

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

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## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK AFTER CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>LENT II (Year C)</b>	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Gerry Moore RIP)	Dursley
		4.00pm	<b>Lenten Evening Worship</b>	<b>St George's, Upper Cam Dursley</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>ST PATRICK, Feast</b>	Noon	Mass ( )	<b>Dursley</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria St Cyril of Jerusalem	9.30am	Mass (Patrick's birthday intentions)	Dursley
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity, Patron of Nympsfield</b>	9.30am	<b>Full School Mass (The School)</b>	<b>Nympsfield</b>
		Noon	<b>Mass (The Convent)</b>	<b>Dursley</b>
		6.00pm	<b>Mass (Pro Populo)</b>	<b>Nympsfield</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Mass ( )	Nympsfield
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria Passing of St Benedict	11.00am	<b>Polish Funeral Mass of Danuta Straszewska with Fr. Jacek</b>	<b>Dursley</b>
		12.30pm	<b>Stations</b>	<b>Dursley</b>
		6.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass (Prinknash Abbey)	Dursley
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Lenten Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm- 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<b>LENT III (Year C)</b>	10.30am	Sunday Mass ( )	Dursley
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar		4.00pm	<b>Lenten Evening Worship</b>	<b>St Giles's, Uley</b>

## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

**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.



## **MASS PROPERS FOR LENT II – (Year C)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face.

**First Reading – Genesis 15:5-12 & 17-18** *God makes a covenant with Abraham.*

**Responsorial Psalm** The LORD is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading – Romans 10:8-13** *St Paul tells of our living relationship with God and its promises of future glory.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

**[Said] From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard, "This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him!"**

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

**Gospel Reading – Luke 9:28B-36** *The Transfigured Christ speaks of His departure in Jerusalem.*

**Communion Antiphon** This is my Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

## **FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March Lent II – Soup Lunch in the hall after Café Dominic
- **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

**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.



## THE SACRED TRIDUUM - THE THREE HOLY DAYS OF CHRIST'S PASSEVER

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.

- 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 Joint Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Dursley**  
18<sup>th</sup> Apr. Good Friday **3.00pm Joint Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Dursley.**  
**7.00pm "Maria Desolata" – Revisiting the Stations with the Disconsolate Mother of God in Nympsfield**  
19<sup>th</sup> Apr. Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath

### FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



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:-

- 16<sup>th</sup> March – St George's Anglican church, [Upper] Cam GL11 5PQ  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – St Giles Anglican church, Uley GL11 5SN  
30<sup>th</sup> March Dursley Methodist church GL11 4BS  
6<sup>th</sup> April – St Bartholomew's Anglican church, [Lower] Cam GL11 5JX



LENTEN SUNDAY LUNCH - 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, LENT II As previously advised in Coming Dates, we are having our annual Soup Lunch on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March after the 10.30am Mass in St Dominic's. The ticket cost is £10 for adults & £5 children. Thank you.

### **FASTING WITHOUT PRAYER IS MERELY A DIET**

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**

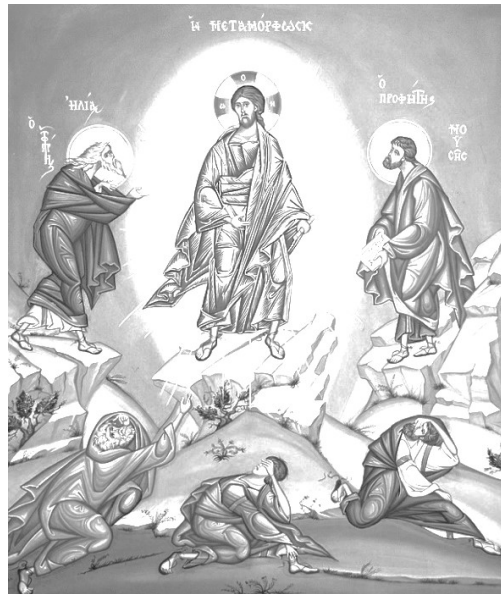
**Thursday 3 April: St George, Taunton**

**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**



**THE TRANSFIGURATION** The Transfiguration of Jesus is an actual event described in the New Testament, where Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory. Matthew, Mark and Luke (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–13, Luke 9:28–36) recount the occasion, and the the Second Epistle of St Peter also refers to it. In the gospel accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James and John, go to a mountain to pray. On the mountaintop, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the Old Testament figures Moses and Elijah appear, and he speaks with them. Both figures were associated with the end of all things: they symbolize the Law and the prophets, respectively. Jesus is then called "Son" by the voice of God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus. Many Christian traditions, including the Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches, celebrate the event in the Feast of the Transfiguration, a major festival. The Transfiguration is one of the miracles of

Jesus in the Gospels. St. Thomas Aquinas considers the transfiguration "the greatest miracle", in that it complemented baptism and showed the perfection of life in Heaven. The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries in the rosary, which include the Transfiguration. It is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Moreover, Christians consider this scene fulfils an Old Testament messianic prophecy that Elijah would return again after his ascension (Malachi 4:5–6).