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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### ***JESUS - TEMPTED LIKE US!***

Trouble is, we just find it hard to believe in the Incarnation - that God became really and totally human in Jesus! We always think of Him as Son of God in a way that obliterates his humanity! But Jesus is 'like us in all things but sin' - so he was tempted just like us - the difference being that the sinless One never gave in!

He goes into the wilderness we have made of the world by our sin, to challenge the 'Father of Lies', the false 'Angel of Light', the 'Destroyer'. Just as he was to 'descend into Hell' to liberate the captives - fallen humanity - so He goes into the wilderness to confront the darkness that is part of each of us, to conquer the dark powers of ambition and the abuse of power, to defeat the lust for popularity that too often overwhelms the desire for truth.

Yes, He is human as well as divine, and he is tempted like us - and wins for us!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10am

*Stations of the Cross* at 1.00pm (*prayed for the Peace of our world*) - ***all invited!***

**Signed Mass with Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm (***all welcome***)

**MONDAY:** *Adoration* 8.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 9.00am

**TUESDAY:** *Scripture Group* at 4.30-5.30pm *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.30pm **Mass** at 6.00pm

**THURSDAY:** **Mass** at 12 noon *Adoration* until 1.30pm

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**FRIDAY: CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY**

**Adoration** 8.15am **Morning Prayer** at 8.45am **Mass for Justice** at 9.00am  
**Funeral Service for Tyrone Hayman RIP** at 11.00am

**SATURDAY:** **Adoration** at 8.00am **Morning Prayer** at 8.30am **Mass** at 8.45am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 4.30pm only

**TODAY** [1] On the **First Sunday of Lent** we celebrate the Jesus wrestling with the temptations of power - the power of the Spirit being misused for self and dominance rather than for serving others. Jesus 'is like us in all things except sin' - so He too is tempted! He is the 'High Priest - one just like his brothers and sisters', One who knows weakness and is therefore a compassionate High Priest. He enters the wilderness of temptation and emerges the faithful Servant of God's Kingdom. We invites us to join Him in the same struggle.

[2] **Stations of the Cross** at 1.00pm - all encouraged to come and pray for a suffering world - and especially for the Peace of our torn world.

[3] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome!

[4] **Today is also St David's Day - Patron Saint of Wales - congratulations to all our Welsh parishioners. May we all learn from our ancient Celtic Christian heritage.**

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] The **Second Sunday of Lent** celebrates Jesus transfigured in glory on the mountain of the Transfiguration - a glimpse of the Glory of God within our humanity, which reaches its fulness as Jesus journeys through suffering and the Cross to the explosion of life and love that is Easter Resurrection. Our journey is the same - through the gateway of death to the fulness of our lives in Resurrection.

[2] **Stations of the Cross** at 1.00pm - please come and pray for all victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. May the Spirit guide our community to challenge effectively this horrifying trade in human misery.

[3] **Signed Mass with the Catholic Deaf Association** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

[4] **Retiring Collection for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day** - please be very generous, in support of the poorest of the Earth and seeking to build a sustainable future for our planet.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parish in Communion for Mission of the English Martyrs, Chard, with Crewkerne (sharing the Methodist Church) and St Joseph's, Ilminster (Somerset) served by Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson, Parish Administrator Maggie Weedon and all the communities.

**PRAY EACH WEEK FOR A DIFFERENT MINISTRY OR MISSION OF THE PARISH**

This week, pray God's Blessing upon our Flower Arranging Team and all who help decorate the Church (eg banners, etc). Flowers beautify our church and bring God's creation and nature into our Liturgy. They also remind us of the need to value the beauty God has given us in the natural world around us, drawing us to thanksgiving for the love of God in creation. Thank you to all who bring such beauty to our worship.

**WORD OF GOD FOR FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

<b>Sunday</b>	Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 / Psalm 50 / Romans 5: 12-19 / Matthew 4: 1-11
<b>Monday</b>	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 25: 31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 55: 10-11 / Psalm 33 / Matthew 6: 7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jonah 3: 1-10 / Psalm 50 / Luke 11: 29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Esther 4: 17 / Psalm 137 / Matthew 7: 7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ezekiel 18: 21-28 / Psalm 129 / Matthew 5: 20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 / Psalm 118 / Matthew 5: 43-48

**COLLECTIONS**

Env £239.06 + Loose £391.15 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £720.79 - **many thanks!**

**Ash-Wednesday Caritas Collection** £140.00 **Covenant with the Poor** £13.00 - **thank you!**

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

4th March	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm
6th March	CAFOD Lenten Fast Day - in solidarity with the poorest of the Earth
7th March	Clifton Caritas Roadshow at Alexander House from 10.00am
13th March	Building a Dementia Friendly Church - workshop at Westbury Baptist Church
14th March	Session Three - Preparing the Mass as Real Celebration 9.30-12noon
15th March	Annual Parish Financial Statement at the end of 10.00am Mass
18th March	Borderlands Trustees meet at 10am
18th March	Ashley Churches Together meet at 12.30pm (St Nicks)
19th March	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
24th March	<b>Feast of St Oscar Romero - 40th Anniversary of his martyrdom - Mass 7pm</b>
25th March	<b>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</b>
27th March	Monthly Taizé Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm
28th March	Services of Reconciliation (including celebration First Reconciliation)
5th April	<b>PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>
9th April	<b>Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper</b> at 7.00pm (Watching to 12pm)
10th April	<b>Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion</b> at 3.00pm
11th March	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS at 9.00pm</b>
12th March	<b>SOLEMN MASS OF EASTER DAY at 10am with Baptisms</b>
15th April	Borderlands Trustees meeting at 10.00am (Assisi Centre)
16th April	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (Presbytery)
19th April	<b>Low Sunday Mass at 10am with Baptisms</b>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUNG PEOPLE** With joy we celebrated last Sunday the Confirmation in the Holy Spirit of Dominic and Tinotenda Chipuriro, Ryan Zhou, Esosa Omoruyi, Ruby Strange, Jason Ngele, Benedicta Lobela Ambar, Luba Songu, Samuel Masenyama and Sylvia Njeri Mbugua. We congratulate them and look forward to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that they will share with us in the upbuilding of the Church and the transformation of the world. *Thank you Bishop Declan for being with us*

