



BULLETIN

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018 YEAR B

The second collection this week is for the Lukan Fund

Lent with Families and Young People

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. How can we, in our family life, observe these practices in a new way? We usually think of fasting as giving up something like chocolate or biscuits – but there is much more to it than that! As a family, perhaps we could support each other in thinking about Lent as being a time of fasting and feasting – not in food, but in our attitudes. For example, we could be fasting from anger but feasting on patience, fasting from selfishness and feasting on compassion, or fasting from laziness and feasting on enthusiasm... the list could go on and on. We could, perhaps, fast from Facebook and feast on prayer – maybe by taking each of the Sunday gospels and reflecting on them together, talking about them and then praying that we hear what God is saying to

each of us in the Word. And, if we don't usually pray before meals, then Lent would be a good time to start, even if it just on the Sundays. If we are fasting from our devices, we could feast, instead, on talking to one another and building up those means of communication face to face. Our giving, too, could be of our time – visiting someone who is sick or lonely, helping at a Food Bank or taking someone shopping if they find it difficult – as well as of our finances.

Young people

During Lent we can focus on fasting, giving, and praying to help us prepare for the joy of Easter. Here are three suggestions for each that can help us live out our mission as young Catholics in the world.

MASS TIMES

Sunday	9.00am	St John the Evangelist, Milborne Port
	10.30am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
	6.30pm	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Mon	9.00am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Tues	9.00pm	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Thurs	9.45am	St Mary's, Bruton
Friday	11.30am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton
Saturday	10.00am	St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton Mass followed by Confession & Exposition
	5.30pm	St Mary's, Mere

Fast:

Spend 30 minutes per day during Lent away from your phone, tablet or TV. Use the time to be inspired by something new – be creative; read Mark's Gospel and pray. Try to resist take-aways or fast food. Donate the money to charity or use it to buy fresh food to cook as a family or group of friends. Think about how we consume what is around us and take time to thank God for our world. Consider, maybe, becoming plastic free for Lent.

Give:

Give of yourself and do something remarkable for others. Hold the door open for others, say good morning to people who greet you at school or college. Talk to someone new. Consider taking part in a mission action like the 'Give it up' campaign with CAFOD.

Pray:

Respond to the issues and stories you see on the news and social media with prayer. Follow Pope Francis @pontifex and pray with him for the world. Consider going to Mass during the week as well as the weekend. It can be a very different experience! Spend some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the week..

A LIGHT SHONE ON YARLINGTON LAST WEEKEND!

Charles de Salis gave a coruscating talk on the French Revolution. His knowledge of the subject is vast, and his delivery with the help of slides was seamless.

As ever, on these occasions, the organisation in the capable hands of Countess Carolyn de Salis was meticulous. The selling of tickets, the parking arrangements and the bar were faultless. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, which created a social event worthy of the many people who were in the audience on both nights.

As soon as the final amount raised for the Lukan Fund is known, it will be published.

On behalf of the Par-

ish, may I thank Count and Countess de Salis for their energy in continuing to raise such much needed funds for the Lukan Fund.

With my sincere thanks and blessings,
Fr Louis

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at St Luke's, every Tuesday morning during Lent after the 9am Mass.

MERE

Stations of the Cross every Lenten Friday at 11am. On Good Friday we will lead the ecumenical stations up Castle Hill as well as having stations in our church. This Sunday at 6pm in the Grove Building the URC will be explain how they differ from other protestant groups.

LENT STUDY COURSE

After discussion we agreed to follow '40 Years of Hope'.

Sessions will be Tuesday mornings (starting 20th February) 10.30 am at the Barn (Religious Society of Friends). Evening sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the small parish room at SS Luke & Teresa.

CONFIRMATION

For young people wishing to discover the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation - please would you write to me giving your age, your address, your telephone number and your email - and post it through the presbytery letterbox. A meeting will be arranged some time before Easter.
Fr Louis

MILBORNE PORT LENT LUNCHES

12.30 for 1.00pm.
Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
March, Church House,
St John's.

