

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

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**17 MARCH 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**



In today's Gospel we find the Evangelist and Christ preparing us for the passion narrative to follow. Following His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicts His suffering, death, and resurrection. To try and help the Apostles and us to understand a little of what it is all about, and to encourage faith in the salvation that His Cross will accomplish, the Lord uses the metaphor of the grain of wheat.

He also teaches that those who want to be His disciples must follow His example of love and sacrifice. This theme will return to the fore in St John's account of the Last Supper, where the Incarnate Saviour bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles, demonstrating what He has done for us and inviting us to must serve one another.

Through His Passover Mystery, Jesus conquers Satan, the ruler of this world, thus judging the world, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Sat. 16 Mar	FIFTH SUNDAY IN	5.30pm	Sunday Mass	Nympsfield
Sun 17 Mar	LENT – YEAR B	10.30am	Sunday Mass	Dursley
		6.00pm	Ecumenical Lenten Service	Durs. Meth. chapel
Mon 18 Mar	Late Lenten Feria	6.00pm	Mass (Eddie McHugh RIP)	Dursley
	St Cyril of Jerusalem			
Tues 19 Mar	ST JOSEPH OF	9.30am	School Mass	Nympsfield
	NAZARETH - Solemnity	Noon	Patronal Mass with hymns	Nympsfield
Wed 20 Mar	Late Lenten Feria	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
	St Cuthbert	9.30am	“Nice One, Cyril” Talk	Dursley
Thurs 21 Mar	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Mass <i>with the school</i>	Nympsfield
Fri 22 Mar	Late Lenten Feria	6.00pm	Stations – Via Crucis	Dursley
	7 Sorrows of the BVM	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Sat 23 Mar	Late Lenten Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
	Lazarus Saturday	3.00pm –	Confessions	Dursley
		4.00pm		
Sat. 23 Mar	PALM SUNDAY– LENT	5.30pm	Procession from the	Nympsfield
Sun 24 Mar	6 - YEAR B		Convent Chapel & Sunday	
		10.30am	Mass (Pro Populo)	
			Procession from the Hall &	Dursley
			Sunday Mass	

CAFÉ DOMINIC If you would be willing to help set up before or clear up 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, SO THE CAFÉ WILL NOW BE CLOSED UNTIL AFTER EASTER SUNDAY.**

SUNDAY MASS PROPERS

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

Responsorial Psalm

A pure heart create for me, O God

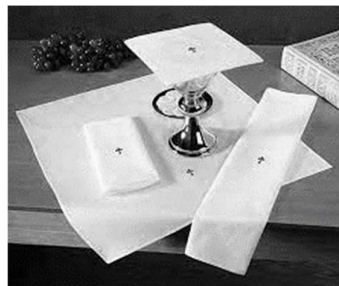
Gospel Acclamation

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord

THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MARCH: FOR THE NEW MARTYRS. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



VOLUNTEERS TO DO CHURCH LINENS Every parish needs volunteers and Nympsfield and Dursley are no different. We have sadly said goodbye and commended to God’s infinite mercy two people over the last six months, who have quietly served these two parishes in various ways. No one can replace the person we have sent to God’s gracious keeping, but we can find individuals and rotas of people who will take up the baton and carry on with the job. In this case, we are looking for one or more men or women to launder the small linens we use at Mass, corporals, purificators and finger towels. We are happy to show anyone how the job is done. A rota of volunteers doing

one Sunday a month would be ideal. It is not difficult or onerous. It is not gender specific. It is a non-speaking part and inconspicuous. We are, however, very grateful for this job being done. You would be contributing to the worship of Almighty God on earth and polishing your crown for heaven. Please speak to Fr. Philip or Deacon Dominic if you are volunteering or want to know more.

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

ACT ON POVERTY: CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICES Dursley Methodist Church at 6.00pm

17 March – Hopeful: Revd Graham Stacey

LENTEN RETREAT: 'TRANSFORMED BY LOVE' Clifton Diocese & 'Light of Truth' are offering a Lenten retreat: 'Transformed by Love', looking at God's grace at work in the lives of people, through scripture and artworks. The sessions begin at 7.30pm on a Tuesday evening: 19 March, 26 March. To sign up for the series, click on the Zoom link on the Diocesan Web Site,

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.