**LENT BEGINS** Every Lent is a 'Springtime' of growth and renewal - a time for self-awareness, for change, for growth in Christ - A PRIVILEGED TIME OF GRACE. *In communion with Pope Francis we seek to be a People of simplicity and humility, a People of the 'Joy of the Gospel'.* Seek and find more of God, open to the embrace of His love. You and I need this Lent - to develop as a community of prayer, a community of unity and healing, a community of mission, a community of Love! truly disciples in God's Family! *You need the parish this Lent - and the parish needs you!*

***SO WILL YOU EMBRACE THE DISCIPLINE OF LENT, GIVE TIME AND ENERGY TO MAKE THIS A TIME OF RENEWAL FOR YOURSELF, YOUR PARISH AND YOUR COMMUNITY?*** Let us together make this a Season filled with 'the Joy of the Gospel', drawing closer to God, especially in the Eucharist and the intimacy of prayer, drawing closer together as God's Family, and serving together the parish family and the world's poor. We have so many opportunities for prayer and service, for involvement and sharing responsibility in our parish. Have we grown so used to some of them, that we no longer value them? ***IT IS TIME TO REDISCOVER THE VALUE OF THESE, AND DRINK AFRESH FROM THE DEEP POOLS OF PEACE, THE VIBRANT WELLSPRINGS OF THE SPIRIT. Do not let this Lent pass you by - give yourself and you will receive a full measure, brimming over!*** ***WHICH KIND OF LENT WILL YOU HAVE?***

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE 'TRUE FAST'** "Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from

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bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent - so you can listen."

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY** Please fast on **Friday 6th March** in solidarity and sacred communion with the hungry of the world and give money saved to CAFOD. Why not make every Friday in Lent a CAFOD Fast Day; bring more justice & equality to our world!

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** **Friday 28th February at 6.30 pm in the Assisi Centre.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS** **Wednesday 4th March at 7.00pm** (after 6.00pm Mass) in the Assisi Centre - full attendance please. This is the main decision-making body in our parish - make sure your voice is heard shaping the future development of our parish family as a 'Communion of Communities, united in Mission and Witness'. The names and photos of our parish councillors are displayed by the entrance to the Parish Hall. Rutendo Chipato has replaced Samantha Masenyama (now at University), at the request of the Zimbabwian community - we are delighted to welcome her.

**SHORT LITURGY COURSE TO HELP US UNDERSTAND & SHAPE THE LITURGY**

For some time now there has been a desire to help people not only understand the Liturgy - but also to help shape our Liturgy and exercise liturgical ministries more meaningfully. So we have the third session. *Who are they for? All wanting to understand Liturgy more fully; All who have a liturgical ministry (Lay Readers, Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir, Servers, Welcomers, Collectors etc); All wanting to help shape the Liturgy in the future.*

14th March Session Three - **Preparing the Mass as Real Celebration**  
Begin with Morning Prayer at 9.30am and conclude with Mass at 12noon.

**INVITE TO SHARE THE 'PEACE ROSE PROJECT'** Parishioners, family and friends are invited to join in a woolly venture, a Peace Rose Project. The idea is to crochet (or knit) roses for an exhibition in 2021. We are interested in seeing if we can use the project to make grassroots connections between St Nicks parishioners and people in other faith and non-faith groups by inviting them to join with us. We hope it will be an opportunity for some relaxed, peaceful and fun creativity. Crochet lessons are available for those who would like to learn - and the patterns we are using are very simple and suitable for beginners.

Anyone interested please speak to Eva Achoche (07475654032) or Maggie Mathews (07714 701218) or leave your contact details on the sheet on the notice board by the church doors.

**YOGA FOR ALL AGES** Each **Friday 10.30-11.30am in the Assisi Centre.** Yoga - its discipline and practice can enable us to become stronger in both mind and body. Young or old - this is for you! These classes are suitable for those new to Yoga as well as those more experienced. Fee: £6.00, £3.00 (concessionary) (less or free to anyone who cannot afford the fee). Please see Cathy, or just turn up! Profits donated to the parish 170 Project.

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH** A Day of speakers, workshops and resources to help us grow our parish as a 'dementia friendly church'. **Westbury-on-Trym Baptist Church, BS9 3TE on Friday 13th March 9.45am to 3.00pm.** Refreshments and lunch provided. No charge but donations welcomed. Dementia is an increasing Pastoral issues for our churches.

**SOURCES OF WISDOM IN 'A WORLD GONE MAD' with Fr Lawrence Freeman OSB**  
**Saturday 14th March at 2.15 p.m. at Clifton Cathedral, Clifton Park, Bristol BS8 3BX**

In a secular age where many feel alienated from religion and most structures are melting, hope lies in wisdom. Fr Laurence exposes new and old sources of wisdom to show how to live hopefully and reconnect with the traditions on which our future depends. A talk, meditation and time for questions, a book stall. The event ends by 4.15 p.m. £10 suggested donation. To book: <https://fr-laurence-bristol-sources-wisdom.eventbrite.co.uk> or 01275 463727

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