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**Third Sunday in Lent**

**23 March 2025**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Oliver Wragg, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Last weekend's **CAFOD** Family Fast Day offerings came to £273.45. Thank you.

Next weekend, **29 & 30 March**, there will be a **retiring collection** for the Jubilee Year, approved by the Bishops of England and Wales. This special National Collection will support the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the **Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham**, and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine. Please be as generous as you can be. Thank you.

**Congratulations!** Last week our school was inspected by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on behalf of the bishop. Alan Dewhurst, the Diocesan Co-ordinator, subsequently wrote, 'I have enjoyed reading the many positive comments about the school following its recent inspection. It is particularly pleasing to see that the school has been judged as 'Outstanding' in its Catholic life and mission. It must also be very affirming for you, the staff, pupils and governors, to read so many comments praising the school in all three areas inspected.' Links with the parish were also judged by the report to be, 'outstanding ... [as] the school plays an active part in parish life.' **Many thanks and well done to all.**

### **The Season of Lent**

- On the **Saturdays** of Lent we have **Exposition, Benediction & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.50am.
- There are **Stations of the Cross at 4.15pm** on the **Saturdays** of Lent.
- There are **Stations of the Cross after the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Masses.**
- On the **Mondays** of Lent, the morning **Mass** is at **7.15am.**

**Stations of the Cross:** I encourage people to feel free to **pray this Lenten devotion before or after Mass** should you wish. It is a lovely sight to see people meandering around a church in prayer and a simple prayer at each Station is all that is required (although the traditional format is very popular there is no set or series of necessary prayers that you must say). Our church is always open half-an-hour before any Mass or service.

You might consider trying one of the **'You can Brew It!'** challenges throughout Lent in support of **St Wilfrid's Centre**. You can find details of a choice of three different challenges at [stwilfridscentre.org](http://stwilfridscentre.org)

**Free online Wellbeing Course for Women 2:** Starting 24 April, Mondays, 6.30 - 7.30pm, online with Carola. This is a new course which follows on from wellbeing course 1. For more information and to book in please contact Janet Kent on 07927657462 or email [jkent@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jkent@hallam-diocese.com)

## HOLY WEEK

- **Confessions:** on the Monday and Tuesday, **14 & 15 April**, at **3.15pm to 4.15pm** there will be two sessions of **after-school** Confessions. **N.B.** The final public Confessions before Easter will be on **Tuesday evening, 15 April, at 6.00 to 7.00pm** (or until finished if later).
- On Wednesday, **16 April**, at 11.00am Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** at the cathedral.
- On Wednesday, **16 April**, **St Joseph's School** will perform their **Passion Play** in the church at 2.00pm. All welcome.
- **Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence;** everyone aged 14 years and older should abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 should fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.
- On **Good Friday** there will be a **retiring collection** to support the upkeep of **The Holy Places** in the Holy Land.
- **Altar Servers:** There will be **practices** for each of the Triduum services, on Holy Thursday at 6.45pm, Good Friday at 2.15pm and Holy Saturday at 7.15pm. Thank you for all that you do.

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### **Holy Thursday, 17 April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

*followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm*

#### **Good Friday, 18 April**

The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

#### **Holy Saturday, 19 April**

The Easter Vigil 8.00pm

#### **Easter Sunday, 20 April**

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord 8.45am & at 10.00am

### **Financial matters**

Offertory envelopes for the new tax year, commencing in April, are available to collect in the church. To save on bank charges please consider making a regular contribution to the parish via standing order. ***As usual, in order that its value does not decline, I respectfully ask that you also please consider an increase in your regular giving to keep pace with inflation.*** Finally, if anyone pays UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax and has not completed a Gift Aid declaration, but would like to know more about the scheme, then you can e-mail or speak to Tony Brodrick or Fr M. **Thank you for your understanding and for your continuing support.**

| <i>Mass Intentions</i>   |  |
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| <b>Sunday 23 March</b><br><i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>                                | <b>8.45am</b><br>For the People<br><b>10.00am</b><br>Paul Andrew<br><b>Followed by Stations of the Cross</b>   |
| <b>Monday 24 March</b><br><i>Lenten Weekday</i>                                      | <b><u>7.15am</u></b><br>Frank & Margaret Brennan   |
| <b>Tuesday 25 March</b><br><i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>                       | <b><u>7.15am</u></b><br>Michael Flattery   |
| <b>Wednesday 26 March</b><br><i>Lenten Weekday</i>                                   | November Memorial Dead List  |
| <b>Thursday 27 March</b><br><i>Lenten Weekday</i>                                    | <b><u>7.15am</u></b><br>Roy Vardy<br><b>9.30am Funeral Service</b><br>Pauline Wilson <i>RIP</i>  |
| <b>Friday 28 March</b><br><i>Lenten Weekday</i>                                      | <b>8.55 – 9.55am Exposition</b><br><b>10.00am</b><br>Intentions of the UCM   |
| <b>Saturday 29 March</b><br><i>Lenten Weekday</i><br><br><i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> | <b>10.00 – 11.00am</b><br><b>Exposition, Benediction &amp; Confessions</b><br><b>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</b><br><b>4.15pm Stations of the Cross</b><br><b>5.00pm</b><br>Ann Harmston |
| <b>Sunday 30 March</b><br><i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>                               | <b>8.45am</b><br>For the People<br><b>10.00am</b><br>Kevin Hegarty<br><b>Followed by Stations of the Cross</b>   |

**Last week's collection was £744.30** (£385.50 in offertory envelopes and £358.80 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**Please pray for Pauline Wilson *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

The **Piety Stall** has a selection of suitable items for Lent and, looking ahead, also cards, etc., in anticipation of Easter.