

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

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**18 FEBRUARY 2024
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**



In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our daily lives.

During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in His saving death on the cross.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST JOSEPH AND ST DOMINIC. WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION TO HOLD AND USE THIS INFORMATION. SOME HAVE MOVED. SOME HAVE ARRIVED AND SOME HAVE CHANGED THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE FILL IN THE SIMPLE FORM AND RETURN IT, EVEN IF YOU THINK WE ALREADY HAVE YOUR DETAILS

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B

Sat. 17 Feb.		5.30pm	Lenten Procession & Mass	Nympsfield
Sun. 18 Feb.			Lenten Procession & Mass	Dursley
		10.30am		
		1.00pm	Holy Baptism E.T. Sweeney No Mass	Dursley
Mon. 19 Feb.	Lenten Feria			
Tue. 20 Feb.	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
		10.00am	"Nice One, Cyril" Talk	Dursley
Wed. 21 Feb.	Lenten Feria	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thur. 22 Feb.	CHAIR OF ST PETER Feast	10.00am	Mass with the school	Nympsfield
Fri. 23 rd Feb.	Lenten Feria	6.00pm	Stations – Via Crucis	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Sat. 24 Feb.	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm – 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B

Sat. 24 Feb.		5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 25 Feb.		10.30am	Sunday Mass	Dursley
		6.00pm	Ecumenical Vespers & Lent Course	Dursley Methodist chapel.

Café Dominic is open for refreshments each Sunday after the 10.30 Mass at Dursley

CAFÉ DOMINIC Café Dominic is run by a small group of faithful volunteers; they urgently need more volunteers. If you would be willing to help after the 10.30 Sunday Mass, probably for only once a month, please speak with Father Philip or Laura Gardiner. Your help will be very much appreciated.

SUNDAY MASS PROPER

The Entrance Antiphon is on the Litany Sheet

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant

Gospel Acclamation

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

LITTLE WAY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL TRUST. We are thrilled to announce that on 1 January 2024, six Catholic schools from Gloucestershire have joined the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust (LWCET). The Trust is currently recruiting for a Chief Executive Officer and a Headteacher. Both roles invite practising Catholics to apply. For more information, please visit the Trust website at <https://lwcet.co.uk/work-for-us/>. Please share this with people you feel may be interested in either of these roles. With thanks.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23 AUGUST TO 30 AUGUST The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website [Lourdes | Clifton Diocese](#) or by contacting lourdes@cliftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment is full by 31st May 2024.

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT The Lenten journey involves a struggle. It is a time for action, but also a time "to pause" – to pause in prayer and to pause "in the presence of a wounded brother or sister." Love of God and love of neighbour are one love: the contemplative dimension of Lent can help us "release new energies," to be "more sensitive to one another: in the place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers. To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Be ready to take risks, to find the courage to see our world not as in its death throes, but in a process of giving birth; not at the end, but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. Faith and charity, take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.

ACT ON POVERTY: CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED LENTEN SERVICES

Dursley Methodist Church at 6.00pm

18 Feb – Prophetic: Revd Phil Summers

25 Feb – Broken: Father Philip Thomas

3 March – Generous: Revd Simon Helme

10 March – Located: Pastor Philip Greenow

17 March – Hopeful: Revd Graham Stacey

LENTEN RETREAT: 'TRANSFORMED BY LOVE' Clifton Diocese in partnership with 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love' in 6 online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of 6 people, through scripture and artworks. **The sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 20 February, 27 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd-irrT0oHtG0TNEr9GZkuPmIVhXQ3bFV#/registration>

'Light of Truth' is a venture of Dominican Sisters living in the New Forest. They live a community life of prayer and praise, of study and preaching, according to the Dominican tradition. With 'Light of Truth', they hope to share with everyone the fruits of their contemplation, prayer, academic formation and of their rich experience of working with adults, catechists and young people at the services of parishes and dioceses in the last 25 years. They want to offer the best content and the best experience possible to help everyone grow in faith, hope and charity. We suggest a donation of £5 per person per session: details can be found here: [Contact | Light of Truth](#)

LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT Bishop Declan is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation [Penitential Service with Individual Confessions] during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese with each Liturgy starting at 7.00pm.

- Wednesday 21 February: St Anthony of Padua, Melksham
- Wednesday 28 February: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Cheddar
- Wednesday 6 March: Holy Family, Patchway
- **Wednesday 13 March: St Peter, Gloucester IN OUR DEANERY**
- Wednesday 20 March: Christ the King, Amesbury

THE BIG LENT WALK This Lent CAFOD are calling all Catholics to walk 200km in 40 days to help fight Global Poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Thousands of walkers from England, Wales, Scotland and beyond, will be tying up their purple laces and walking an incredible 200km this Lent to fight global poverty.

Sign up today at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/sign-up> and do the Big Lent Walk yourself, or join in with your school or parish. The Big Lent Walk makes it simple to put your faith into action this Lenten season by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Whether you take part as an individual, school or parish community group, the money you raise will enable people around the world to fight poverty.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 23 February & SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **First Sunday in Lent 17th/18th February, our 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses will start with the traditional Lenten Stational Procession**, singing the Litany of the Saints. Many of us remember Bishop Mervyn Alexander visiting the different pastoral areas of the Diocese for Lenten Stational Masses as recommended in the Altar Missal. If you have an extraordinary form missal, it will probably give you the name of the Roman Stational Church for every day of Lent. The Ash Wednesday station is still usually led by the Pope himself and takes place at the HQ of the Dominican Order, St Sabina's on the Aventine Hill. The procession begins at San Anselmo, the Benedictine study house along the road. We shall not be walking so far!!!
 - Lent Friday evenings will see 6.00pm Exposition and Benediction before Mass become **Stations of the Cross in St Dominic's**. The devotion began by walking the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem and came home with pilgrims, who erected crosses and pictures in their own parish churches
 - Lent Tuesday Mornings after the 9.30am Mass, Father Philip will give a series of talks on praying the Liturgies of Holy Week called, **"Nice One Cyril or Passover in Jerusalem"**
 - The Fast of the Eyes starts on the evening before the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The statues and crosses of both churches, but not the Stations, will be veiled in purple.
 - **Tuesday 19th March Patronal Solemnity of Nympsfield parish and school, St Joseph of Nazareth. 9.30 School Mass in church. Noon Parish Mass in church**
 - Wednesday 27th March at 11.00am in Clifton Cathedral - Diocesan Chrism Mass. Look out for transport details coming.
 - 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 31st March** this year. Please note that this is One Triduum for Two parishes and boycotting the other building because it is not 'mine' is both small minded and counterproductive. We are more mature than that.
- 23rd/24th Mar. Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, usual pattern of Mass
- 25th/26th Mar. Fig Monday & Temple Tuesday, 10.00am Mass in Nympsfield & Noon in Dursley
- 27th Mar. Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass in Clifton. Masses 8.30am Dursley & 6.00pm in Nympsfield
- 28th Mar. Maundy Thursday **7.30pm Joint Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Dursley**
- 29th Mar. Good Friday **3.00pm Joint Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Dursley**
- 30th Mar. Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath
- 30th Mar. Easter Eve 9.00pm Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter, Nympsfield**
- 31st Mar. Easter Day 10.30am Second Mass of Easter in Dursley, Dursley**



Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Mary, Swindon

Churches Together: Beginning of Lent

For the house groups and united services planned at this time

Parish Prayer Rota: The choirs of our parishes