

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

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N.B. THE PERMANENT TIME CHANGE ON WEDNESDAYS

8 th Mar	LENT I (Year C)	5.30pm	Penitential Procession &	Nympsfie
9 th Mar	Quadragesima		Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	
		10.30am	Penitential Procession &	Dursley
			Sunday Mass ()	
		4.00pm	Lenten Evening Worship	The Tab
10 th Mar	Lenten Feria	NO PUBLIC MASS		
11 th Mar	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass ()	Dursley
12 th Mar	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass (St Gregory's OSB)	Dursley
13 th Mar	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Mass with Year 2	Nympsfie
14 th Mar	Lenten Feria	Noon	Way of the Cross [Stations]	Dursley
		6.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary &	Dursley
			Confessions	
		7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
15 th Mar	Lenten Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm-4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
15 th Mar	LENT II (Year	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
16 th Mar	C)	10.30am	Sunday Mass (Gerry Moore RIP)	Dursley
		4.00pm	Lenten Evening Worship	St George's,
				Upper Cam
17 th Mar	ST PATRICK,	Noon	Mass ()	Dursley
	Feast			

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH For families in crisis. May broken families discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE HOLY FATHER

APF RED BOXES Mary Cryan needs you red boxes in for emptying every quarter of the year, and March marks the end of the first quarter. Any questions, catch her at the door of St Dominic's.

MASS PROPERS FOR LENT I - (Year C)

Entrance Procession on the separate sheet

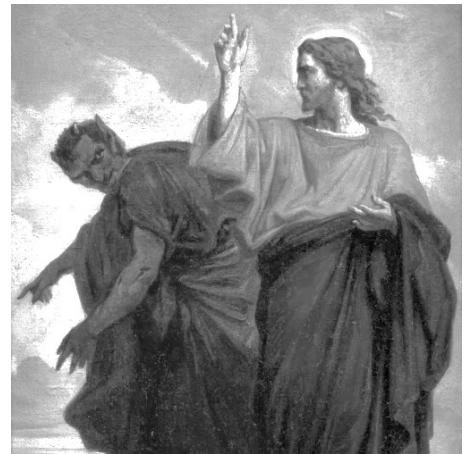
First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:4-10 *Moses gives God's chosen people their confession of faith in the God Who saves them.*

Responsorial Psalm **Be with me, Lord, in my distress.**

Second Reading – Romans 10:8-13 *St Paul gives us a confession of faith as believers in Christ. .*

Alleluia Verse **Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.**

Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13 *St Luke recounts the Temptations of Christ.*



Communion Antiphon **One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **Sunday Lent I – both Sunday Masses will begin with the traditional Penitential Procession, with the Litany of the Saints, asking them to support us in our disciplined journey to Easter**
- Sunday 9th March at 3.30pm in Bristol Anglican Cathedral, Bishop Bosco is to be installed as an honorary ecumenical canon. We thank our neighbours for recognising Bishop McDonald in this way.
- Friday 14th March CAFOD Family Fast Day and Collection the following Sunday 16th March Lent II
- Sunday 16th March Lent II – Soup Lunch in the hall after Café Dominic
- Sunday 30th March Lent IV – Laetare or Mothering Sunday, Marian Service and Benediction in St Joseph's, Nympsfield
- 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'.
- Sunday 7th September [Sunday closest to Our Lady's Birthday] Annual Clifton Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury



LENT PRAYER COURSE 6 sessions on the Lord's Prayer, led by Revd. Jimmy Cullingford, the Minister at Dursley Methodist church each Tuesday either at 10.30am or in 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 some of the various churches of the Ecumenical Partnership, for whose hospitality we are grateful in advance:-

- 16th March – St George's Anglican church, [Upper] Cam GL11 5PQ
- 23rd March – St Giles Anglican church, Uley GL11 5SN
- 30th March Dursley Methodist church GL11 4BS
- 6th April – St Bartholomew's Anglican church, [Lower] Cam GL11 5JX



LENTEN SUNDAY LUNCH - 16TH MARCH, LENT II As previously advised in Coming Dates, we are having our annual Soup Lunch on Sunday 16th March after the 10.30am Mass in St Dominic's. You will need to sign up on the sheets provided at the back of both churches. The ticket cost is £10 for Adults & £5 children. Thank you.



THE SACRED TRIDUUM - THE THREE HOLY DAYS OF CHRIST'S PASSEVER We will observe the Sacred Triduum **together as two parishes together in communion** and we will celebrate the Resurrection on the **First Sunday of Easter on the 20th April** this year.



