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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

<b>SERVICES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS</b>						
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Exodus 20: 1-17, 1 Cor 1: 22-25 John 2: 13-25
			St M	11.00am	Priest's Intention	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	2 Kings 5: 1-15, Luke 4: 24-30
Tue	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent			No Mass	
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Deut 4: 1-9, Matt 5: 17-19
Thu	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Rina Donald	Jer 7: 23-28, Luke 11: 14-23
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Hosea 14: 2-10, Mark 12: 28-34
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Larry Laggan (LL)	Hosea 5: 15; 6: 6, Luke 18: 9-14
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Chronicles 36:14-23, Eph 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21
			St M	11.00am	Anne Headley (CT)	
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturdays 10.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</p>						

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March:** Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Martin Goodwin, Eileen Whalen, Pat Scott, Grace Robson, O Robson, Lisa Stimpson, Mary Smith, Peter Goodwin.

**And for Fr John McElhone** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Pauline Thompson, Caroline Gray, Geoffrey Spencer, Doris Wall, Naima Jackson, George Heckles, Agnes Chute, William Wall, Brenda Bolton, Molly Sweet, Ronald Crozier, Marion Hart, Kathleen Straughan, John Hutchinson, Rina Donald.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm.**

**Please return your CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelopes** as soon as possible. A quote for thought: "The future is now. It is just that it has not been shared equally".

**Lenten Aims for St Cuthbert's Care:** You can find out how best to support this charity by visiting [www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk](http://www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk) A collection plate is available at the back of church for your donations.

**The Report on the Diocesan Wide Listening Exercise** is available on the Diocesan website for viewing. It includes an overview by Bishop Stephen.

**Newman Tyneside Circle** invites you to come and hear Sue Oxley speak about The Five Mothers of Bernadette Soubirous and her Neglected Life. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle [*nb new venue*], on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm.

**Parish Finances:** It would be most helpful if existing standing order gift aid donors and non gift aid donors could make their contribution **monthly** rather than weekly. This would save on the accounting admin required.

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. Cost from ~£1000 pp sharing + insurance etc. If interested please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. (This is just to indicate an interest at this stage). If enough people commit we could consider attending as a parish group.

**LOUDfence. St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd-6th March. Welcome to All:** Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. See poster for more details.

**Campaign to Protect Unborn children:** Don't forget to collect your card to send to your MP asking that further protections are made in law to protect the unborn. Available at the back of church.

**Do you want to fast this Lent?** "Fast from hurting 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 have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts 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 be attentive to the Lord's presence in your life". (Pope Francis)

## **The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book**

### **First Reading**

*Exodus 20:1-3.7-8.12-17*

*The Ten Commandments are a map of life for a people that has a special relationship with God.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me. You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 18*

*Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect,<br>it revives the soul.<br>The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,<br>it gives wisdom to the simple. | 2. The precepts of the Lord are right<br>they gladden the heart.<br>The command of the Lord is clear,<br>it gives light to the eyes.  |
| 3. The fear of the Lord is holy,<br>abiding for ever.<br>The decrees of the Lord are truth<br>and all of them just.                    | 4. They are more to be desired than gold,<br>than the purest of gold<br>and sweeter are they than honey,<br>than honey from the comb. |

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

*Paul preached a crucified Christ. To some it made no sense. To others it was a sign of God's wisdom.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 2:13-25*

*By chasing the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the Temple, Jesus passed judgement on the Jewish system of worship.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### **Question of the week**

*(for further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?**