

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD

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ORDINARY SUNDAY VI (Year C) Septuagesima

Sat 15 th Feb		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 16 th Feb		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Frances' intentions)	Dursley
Mon 17 th Feb	The Servite Founders	NO PUBLIC MASS		
Tue 18 th Feb	Feria of Week 6	9.30am	Mass (Mary Ann Bucci RIP)	Dursley
Wed 19 th Feb	Feria	9.00am	Mass ()	Dursley
Thu 20 th Feb	Feria	10.00am	Mass (St Joseph's School)	Nympsfield
Fri 21 st Feb	St Peter Damian	6.00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ()	Dursley
Sat 22 nd Feb	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Feast	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
		3.00pm - 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

ORDINARY SUNDAY VII (Year C) Sexagesima

Sat 22 nd Feb		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
Sun 23 rd Feb		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	Dursley

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious.

MASS PROPERS FOR ORDINARY SUNDAY VI – (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your Name.

First Reading – Jeremiah 17:5-8 *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm Blessed the man, who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:12, & 16-20 *St Paul demonstrates that unless the Resurrection really happened, our faith is futile.*

Alleluia Verse Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Gospel Reading – Luke 5:1-11 *St Luke begins to unfold to us the Sermon on the Plain, starting with his version of the Beatitudes.*



Communion Antiphon They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **Thursday 20th February – 10.30am Coffee Morning at Pat Uglow's, 11 Stanthill Drive, Dursley GL11 4PP. Raffle, 'Bring & Buy'. Bring your friends. Parking on the drives of kind neighbours at Numbers 3, 11 & 12**
- Bobi Milczarczyk's Requiem will be at 11.00am on Wednesday 26th February.
- Saturday 1st March at Noon, Mass of St David (in English!) in St Joseph's, Nympsfield to facilitate the burial of ashes in our cemetery.
- Shrove Tuesday 4th March – 6.00pm Pancake Evening in St Dominic's Parish Hall
- Ash Wednesday 5th March – Mass & Ashing in St Dominic's @ 9.00am & in St Joseph's @ Noon
- Friday 7th March [Women's] World Day of Prayer at 2.30pm in Cam Methodist church. The order of service this year is drawn up by women in the Cook Islands of the Pacific
- Sunday 16th March Lent II – Soup Lunch in the hall after Café Dominic
- Thursday 22nd May to Wednesday 28th May **St Wulstan's Southern Way Catholic Walking Pilgrimage** from Worcester Anglican cathedral to Clifton RC Cathedral – Walk, Talk, Pray, Celebrate. You are invited to join all or part of the walking, as well as the evening celebrations in the church where they stop overnight. More details will follow. This is part of the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

200 CLUB JANUARY WINNERS

- Elizabeth Archer
- Maureen O'Donnell
- Jamie Whitney

There are numbers available, if you would like to sign up for this simple fun and fundraiser

LENT PRAYER COURSE 6 sessions on the Lord's Prayer, led by Revd. Jimmy Cullingford, the Minister at Dursley Methodist church. The meetings each Tuesday can either be attended at Dursley Methodist chapel on in the morning at 10.30am or via a House Group in the evening. The Prayer Course is a 6-week journey through the Lord's Prayer, with 24-7 Prayer founder Pete Greig and co-host Poppy Williams. Each session includes a video, a guide for small group discussion and practical ideas for prayer. The Prayer Course is based on Pete Greig's book *How To Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People*.

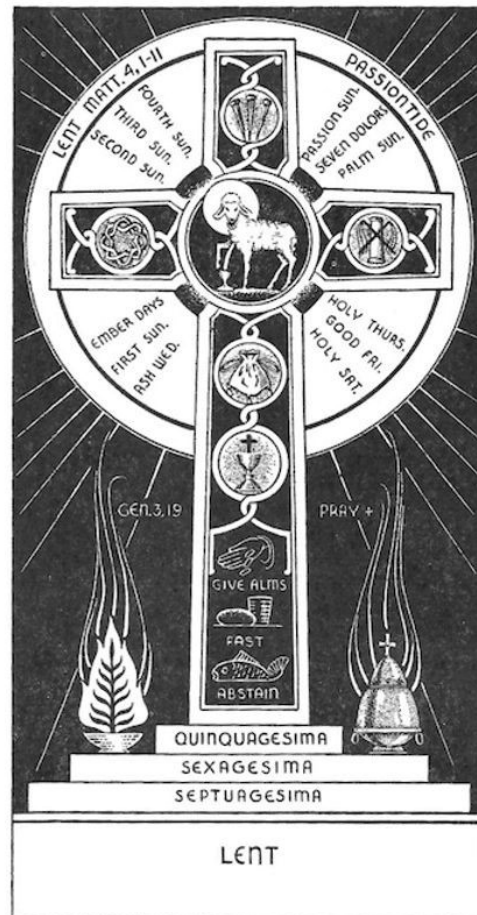
"AGING GRACEFULLY" – LENTEN SERIES Come and join in with the Ageing Gracefully course. It starts on **5th March, running for 6 weeks from 2pm to 4pm, during Lent**. The course is led by Ian Donald, a retired Doctor and Christian. It is designed for those who are ready to confront the process of ageing, blending medical expertise with biblical insight and practical Christian wisdom. I enclose a flyer to book onto the course or please do feel that you can just turn up. For more information please look at this link, <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2024/ageing-gracefully-course-practical-theology-of-later-life/>

