Friday 18th until 23rd at 9am.

SATINT RITA NEIGHBOURHOOD FAITH SHARING GROUP: covering those living near the station. Contact Kenneth on 0749 4796825

ST TERESA: Bring and Share on the 27th April to Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Please see the list of at the back of Church. It's nearly BBQ time!

ST JOHN FISHER: will be holding a Dining in Night event on the 26th April after evening Mass.

FINAL SYNOD DOCUMENT-Pope Francis adopted the Rome Synod Assembly's recommendations into the Church's Magisterium on 26th October 2024. Explore the Final Synod Document over six weeks with an inspiring cast of experts including Archbishop Jason Gordon, Trinidad and Tobago. Live on Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm, 21st May to 25th June, or watch anytime on YouTube. Perfect for small groups or individual reflection. Find out more and register here. <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/our-resources/final-document-book-club-2025>

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 George/St Teresa of Lisieux, Taunton; St John Fisher, Wellington with Wiveliscombe.

Standing Orders: 06/04/25

St George: £2037.35 St Teresa: £378

St John Fisher: £172.62

Offertory Collection: 06/04/2025

St George:£943.46 St Teresa:£293.66 St John Fisher: £268.45

SECOND COLLECTION: for Holy Places on Good Friday 18th April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Saturday 12th April at St George 9am; Friday 18th April 10:30am at St Teresa,

CONTEMPLATIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 15th April at 7pm.

this is a beautiful opportunity to have a more meditative experience of the Stations as we move into Holy Week
CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 9.30am Good Friday, 18th April, at St George- followed by Hot Cross Buns. Practice 9am for children who want to take part.

ST TERESA STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY: at 10am. Our Stations of The Cross are journeying with Jesus to his death and resurrection through the eyes of Mary, his mother. The Stations will be led by women of our parish.

PINOY CLUB: next meet Sunday 27th April after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre. Non-Filipino parishioners welcome.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: will be having their monthly fellowship on Sunday 4th May after the 9:15am Mass in the Parish Centre Come along and experience fellowship with a warm community of Christians.

IMPACT: the next meeting for young people will be held Sunday 13th April at St George's Rectory 5:30pm-7pm.

MISSIO: If you have a red box that needs emptying please contact the office.

ENCOUNTER 2025: is a diocesan wide programme to equip and empower people to share their faith and be renewed in heart and mind. <https://cliffondiocese.com/encounter/>

PARISH BOOK GROUP: will meet next on Wednesday 7th May at Cottford St Luke. 2.00 pm. Reading 'Green Mantle' by Richard Hannay/John Buchan. Friendly group welcomes new members.

EASTER MASS TIMES:

Maundy Thursday Mass: 17th April 7pm with watching until Midnight, St George.

Liturgy of the Passion-18th April 3pm at St George.

Easter Vigil-19th April 8:30pm at St George.

Easter Day Masses-20th April 8am and 9:15am St George, 9:30am at St John Fisher, 11am at St Teresa.

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 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