WINCANTON LENT LUNCHES 2018

All start at 1230.
Friday 2nd March, St Peter & St Paul
Friday 9th March, Quakers/Methodists
Friday 16th March, St Luke & St Teresa
Friday 23rd March,
Wincaton Community
Church

APF/MISSIO 2018

It's March again, and time to hand in your little red box to the promoter named on the underside.

If you are unable to link up with your promoter, please give your box to one of the clergy and they will ensure it gets to where it needs to go!!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Ann and Sue

SAME BUT DIFFERENT: REFLECTIONS OF DIFFERENT CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

The churches of Mere are sharing their differences in a series of talks on Sunday night at 6pm in the Grove Building. This Sunday (11th) it is Deacon Michael's turn to talk about the Catholic Church: he would much appreciate some Catholics to be there in support. On the 18th, it will be the turn of the URC, and on the 25th there will be Stations in St Michael's.

FLOWER ROTA AT ST LUKE'S

We are in need of a person(s) to join the team and help once a month with the flowers for St. Luke's.

Formal training or experience is not needed; just a love of flowers and enthusiasm. For further details please contact Cymmone on 01935 850306.

MILBORNE PORT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Monday 26th March
at 7.00pm, at St
John's, Milborne Port.

ST LUKE'S MARCH CAKE SALE

Palm Sunday, 25th March

Easter bakes and spring
treats is our theme this
month. Contributions
very welcome please!

FRIDAY FILM CLUB

Friday 23rd March at
1.40pm (there is a soup
lunch at the Commu-
nity Church at 12.30).

'The Shack' based on the
best selling novel - a man
and family undergo terrible
loss, but a strange encoun-
ter with an enigmatic trio
of strangers reveals impor-
tant, life changing truths!

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Forming Intentional Dis-
ciples is a book we could
read and then discuss in
small groups. This has
helped many busy Catho-
lics across the country
and beyond to more JOY
in their Faith, and given
renewed energy to their
parish. If you would like
to know more, please give
your name and email/
phone number either as
you leave church today, or
by contacting Deacon Mi-
chael (michael@faithand-joy.co.uk or 830766)

JOB VACANCY AT THE AMMER- DOWN CENTRE

We are looking for an
'Out of Hours Duty Su-
pervisor' for 21 hours
per week on Friday,
Saturday and Sunday
For details please contact
Tessa Owen on 01761
433709 or email admin@ammerdown.org

W O M E N S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

It was a huge disappoint-
ment to cancel WWDOP
last Friday. A lot of effort
and good will had been
invested by all six denom-
inations, not to mention
offers of help on the day,
and cakes kindly baked.

THANK YOU to every-
one who would
have been involved.

If you feel you would like
to make a donation to
Women's World Day of
Prayer, as no offerings
were taken on the day,
please send a cheque
to: Women's World Day
of Prayer, Commer-
cial Road, Tunbridge
Wells, Kent, TN1 2PR.
Ann White.

MERE LENT LUNCHES

Held at 12.30pm on
23rd March & 30th
March at the Grove
Building.

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LITURGIES

Lenten Station Masses: a diocesan pilgrimage (Lent 2018)

A simple, prayerful journey around our diocese centred upon the celebration of the Eucharist and the Prayer of the Church. Details of the Station Masses and its pilgrimage route will be available in January 2018.

Liturgies of Reconciliation (Lent 2018)

Bishop Declan will once again celebrate Liturgies of Reconciliation in several venues across the diocese during Lent 2018. We gather to celebrate the mercy of God in Wincanton, Bath, Stroud, Swindon and Filton on the Thursdays of Lent (beginning 22 February).

Mass for Newly Baptised and Newly Received (19 May 2018)

Bishop Declan invites those who are baptised at Easter and those who are received into full communion with the Church to join him (along with their parishes, their sponsors and their families) at a celebration of Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of faith and the call to 'go, glorifying the Lord by our lives'. We gather in our Cathedral.

Eucharistic Adoration (in preparation for the National Congress)

The National Congress, Adoremus, present us with a real encouragement to embrace an initiative of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and to draw our 'gaze' upon the one who calls us in love and sends us out as witness to his Good News. This living encounter with Christ, present in the Eucharist, draws us into Divine Love so that we might go and communicate that love to others.

