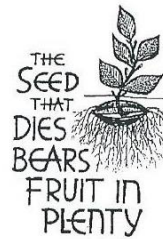




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**All Masses are now live-streamed. Friday's Mass is behind closed doors.**  
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#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Psalter Week 4	Cycle B
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Frank & Dorothy Tivey RIP
<b>Sunday 14 Mar</b>	10.30 am	Bishop David Cashman RIP (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Wednesday	10.00 am	All Parishioners
Friday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
<b>Behind closed doors</b>		

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Psalter Week 1	Cycle B
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Patrick Cusack RIP
<b>Sunday 21 Mar</b>	10.30 am	Ken Mason RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Patricia Chandler RIP
Friday	10.00 am	All Parishioners
<b>Behind closed doors</b>		
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Mary, Felix & Vincent Edwardson RIP
<b>Sun 28 Mar</b>	10.30 am	Decd members of Hayes Fmly

#### **FEAST DAYS**

Wednesday: St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary

#### **ANNIVERSARIES: 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Syl Califf, Bishop David Cashman, Elizabeth Dickson, Fr Charles Clarke, Amy Humm, John Nash, Arthur Parry, Dorothy Tivey, Daniel Graham, Daphne Cooper, Oscar Morris, Brian Henry.

#### **FEAST DAYS:**

Thursday: Annunciation of the Lord

#### **ANNIVERSARIES: 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Paul Morris, Fr Terence Donovan, Dan Lordan, Harold Richardson, Edwin Evans, John Rocca, Mary Micallef, Fr Bernard Smoker, Mary Heath, Mary Hatch, Patricia Broughton, Luis Cotilla, Catherine Nash, Lilian Down.

**RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING:** Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Mary Frost, Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret Harris, Jocelyn Bowen and Joseph Ewing.

**FEBRUARY 200 CLUB WINNERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Korina Cox No.238 £30 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Bruce No. 212 £20  
 Congratulations!

**AN EASTER HOME SERVICE SHEET** which can be used if attendance at church or streaming the special Easter services is not possible, will be available at church by Palm (Passion) Sunday or can be downloaded from the parish website. It is suitable to be used in families or alone.

**FANCY A CHAT?** If you would like to chat with fellow parishioners over zoom or even by telephone, please contact Fiona Perks on [Fionap580@gmail.com](mailto:Fionap580@gmail.com) or telephone Parish Office – 020 8393 5572

**FAMILY FAST DAY (CAFOD):** Envelopes: £260, Card Machine: £330, Sponsored Walk: £737.30. **Total: £1327.30**

Many thanks to all who contributed and a special thanks to Jonathan for organising this important event. Remember, it's not too late to give to our Lent appeal. [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent), <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-inns1>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT:** You are invited to join members of the parish each Friday during Lent to reflect on the Lord's passion and how it speaks to each one of us in this present day. Meetings will take place on Zoom. You can register on the parish website under "Events".

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE:** Thank you to Paula Tanner and other ecumenical reps who organised the service from St Mary's, Ewell Village on Zoom. A recording of the service on DVD can be borrowed from Fr Graham. You can still donate to World Day of Prayer via their website: go to [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk) You can also donate up to £40 by Text: TEXT 70085 using the phrase 2021WDP 5 to donate £5 To donate a different amount change the 5 to the amount you wish to give. Your text will cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message.

Dear Fellow Parishioners, I hope you are all keeping well and safe.

On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March our first live streamed Mass was available on the parish web-site. From now, all Masses in St Clement's will be live streamed and there will be an additional Mass, most weeks, behind "closed doors" on Friday 10.00am with no congregation. Videos of the Masses can be viewed in one's own time.

I am very grateful to the provider who can make adjustments and to John Lodge, our website manager for putting the live-stream on the web-site.

Sincere best wishes, God Bless, Fr Graham

#### **Reflection:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

*"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life" Ephesians 2: 10.*

Perhaps we tend to think of ourselves more as disaster areas than works of art. We are assured by God's word that we are "God's work of art". If that is God's vision, then can it inspire us, in our own small way, to live up to God's expectations? Again, when we see goodness not in terms of keeping commandments but rather in terms of making a return of love to a God who first loved us, then that could give us greater joy than trying to live "the good life" as God has always meant it to be? If Sunday by Sunday we could bring to mind these truths, wouldn't every Sunday be a "Laetare Sunday", a day filled with gratitude and rejoicing for all that the Lord has done, is doing, will do in order to turn us into "God's work of Art"?



## SHAPED BY GOD'S GRACE



In our own day too, we have become aware that "when there is a general breakdown in the exercise of a certain virtue in personal and social life, it ends up causing a number of imbalances, including environmental ones" (*Laudato Si'*, 224). Like the pattern of sabbath practice in the Old Testament, Lent offers us an opportunity each year to reassess our work and what it means to us. Rather than pursuing a "constant flood of new consumer goods" bought with the money we earn, "Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little" (*Laudato Si'*, 222). Francis insists: "Such sobriety, when lived freely and consciously, is liberating. It is not a lesser life or one lived with less intensity. On the contrary, it is a way of living life to the full" (*Laudato Si'*, 223). The reason for this is that it is a life shaped by "an attitude of the heart" (*Laudato Si'*, 226) in which we allow our hearts to be shaped by God's grace. Grace is given to us as a gift, not earned by anything that we have done (Ephesians 2:8-9). As a result, our hearts become like God's heart, our attitudes like God's attitudes.

