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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### *Glory! Humanity or God?*

What is this Light that shines through Jesus upon the mountain? Is it the glory of God, for He is the son of God? Yet God's glory is experienced more the in the dark cloud that overshadows them as they are plunged into the dark mystery of god whose Light blinds us in its radiance!

Is it not rather the glory of God-touched humanity - the New Humanity that Jesus comes to bring into the world to transform the course of history? That same glory that we have within ourselves, that is within every human person. This strange and awesome event on the Mountain of Divine Presence reveals to us that we are indeed glorious creations of God.

But we are to listen to Him! He is the New Moses who brings us a Law beyond all law - the 'law' of limitless love. He is the New Elijah, the prophet of justice, of freedom, of the Poor - the Prophet of God in whose Kingdom the poor and broken have first place.

And this Glory is a work - to touch all our brothers and sisters with this same Glory!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS at 10am

*Stations of the Cross* at 1.00pm (*prayed for the struggle against modern slavery*) - **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

**SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)** with Bp Declan at 7.00pm  
(*at St Patrick's, Redfield*) - *all encouraged to attend*

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**FRIDAY:** *Adoration* 8.15am *Morning Prayer* at 8.45am **Mass** at 9.00am

**SATURDAY:** *Liturgy Training Session 3*

*Adoration* at 9.00am *Morning Prayer* at 9.30am **Mass** at 12noon

*Sacrament of Reconciliation:* after Mass and 4.30pm

**TODAY** [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.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] The **Third Sunday of Lent** brings us one of the great Gospels that prepares us for the celebration of Baptism and the Renewal of our baptismal Promises this Easter: Jesus meeting the Woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well and leading her to drink from the well-spring of the Holy Spirit He unseals within her. This most unlikely candidate becomes Evangelist of her community who had previously rejected her. Miracles of the Spirit!

[2] At the end of Mass today Robert, our parish administrator and Chair of our Finance Committee will give the **Annual Financial Statement**, with questions and discussion after Mass over coffee in the side room.

[3] **Stations of the Cross** at 1.00pm - please come and pray for the **67 million Refugees** world-wide and the work of Borderlands and so many other agencies serving and defending them. Pray for a 'new heart' in our own nation and all Europe to these our sisters & brothers.

[4] **Mass with the LGBT+ community and friends and families** at 3.00pm - **all welcome!**

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Cheddar and St Joseph & St Teresa, Wells served by Fr Bede Rowe, Fr Anselm Redman, Parish Administrator Mrs Charlotte Lythaby and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon **our Parish Choir**, who bring so much celebration to our Liturgy and worship. Singing engages the whole person in worship of God, and also binds us together - may the harmony of the singing grow from the harmony of our relationships in Christ.

#### WORD OF GOD FOR SECOND WEEK OF LENT

<b>Sunday</b>	Genesis 12: 1-4 / Psalm 32 / 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 / Matthew 17: 1-9
<b>Monday</b>	Daniel 9: 4-10 / Psalm 78 / Luke 6: 36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20 / Psalm 49 / Matthew 23: 1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 18: 18-20 / Psalm 30 / Matthew 20: 17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 / Psalm 1 / Luke 16: 19-31
<b>Friday</b>	Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28 / Psalm 104 / Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20 / Psalm 102 / Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

#### COLLECTIONS

Env £254.00 + Loose £108.89 + S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £453.47 - **many thanks!**

CAFOD £26 **Covenant with the Poor** £15 **Donation** (Sarum College) £70.00 **thank you!**

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

12th March	Diocesan Service of Reconciliation with Bp Declan 7pm (St Patrick's)
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)
22nd March	Rite of Adult Catechumen
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)
29th March	Rite of Child Catechumen at 10am Mass
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>

**COME, CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF ST OSCAR ROMERO'S MARTYRDOM**

On the 24th March, eve of the Feast of the Annunciation (celebrating the Word made Flesh in the womb of Mary), Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot by a government death squad while he was celebrating Mass. Immediately hailed by his stricken people (and all the poor of Latin America) as a Saint and Martyr, he was recognised as such and canonised by Pope Francis in 2018. This Prophet of the Poor and tireless servant of Peace and Liberation is undoubtedly the Patron Saint of the Church's core Mission of promoting Justice, Peace and Freedom and calls us all to live with courage God's Option for the Poor. **Come, be inspired by his 'Word made Flesh' and celebrate this 40th Anniversary Mass of St Oscar Romero at St Nick's on Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm.** It will be followed by Latin American refreshments.

**DIOCESAN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WITH BISHOP DECLAN** We are invited to share in the local **Lenten Diocesan Service of Reconciliation led by our Bishop, Declan at St Patricks Church, Redfield on Thursday 12th March at 7.00pm.** The Church very strongly encourages us to prepare for the great celebration of Easter and our Easter recommitment to Christ and living out our Baptism - by coming together to celebrate God's ever merciful and forgiving love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession). There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions and help us to know the depth of God's merciful love - which has no end! ***Do please come and let God touch you with His mercy.***

**FOODBANK - URGENT REQUEST** Thank you for such consistent support - our parish foodbank (and the Parish Office Team who service all who come in need) does so much good, helping people who are often desperate and under-nourished. **THANK YOU! We need urgently jars of coffee, kilo bags of sugar, tins of meat and fish (as many as possible), long-life milk, tins of vegetables, 1 litre bottles of cooking oil, tins of rice pudding and fruit, cereals.** Please note that WE DO NOT NEED rice, pasta or tins of baked beans. Thanks

**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***

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*the 'Joy of the Gospel'*. Furthermore he calls us to an 'ECO FAST' this Lent - challenging our addictions to a life-style that is severely wounding our planet and impoverishing our sisters and brothers.

So let us all seek and find more of God, open to the embrace of His love. You and I and the planet and the global poor 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 serving the healing of our 'Common Home', our beautiful Earth!

***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?*** 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 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 support CAFOD's work in solidarity and sacred communion with the hungry of the world by making every Friday in Lent a CAFOD Fast Day; bring more justice & equality to our world! Place your contributions in the CAFOD envelopes, and place them in the Offertory along with your normal parish offering. **Thanks!**

**JOURNEY OF FAITH** Friday 6th March at 6.30 pm in the Assisi Centre.

**SHORT LITURGY COURSE TO HELP US UNDERSTAND & SHAPE THE LITURGY**  
*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 - **Structure and Preparation of the Mass as Real Celebration**  
Begin with Morning Prayer at 9.30am and conclude with Mass at 12noon.

**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

**CORONAVIRUS AND HOLY COMMUNION** The advice is that for the moment we continue as present Communion under Both Kinds. ***Lay Ministers are asked to go to the left hand credence table and wash their hands with the sanitising gel after the sign of Peace.***

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