- 12th & 13th Apr Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, usual pattern of Masses
- 14th & 15th Apr Fig Monday & Temple Tuesday, 10.00am Mass in Nympsfield & Noon in Dursley
- 16th Apr. Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass in Clifton. Masses 8.00am Dursley & 6.00pm in Nympsfield
- 17th Apr. Maundy Thursday **7.30pm Joint Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Dursley**
- 18th Apr. Good Friday **3.00pm Joint Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Dursley.**
7.00pm "Maria Desolata" – Revisiting the Stations with the Disconsolate Mother of God in Nympsfield
- 19th Apr. Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath
- 19th Apr. **Easter Eve 9.00pm Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter, Dursley**
- 20th Apr. **Easter Day 9.00am Second Mass of Easter in Nympsfield**
11.00am Third Mass of Easter in Dursley,
6.00pm Fourth Mass of Easter in Nympsfield

SIMPLE WAY TO REMEMBER SOME OF THE VITAL ELEMENTS OF PRAYER

Almost all of us learned an Act of Contrition by heart, when we prepared for First Confession. Older prayer books give other acts. One way to remember some of the most important elements of prayer is the word ACTS

- A = Adoration. This is praise and the acknowledgment of God's glory
- C = Contrition. This is sorrow for sin and the acknowledgment of that we are sinners in need of His mercy
- T = Thanksgiving. This is self-evident
- S = Supplication. This is asking for things if they are in accord with God's will for us and others.

FASTING WITHOUT PRAYER IS MERELY A DIET



CHANGES TO OFFERTORY PAYMENTS BY STANDING ORDER

Offertory donations are essential to help meet the costs of running our Parishes, whether that be heating bills, maintenance of the buildings or paying our Priest. One of the easiest ways to donate without having to remember to bring anything with you on Sundays is to set up a Standing Order. If you can Gift Aid the donation that is even better, as the Government will then add 25% to this out of the tax that you pay. You can also Gift Aid donations at any time even if you do not use Standing Orders. **Donations to the Hall Fund can also be Gift Aided.** Gift Aid forms, Standing Order forms and Ad Hoc envelopes are all available at the back of the Church. **Most of those of you who are already donating by Standing Order do so direct to the Diocese and they then pass the money on to us. This will be changing in the next few weeks,**

and you will receive a letter asking you to change your Standing Order instruction so that the money comes directly to the Parish. If you have any questions about any of this, please see Sue Whitney or Clare Flynn

AN OVERVIEW OF LENTEN SUNDAYS YEAR C

In accordance with Sacred Tradition and the long practice of the Church, we are given a course in penitence, in how sorrow for sin and turning towards Christ and His way of life, will bring me at Easter putting His new life into my baptismal incorporation into Christ. The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Sprinkling with Holy Water is where this is all going at the Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter. The washing of sin is accomplished by Baptism for those who have not yet been christened, and by “dry cleaning” for those of us who have received the saving waters of the font. Using the Old and New Testaments in tandem, the Church asks us to look at ancient and life-giving themes.

1. On the First Sunday, it speaks to us in our first two readings of faith. Each of us is invited to accept the truth of the Gospel with our minds and to trust with our hearts. Temptation seems to be stronger when our faith is weak. We are invited to grow in faith, therefore.
2. The Second Lenten Sunday of Year C takes us to consider the Covenants that God makes with human beings, living relationships with the Living God, based upon mutual promises, inaugurated with sacrifice and always indicated by a visible sign. The Transfiguration gospel shows us not only the uncreated light of Christ, but in Moses and Elijah we have reminders of the covenants of old to help us recommit to the New and Eternal Covenant in Christ's blood.
3. The Third Sunday brings us to the need for conversion of life. Jesus makes possible what He asks of us, to turn from sin and believe in Him. We are to leave vice and embrace virtue. It is taking on board once more the living relationship from which we drift.
4. On Lent IV, Mothering Sunday, the Church gives us the Gospel of the Prodigal Son and speaks to us of the Father's forgiveness. If we do indeed turn afresh to God, we need to be assured of the warm welcome (the ring and the robe and the feast on the fatted calf)
5. Lent V – the start of Passiontide – brings us to mercy, the loving kindness of the Father, embodied in Christ, that does not just forgive, but which restores us to beloved sons and daughters.
6. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, as the hymn says we arrive at Lent VI ready to walk with the Saviour into Jerusalem with palms and lives we lay down before Him. The Stational Procession of Lent I will thus turn into the Triumphal Entry and prepare us through the suffering and death of the Lord, to walk in procession behind the pillar of light [The Paschal Candle] out slavery in darkness and sin into the Easter Glory of Resurrection.

Faith, Covenant, Conversion, Forgiveness and Mercy will enable us to walk into Holy Week and out of the Empty Tomb, reborn through our living, loving, and longing, during these weeks.

