

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

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**25 FEBRUARY 2024
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**



Like the second reading, today's gospel is a message of hope. This is because God revealed to us the glory which will be ours through Christ. God spoke eloquently and confirms the lordship of Jesus Christ: "This is my beloved..." However, He demands only one thing from us: "Listen to him!"

Listening to Christ means transforming our lives and changing our ways. It means living according to the word of God we hear every day. Listening to Jesus means obeying His will and paying attention to what the church teaches us every day.

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

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.
Mon 26 Feb	Lenten Feria		No Mass	
Tues 27 Feb	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass	Dursley
		10.00am	“Nice One, Cyril” Talk	Dursley
Wed 28 Feb	Lenten Feria	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thurs 29 Feb	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Mass <i>with the school</i>	Nympsfield
Fri 1 Mar	ST DAVID OF WALES FEAST	2.30pm	WDP Service	Tabernacle church
		6.00pm	Stations – Via Crucis	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Sat 2 Mar	Lenten Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm – 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – YEAR B

Sat. 2 Mar		5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 3 Mar		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 urgently needs 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. **WE CANNOT RUN THIS WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE PREVENT A REDUCTION IN SERVICE BY COMING FORWARD.**

SUNDAY MASS PROPER

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide not your face from me

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Gospel Acclamation

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!'

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him

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.

CARDINAL NICHOLS CALLS FOR AN END TO WAR IN THE HOLY LAND

On 8 January, when speaking to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See, Pope Francis addressed the terrible conflict in the Holy Land. He said: 'To all the parties involved, I renew my appeal for a cease-fire on every front, including Lebanon, and the immediate liberation of all the hostages held in Gaza. I ask that the Palestinian people receive humanitarian aid and that hospitals, schools and places of worship receive all necessary protection' his appeal takes on a fresh urgency at this moment of extreme danger if a ground offensive were to be launched in southern Gaza, in an area densely peopled by those already made homeless by this conflict. It is an appeal being echoed by many at this time, to whose voices I readily add my own. "Let us pray insistently for relief for those who face multiple dangers, for an immediate cessation of armed conflict and for every serious attempt at a lasting ceasefire to be sustained." "In this Diocese of Westminster I have called for a special time of prayer on 8 March, as a vital part of our observance of Lent. I invite others to take up this call, too."

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

ACT ON POVERTY: CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED LENTEN SERVICES

Dursley Methodist Church at 6.00pm

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: 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/join/9tZAgd-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](#)

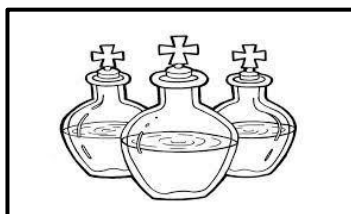
LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT Bishop Declan is to celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation [Penitential Service with Individual Confessions] during the Season of Lent at five venues across the diocese with each Liturgy starting at 7.00pm.

- Wednesday 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 SECOND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY



CHRISM MASS

This year the Chrism Mass is at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am on Wednesday 27 March.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, will as usual be organising a coach. This will pick up at Dursley at 9.20am (Other pick-ups: Stroud 8.45am; Stonehouse 9.00am) The return journey leaves Clifton at 12.30pm The cost is £8.50 per adult and £3 per child, payment will be collected on the coach.

To book your place on the coach please sign the list at the back of church by **Sunday 17 March.**

LITTLE WAY TRUST Due to the appointment of the current Headteacher to the CEO role within the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust, St Gregory's Primary School, Cheltenham are now seeking to appoint a new Headteacher. This person should be an inspirational teacher, servant leader, a practising Catholic and excited to take the school on the next stage of its journey. If you would like to know more about the role, a full recruitment pack can be found here: <https://lwcet.co.uk/work-for-us/> Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact c.blanch@lwcet.co.uk for further information.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Lent Friday evenings **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. Noon in Dursley, Blessing of Food Baskets. Many Catholic countries and cultures have a long history of blessing food baskets on Holy Saturday for breaking the Lenten Fast on Easter Day. Among these cultures, our Polish parishioners may like to take advantage of this traditional blessing.
- 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**

[Women's] WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 1st March [St David of Wales] – World Day of Prayer, 2.30pm Dursley Tabernacle Church, speaker Revd Simon Helme. This year's annual observance is prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. Refreshments after the service. ALL ARE WELCOME, WOMEN AND MEN, YOUNG AND OLD

OUR PARISH

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died

Diocesan Prayer Link: St George/St Teresa of Lisieux, Taunton St John Fisher, Wellington

Churches Together: Holy Cross, Owlpen

Parish Prayer Rota: The sick of our parishes