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THE FUN!
WEAR
SOMETHING PINK
FOR MOTHERING
SUNDAY!!!!



**SECOND
COLLECTION
THIS WEEK
FOR THE
PRIESTS'
RETIREMENT
FUND**

29 th Mar	LENT IV (Year C) Mothering or Laetare Sunday	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
30 th Mar		10.30am	Sunday Mass (Maura's intentions)	Dursley
		4.00pm	Lenten Evening Worship	Dursley Methodist Chapel
		6.00pm	Devotions & Benediction for Mothering Sunday	Nympsfield
31 st Mar	Lenten Feria	4.30pm	Reception of Alma Edwards RIP	Dursley
1 st April	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass ()	Dursley
		1.30pm	Funeral Mass of Alma Edwards	Dursley
2 nd Apr	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass (Tina & Lawrence)	Dursley
3 rd Apr	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Mass ()	Nympsfield
4 th Apr	Lenten Feria	Noon	Stations	Dursley
		6.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary & Confessions	Dursley
		7.00pm	Mass ()	Dursley
5 th Apr	Lenten Feria	Noon	Mass	Dursley
		3.00pm- 4.00pm	Confessions	Dursley
5 th Apr	LENT V (Year C) Passiontide or Late Lent begins - Veiling in church	5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfield
6 th Apr		10.30am	Sunday Mass ()	Dursley
		4.00pm	Lenten Evening Worship	St Bartholamew, Lower Cam

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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.



Rembrandt's famous picture of the Prodigal Son being greeted by his father. He paints himself into the picture as the man in the hat.

MASS PROPERS FOR LENT IV – (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon – Laetare Ierusalem Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful all who were mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading – Joshua 5:9a & 10-12 *The People of God come to their new home in the promised land and there keep the Passover.*

Responsorial Psalm Taste and see that the LORD is good.

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *St Paul tells how God in Christ was bringing us home, reconciled to Him in Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

[Said] I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32 *The Parable of the Prodigal Son.*

Communion Antiphon – Oportet te, fili, gaudere You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and is has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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 13th March at Immaculate Conception in Stroud. Each Liturgy will start at 7pm

Thursday 3 April: St George, Taunton

Thursday 10 April: St Francis, Nailsea

COACH TO THE CHRISM MASS - CLIFTON CATHEDRAL

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2024 The coach will pick up at Dursley at 9:20am (Other pick-ups: Stroud 8:45am; Stonehouse 9:00am) Return journey leaves Clifton at 12:30pm
COST: £8.50 per adult and £3 per child. Payment will be collected on the coach.



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 20th April** this year.



	12 th & 13 th Apr Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, usual pattern of Masses 6.00pm Stations & Benediction in Dursley on Palm Sunday Evening
14 th & 15 th Apr	Fig Monday & Temple Tuesday, 10.00am Mass in Nympsfield & Noon in Dursley
16 th Apr.	Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass in Clifton. Masses 8.00am Dursley & 6.00pm in Nympsfield
17 th Apr.	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Joint Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Dursley
18 th 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 th Apr.	Holy Saturday – The Great and Holy Sabbath
19th Apr. 20th Apr.	<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> 9.00pm Great Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter, Dursley 9.00am Second Mass of Easter in Nympsfield 11.00am Third Mass of Easter in Dursley, 6.00pm Fourth Mass of Easter in Nympsfield

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **Sunday 30th March Lent IV – Laetare or Mothering Sunday, Marian Service & Benediction in St Joseph's, Nympsfield**
- **Sunday 7th September [Sunday closest to Our Lady's Birthday] Annual Clifton Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury**

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS Bishop Bosco is looking forward to celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on **Saturday 17th May (12 noon)** and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys and challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries this year. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2025 please do let us know. You just need to send the names to our email address: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop, including the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, and it is always good to see so many of you there.

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:-

30th March Dursley Methodist church GL11 4BS

6th April – St Bartholomew's Anglican church, [Lower] Cam GL11 5JX

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION This Sunday we have a 2nd collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund for our diocese. This annual collection helps support our sick and retired priests. It allows us to help retired priests living on their own with rental costs and utility bills; it goes towards care home fees where needed; and also enables us to help with medical costs. We currently pay out over £300,000 per year to support our sick and retired priests. Your generosity is much appreciated, and we do hope that you are able to make a generous donation.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - VIA CRUCIS As

a devotion, this began in Jerusalem, where the pilgrims would retrace Christ's last journey with the cross from the Roman Fortress of the Praetorium to Golgotha and the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre). Gradually, chapels came to be built along the way to mark the events



and pious beliefs about the Way of Sorrow, the Via Dolorosa. During the time of the Crusader Kingdoms of Outremer, numbers vastly increased and those returning home began to tell us in Europe about what they had heard and seen. With the fall of the Kingdom of Jerusalem to Saladin during the Third Crusade, pilgrimage became all but impossible. Accordingly, it became the custom to erect numbered crosses on the walls of churches in imitation of the chapels along the Via Dolorosa. Walking

and praying at each stop were what was important. The photo below shows the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, and friars of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land on the Via Dolorosa.



Traditionally, the Stations are a non-liturgical devotion. No words are provided. The Church tells us that the numbered crosses are what mark the Stations and not the pictures on the wall. Indulgences are attached to the Devotion under the usual conditions [recent Confession and Holy Communion, sorrow for sin and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions]. Where

crowds prevent us all from following round on foot, at least one person must walk from Station to Station, usually the crucifer. St Francis of Assisi wrote prayers for this Devotion. St Lawrence of Brindisi, St Alphonsus de Liguori, St John Henry Newman and countless priests and nuns have written sets of prayers and meditations for the faithful. We may have our favourites, but there is no one set that is prescribed by the Church. The shrine at Knock has a shop which only sells Stations booklets, hundreds of them. New ones are published every year.

The Popes in Rome have walked the Via Crucis at the Colosseum on Good Friday evening in recent decades. The prayers for these occasions have been composed by distinguished Catholic and Ecumenical leaders, scholars and communities, e.g. Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople and the Taizé monastic community.