EVENTS

Diocesan Roadshows (12, 19, 26 April; 10, 17 May 2018)

Representatives from our diocesan departments based at Alexander House embark upon a series of evenings (and an afternoon) that allow our parish communities to appreciate the services that are on offer to them, as well as chance to ask questions and meet some of our diocesan staff.

Annual Diocesan Day (30 June 2018)

St Brendan's Sixth Form College hosts this diocesan gathering for another year and allows us a day of formation, reflection and insight around this Year of Mission. With keynote speaker, workshops, something for the children, and a time just to gather from across four counties with our bishop, this day allows us to ponder our mission as the Church in Clifton.

Gathering our Religious (27 June)

The Religious men and women working in our diocese gather together for a day of prayer, reflection and conversation.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage (8 July 2018)

Gathering as a diocesan family at the Shrine of Our Lady of Glastonbury, this annual pilgrimage invites us to place all that we are and all we are called to be, as the Church in this place, under the watchful care and prayerful intercession of the Mother of God.

World Meeting of Families (21 - 26 August 2018)

Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next world meeting of families guided by the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. This major international event brings families together from around the world to pray, reflect and celebrate the importance of marriage as the cornerstone of our lives, our Church, and our world.

Lourdes Pilgrimage (24 - 31 August 2018)

Bishop Declan leads this annual pilgrimage to Lourdes inviting us to keep our eyes fixed on the one who leads us to Christ, her Son. The National Eucharistic Congress (7 - 9 September 2018). This national initiative across three days invites us to reflect upon and celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the Church and the heart of our lives. Each parish is being represented at this national gathering and parishes are being invited to participate, even remotely, in this important moment of prayer, formation, and evangelisation in our country.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (22 - 30 October 2018)

Bishop Declan leads a group of diocesan pilgrims following the footsteps of Jesus and the disciples. Visiting the major places in Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, this time away in prayer and reflection draws us into a richer understanding of the Scriptures and of the call to be disciples. Booking forms and details are available from the Adult Education office or from cliftondiocese.com.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Covenant is renewed in this Sunday's first reading. You could say that the Covenant is re-written and re-inscribed but not in a way that God's People had imagined.

Remember that image from two Sundays ago and the gift of Law on Mount Sinai. There the Law was written on those two tablets of stone; now it is to be written on the human heart.

God plants his law deep within us writing it upon the very core of our being. In doing so God shows mercy, compassion and forgiveness towards his people in giving them a new start.

But maybe during this Year of Mission we need to take note of the request made to Philip in the Gospel, 'We want to see Jesus'. It may not be articulated in such a way, but is that the request of today? Are there people looking for Jesus, wanting to find him and come near to him? The answer is 'yes'. As disciples, we are the ones who can point people to the Lord; we can enable people to find him and encounter him in us if our lives are centred on the law of love planted within us.

We mustn't be afraid of allowing others who search to encounter the Lord through us!





Sunday 18th March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Response to Psalm;	A pure heart create for me, O God.
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!
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.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND VISITS

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS SICK, DEBILITATED OR HOUSEBOUND AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, PLEASE CONTACT FR LOUIS OR THE PARISH OFFICE ON 01963 34408

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

11 th	New Light on the French Revolution	7.30pm	Yarlington House
12 th	New Light on the French Revolution	7.30pm	Yarlington House
13 th	Day of Recollection	10.00am	Downside Abbey
16 th	Lent Lunch	12.30pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
17 th	Spectra Musica	7.30pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
23 rd	Friday Film Club	1.40pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
25 th	March Cake Sale	After Mass	St Luke's, Wincanton
26 th	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	St John's, MP
28 th	Chrism Mass	11.00am	Clifton Cathedral
29 th	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
30 th	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
	Day of Fast & Abstinence		
31 st	Holy Saturday - Blessing of the Food	12.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
	The Easter Vigil	9.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton

April

1 st	Easter Day	9.00am	St John's, MP
	Easter Day	10.30am	St Luke's, Wincanton

MONEY BOX

The collection last week raised £999.10 of which £230.05 was raised for the Lukan Fund. Thank you all.