LITURGIES OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT Bishop Declan has been celebrating Penitential Services with Individual Confessions during Lent. The remaining liturgy starts at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20 March: Christ the King, Amesbury

CHRISM MASS BUS The Chrism Mass is in Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am on Wed. 27th Mar. The coach from Stroud, 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**. **Please consider joining the Bishop, our priests, deacons, religious and fellow laity from across Clifton Diocese for this important occasion. This will be our last Chrism Mass with Declan, Ninth Bishop of Clifton, before we welcome the tenth Bishop, Bosco McDonald on his episcopal consecration.**

OUR PARISH

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died:

Toddy Flynn, Denis Owen Slater, David John Duncan-Skingle

Diocesan Prayer Link: Bishop Declan on his medical retirement, our new Bishop Elect Bosco McDonald, the parish of Trowbridge with Westbury

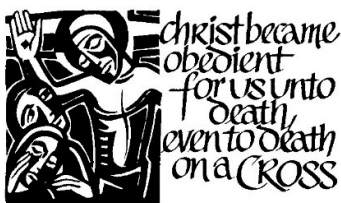
Churches Together: The Enabling Committee of CTCDD

As it seeks to provide opportunities to grow together in mission and service among the churches

Parish Prayer Rota: The children of our parishes

RED BOXES Please return all red boxes for emptying by Sunday 14 April. Thank you. *Mary Cryan*

EASTER FLOWERS There will be a Second Collection today for flowers to decorate the church at Easter



WE ARE UPDATING OUR CONTACT DETAILS FOR BOTH PARISHES!! WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION TO HOLD AND USE THIS INFORMATION. SOME HAVE MOVED. SOME HAVE ARRIVED AND SOME HAVE CHANGED THEIR EMAIL ADDRESSES ETC. PLEASE FILL IN THE

SIMPLE FORM AND RETURN IT, EVEN IF YOU THINK WE ALREADY HAVE YOUR DETAILS



FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- Friday evening 22nd March Stations of the Cross in St Dominic's at 6.00pm.
 - Lent Wednesday Morning 20th March after the 9.00am Mass, Father Philip will give the last of his 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. This phase of Late Lent is also traditionally called Passiontide.**
 - 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 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 Mar. Fig Monday 10.00am Mass in Nympsfield & Noon in Dursley
- 26th Mar. Temple Tuesday, **9.00am** Mass in Nympsfield & Noon in Dursley [Fr. P has a funeral in Bath at 10.30am]
- 27th Mar. Spy Wednesday Chrim Mass in Clifton. Masses 8.30am Dursley & 6.00pm in Nympsfield
- To mark the special nature of the Easter Octave, our daily mass between the two parishes will be at Noon.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM OR THREE HOLY DAYS

THE FIRST DAY – SUNSET THURSDAY TO SUNSET FRIDAY— FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- 28th Mar. Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Joint Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Dursley
- 29th Mar. Good Friday Dursley Walk of Witness in the morning.
3.00pm Joint Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Dursley

THE SECOND DAY – SUNSET FRIDAY TO SUNSET SATURDAY

- 30th Mar. Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath. Noon in Dursley, Blessing of Food Baskets.

THE THIRD DAY – SUNSET SATURDAY TO SUNSET SUNDAY

- 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



THE BIG CLEAN 23rd MARCH Our two churches are well maintained inside and out, but for the big festivals of Easter and Christmas, it is usual to give them a bit of TLC. This gives us all a chance to show our ownership of each building, our spiritual home, the Church as a faith community showing its love for the church as bricks and mortar. We aim to find a job small or large for everyone who pops in to lend a hand. Dusters, hoover etc will be provided. We also aim to provide refreshments for the willing band of helpers. The tasks will not be onerous, and it should be fun working with others. The timing is **9.00am to 11.30pm. Please lend us a hand and your prayers.**