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAYS IN LENT Last year, we met in the dark, and Dursley's Methodist community played host at their chapel. This year, we shall be meeting in the light, **each Sunday @ 4.00pm, moving around the various churches of the Ecumenical Partnership, for whose hospitality we are already grateful in advance.**

THE -GESIMAS

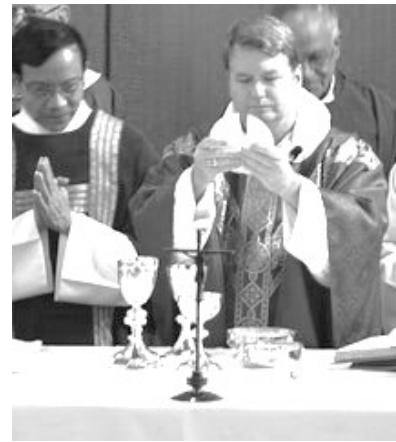
Septuagesima—seventy days
 To Easter's primrose tide of praise;
 The Gesimas—Septua-, Sexa-, Quinc-
 Mean Lent is near, which makes you think.
 Septuagesima—when we're told
 To "run the race," to "keep our hold,"
 Ignore injustice, not give in, and practice stern self-
 discipline;
 A somewhat unattractive time
 Which hardly lends itself to rhyme.

This is the start of the poem "Septuagesima" by Sir John Betjeman. We no longer use the -Gesima titles for the Sundays leading up to Lent. There are no special readings or mass propers for these 3 Sundays and it is possible, though deeply unadvisable, to hit Ash Wednesday like a train, crashing into the buffers. For this reason, we are adding the -Gesima titles on the front cover of our bulletin to remind us the season is on the way. Inside, you will find details of events and worship to facilitate your fruitful participation in the coming season of prayer, fasting and works of charity. In a sense, although our Catholic Community and ecumenical partners provide opportunities, you still must think for yourself about what you are giving up (Vice) and what you are taking on (Virtue). Each individual Christian's observance will be different. That is quite right and proper. If you want help, the parish clergy (both of us) are more than willing to help.



CORRECTING A MIS-UNDERSTANDING AND MAKING US THINK

- Most people's heads are bowed in prayer and often paying attention to the words and music of the Agnus Dei, at the point where the Celebrant breaks a piece of the host and drops it into the chalice. This action is written into the Missal and is not an accident or a whim of the priest.
- In prayerful terms, it represents the unity of body and soul in our Saviour, Whom we receive whole in either kind. ***May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it*** are the words the Celebrant says very quietly when he does this ancient action.
- It is important to understand this point, because occasionally someone says to the clergy about how much they enjoy having a "sip of wine" after Holy Communion. It is not just wine, or even blessed wine, but by consecration the true Blood of Christ. The co-mingling helps us to remember this.
- Since many of us do not see the Co-Mingling, it is very easy to fall into the fear that someone else before us has dropped the host back into the chalice. Concerns for hygiene are natural and indeed, vital, but this fear is ungrounded. The particle dropped in is usually triangular and not round. If you happen to consume the particle as you drink the Precious Blood, do not panic. Simply consume as normal.
- The practice of Co-Mingling is very ancient and dates to Rome in the very earliest centuries. At the point in history where it was no longer possible for all the city's Christians to gather in one place at one time to offer Mass together, outlying stations were established for overflow congregations. This was the start of parishes apart from the cathedral. Because the Pope was not able to be present at all of these outlying Masses, because normally they were at the same time as the Papal liturgy was being offered, the Holy Father used to break off pieces of the Host and send them to the outlying stations with deacons and subdeacons to show them that sacramentally, canonically and spiritually, all the worshippers were united and none were second class. The Co-Mingling is a moment to ponder and pray for unity amongst all Christians and amongst all Catholics with the Holy Father in Rome. Interestingly, it is always preceded by the Exchange of Peace, the Pax, when we mark our togetherness.



INDULGENCES FOR THIS HOLY YEAR OF JUBILEE

These are gainable under "the usual conditions" i.e. Prayer for the Pope's intentions, receiving Holy Communion within a few days before or after the good act to which the indulgence is attached and also going to Sacramental Confession likewise within a few days either side of the good act. It is also asked that as far as possible, we be detached from sin, as these good works are meant to help with our conversion to God. The Good Works recommended are:-

1. pilgrimages to the four Papal Basilicas and their Holy Doors in Rome, Jubilee Shrines in Italy and the Holy Land, the Cathedral Church of SS Peter & Paul, Clifton, Bristol [see the walking pilgrimage above], and the Shrine of Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury, Somerset.
2. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy, taking part in parish & diocesan catechics, and fasting from futile distractions. Examples of these include the following : Visiting prisoners, the sick, lonely or elderly • Helping those who are in need • Giving a generous gift of your time or money, participating in spiritual exercises, Formation activities on the documents of the Vatican II or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Abstaining for at least one day a week from social media, video games, apps or television.