In *Laudato Si'*, Francis gives the example of the way that Jesus looks at the rich young man with love, but he could equally well have used the famous phrase found in today's Gospel: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). Loving the whole of creation, and the God who created it, will indeed help us to become what St Paul calls us in today's second reading: "God's work of art... [living] the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it" (Ephesians 2:10).

## Mass text

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

PSALM Psalm 136

RESPONSE **O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. **R.**
2. For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
"Sing to us," they said,  
"one of Zion's songs." **R.**
3. O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! **R.**

4. O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
God loved the world so much that he gave his  
only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one  
together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of  
the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.**

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33



## SUNDAY BULLETIN

## WORK AND REST



Journeying through Lent with *Laudato Si'*, we come to recognise, as Pope Francis points out, that the renewal we seek "entails recovering and respecting the rhythms inscribed in nature by the hand of the Creator" (*Laudato Si'*, 71). Francis explores this idea using the example of the sabbath, best known as a day of rest each week, honouring the account of God's work of creation at the beginning of the book of Genesis, in which God "rested on the seventh day after all the work he had been doing" (Genesis 2:2).

But scripture calls us to pay attention to all our relationships, not only the one that we have with God. There is also a sabbath pattern of rest for the land on which the people live, which is to enjoy a sabbatical year every seven years. This was not only "a complete rest for the land", as Francis points out. It was also a time of rest for the workers and animals that ploughed the land and harvested the crops. Similarly, the year of Jubilee, which was to be celebrated "after seven weeks of years, which is to say forty-nine years" (*Laudato Si'*, 71) was meant to be "a year of general forgiveness and 'liberty throughout the land for all its inhabitants' (cf. Leviticus 25:10)". In a Jubilee year, the people were called to share the fruits of the land "especially with the poor, with widows, orphans and foreigners in their midst". Francis also comments: "This law came about as an attempt to ensure balance and fairness in their relationships with others and with the land on which they lived and worked" (*Laudato Si'*, 71). In our first reading today, it is clear that all of these relationships have gone awry, and the exile is explained in the second book of Chronicles by drawing on the tradition of the sabbath for the land: "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation" (2 Chronicles 36:21).

## A journey through Lent with *Laudato Si'*



Dr Martin Poulson  
SDB reflects on the  
way that our approach  
to work and rest  
reveals our attitude  
towards ourselves,  
God and the world  
in which we live.

14 MARCH 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK IV



## THE JOY OF OUR HOPE

In response to this reading, we are invited to make the plea of the psalmist our own, asking that, out of the kindness of God's heart, God will be compassionate towards us. This psalm helps us to be one in the faith that Francis expresses, when he says that despite our sinfulness "all is not lost... We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom" (*Laudato Si'*, 205). We pray that God will put "a steadfast spirit within us", and that the Holy Spirit will create for us "a pure heart" (Psalm 50:10). In this way, we commit ourselves to cooperating with God, expressing "our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts". Francis appeals to "everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours" (*Laudato Si'*, 205), our capacity to respond to the transforming call of God. At the end of today's psalm, we ask God that we will be sustained in our efforts by "a spirit of fervour" and to be given "again the joy of your help". Francis says something similar towards the end of *Laudato Si'*, inviting us not to put any boundaries in the way of our hearts, as they go out to those in need. The transformations that are needed in the world are great and will involve struggle, as they did for Jesus, but Francis prays: "May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" (*Laudato Si'*, 244).



## Mass text

## 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.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM Psalm 50

RESPONSE **A pure heart create for me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must  
follow me;  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of  
God!**

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of  
wheat  
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single  
grain.  
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1 – 15:47



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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

## LIVING FROM THE HEART

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus declares that his "hour" – the moment that John's Gospel has been building up to since it started – "has come" (John 12:23). It is fascinating that what triggers this statement is the arrival of some Greeks, who tell Philip that they would like to see Jesus. The mission of Jesus is not limited to saving his Jewish listeners, but reaches beyond the boundaries that humans erect between people of different nationalities and faiths. In the teaching that follows, Jesus says: "when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself", which the Gospel writer explains as indicating "the kind of death he would die" (John 12:32-33). As we move towards the climax of our Lenten season, the message of Jesus that we read today is applicable to anyone and everyone. As Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'*, "when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one" (92). This describes very well the kind of heart that Jesus had, and it is the kind of heart that we too are called to have, as his followers.

Our first reading, from the prophet Jeremiah, tells of a day when God will plant God's Law deep within God's people, "writing it on their hearts" (Jeremiah 31:33). He is speaking in the context of the exile, which is interpreted as a punishment for sin, but the prophecy shows us – as Pope Francis insists – that God always "wishes to work with us and... counts on our cooperation" (*Laudato Si'*, 80). Even though the people broke the covenant that God had made with their ancestors, God wants to make a new one with their descendants, so that God shall once again "be their God and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:33). Francis assures us that the promised transformation means that God "can also bring good out of the evil we have done". This is an action of the Spirit, who "has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge" (*Laudato Si'*, 80).



## A journey through Lent with *Laudato Si'*



Dr Martin Poulsom  
SDB considers the  
transformation of our  
hearts that can make  
us more like Christ.

21 MARCH 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1