

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

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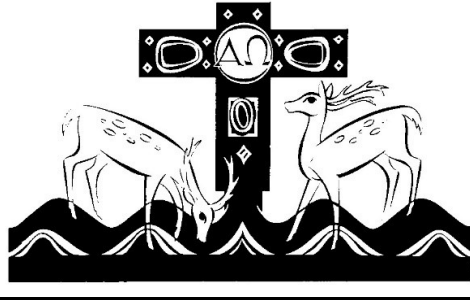
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## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<b>LENT III (Year C)</b>	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Gerry Moore RIP)	Dursley
		4.00pm	<b>Lenten Evening Worship</b>	St Giles's, Uley
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No Public Mass			
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>ANNUNCIATION, Solemnity</b>	9.30am	Mass ( )	Dursley
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass (Tina & Lawrence)	Dursley
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Mass ( )	Nympsfield
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Stations</b>	Dursley
		6.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass (The Downside Monks)	Dursley
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm-	Confessions	Dursley
		4.00pm		
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>LENT IV (Year C)</b>	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar		10.30am	Sunday Mass ( )	Dursley
		4.00pm	<b>Lenten Evening Worship</b>	Dursley Methodist Chapel
	<b>Mothering or Laetare Sunday</b>	6.00pm	<b>Devotions &amp; Benediction for Mothering Sunday</b>	Nympsfield

PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN!  
WEAR SOMETHING PINK FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY!!!!

**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.

**DURSLEY PARISH GENERAL MEETING** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Lent III, immediately after morning mass, we will have our Spring General Meeting in the hall. We shall present our annual accounts and hear parishioners' thoughts.

## MASS PROPERS FOR LENT III – (Year C)

**Entrance Antiphon** My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First Reading – Exodus 3:1-8a & 13-15** *At the Burning Bush, God reveals Himself to Moses as “I AM”.*

**Responsorial Psalm** The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

**Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 & 10-12** *St Paul tells of how God saved our ancestors in faith in the desert.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Choir: (Sung) Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: (Sung) **Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**[Said] Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

(Sung) **Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9** *The Call to Repentance and the Cursing of the Fig Tree.*

**Communion Antiphon** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, My King and My God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house.



## THE SACRED TRIDUUM – THE THREE HOLY DAYS OF CHRIST’S PASSOVER

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 20<sup>th</sup> April** this year.



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| 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, usual pattern of Masses  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Fig Monday & Temple Tuesday, 10.00am Mass in Nympsfield & Noon in Dursley   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr.                   | Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass in Clifton. Masses 8.00am Dursley & 6.00pm in Nympsfield  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr.                   | Maundy Thursday 7.30pm <b>Joint Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Dursley</b>  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr.                   | Good Friday 3.00pm <b>Joint Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, Dursley.</b> 7.00pm “ <b>Maria Desolata</b> ” – Revisiting the Stations with the <b>Disconsolate Mother of God in Nympsfield</b> |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr.                   | Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath  |

### FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr. | 9.00pm <b>Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter, Dursley</b> |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr. | 9.00am <b>Second Mass of Easter in Nympsfield</b>                   |
|                       | 11.00am <b>Third Mass of Easter in Dursley,</b>                     |
|                       | 6.00pm <b>Fourth Mass of Easter in Nympsfield</b>                   |



## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March Lent IV – Laetare or Mothering Sunday, Marian Service & Benediction in St Joseph’s, Nympsfield**
- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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*.



**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:-

30<sup>th</sup> March Dursley Methodist church GL11 4BS

6<sup>th</sup> April – St Bartholomew's Anglican church, [Lower] Cam GL11 5JX

**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.

**RECONCILIATION LITURGIES** Bishop Bosco invites you to join him during this season of Lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join him at one of the four remaining venues across our diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. The first took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Immaculate Conception in Stroud. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm

**Thursday 20 March: St Peter, Swindon**

**Thursday 27 March: St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham**

**Thursday 3 April: St George, Taunton**

**Thursday 10 April: St Francis, Nailsea**

Building upon the beautiful gatherings during Lent he is, once again, inviting our diocesan community to gather with him in celebration of God's merciful love as part of our Lenten journey. There will be priests available at each venue to celebrate sacramental reconciliation. You will be most welcome at any of the venues.



**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***

**COACH TO THE CHRISM MASS - CLIFTON CATHEDRAL WEDNESDAY**

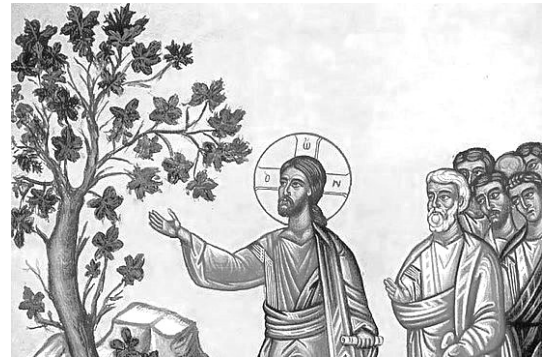
**27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024** The coach will pick up at Dursley at 9:20am (Other pick-ups: Stroud 8:45am; Stonehouse 9:00am) Return journey leaves Clifton at 12:30pm COST: £8.50 per adult and £3 per child. Payment will be collected on the coach.



**THE FIG TREE** We hear from Christ this Sunday the Lenten message of repentance. We are to be sorrow for bad things done and for good things not done. But more importantly, this sorrow for sin is to be made visible and concrete in our lives. This is not misery but positivity. Changed lives are what we see repeatedly amongst the people who meet and follow Jesus. The Apostles themselves are a prime example.

St Paul and St James in their Letters stress the need for Faith to bring forth good works. It is not just good deeds without faith. They are teaching what they have learned from the Master. Faith must be fruitful in good works, that others can see and copy. Thus, others will be led to the Lord. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven", as St Matthew records in the Sermon on the Mount.

This Sunday, the Saviour moves from urging repentance to the fruitless fig tree. He uses it to teach His followers and us, that we must turn to the Lord and bear fruit in holiness. We are not to get bogged down in depression, weeping and wailing. Sorrow for sin is a positive thing, bringing us to live holy and virtuous lives.



**1 Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
If you would my disciple be;  
Deny yourself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after Me.**

**2 Take up your cross, be not ashamed!  
Let not disgrace your spirit fill!  
For God Himself endured to die  
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**3 Take up your cross, which gives you strength,  
Which makes your trembling spirit brave:  
'Twill guide you to a better home  
And lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.**

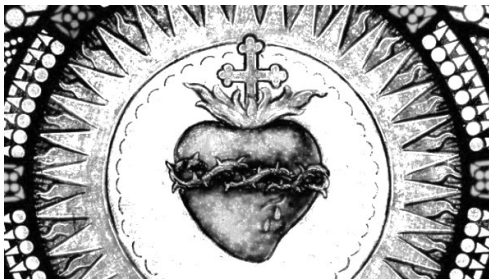
**4 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only they who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**1 ALL ye who seek a comfort sure  
In trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,  
Or guilt the soul oppress,**

**2 Jesus, who gave Himself for you  
Upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you His Sacred Heart;  
O to that heart draw nigh.**

**3 Ye hear how kindly He invites;  
Ye hear His words so blest;  
"All ye that labour come to Me,  
And I will give you rest."**

**4 O Jesus, Joy of saints on high,  
Thou hope of sinners here,  
Attracted by those loving words  
To Thee I lift my prayer.**



**5 Wash Thou my wounds in that dear blood  
Which forth from Thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire, a new  
And better heart bestow.**