



BULLETIN

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 2018 YEAR B

The second collection this week is for the Lukan Fund

Laetare Sunday, Mother's Day and the Golden Rose

In the UK, Laetare Sunday is Mothering Sunday, or as it is becoming more popularly known, Mother's Day. The name derives from an ancient tradition of people travelling back to their 'mother' church on the Fourth Sunday in Lent, or Laetare Sunday. The 'mother' church was the one in which they had grown up. This tradition derives from the Epistle reading which states that the source of our joy should be in knowing that we are sons of God looking forward to redemption through the risen Christ. (The faithful celebrate Christ's Resurrection at Easter, the greatest of all Church feasts.)

Because transport was difficult and travel lengthy — people journeyed home by horse, carriage or on foot — it was also a special occasion for their families. Those who made this trip were said to be

going 'a-mothering'. This carried a double meaning of pilgrimage to their church and a visit to their mother. The Canterbury Tales blog says the custom lasted for 300 years and ended sometime in the 19th century.

I mentioned in my explanation of liturgical colours last week that Laetare Sunday was a break from the penitential nature of Lent. Therefore, a reunion which was centred around a brief pilgrimage to one's home church turned into a family reunion with a bit of a feast, as best as one could manage. Simnel cake is linked to Laetare / Mothering Sunday, although these days it is also popular at Easter.

As many other more timely online postings explained last weekend, Laetare Sunday is so called because 'laetare' means 'rejoice'. The words 'Rejoice, Jerusalem' are still part of the

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

Catholic Introit, or entrance antiphon, for that liturgy. The priest wore — and in some cases still wears — rose-coloured vestments.

Why rose? Pope Leo XIII said that its scent should remind the faithful of 'the sweet odour of Christ' at His Resurrection. The red petals and thorns tell us of his Passion as prophesied in Isaiah 63:2: 'Why then is thy apparel red and thy garments like theirs that tread in the winepress?' For this reason, almost every year for more than 1,000 years, popes have blessed a rose made by skilled goldsmiths. This is called the Golden Rose. Until the late 15th century, the Golden Rose had a red tinge to its petals. Precious gems sometimes replaced the red hue. In the late 1400s, Pope Sixtus IV commissioned a Golden Rose which was a set of roses formed like a Jesse Tree. Later popes have commissioned Golden Rose arrangements in different styles, e.g. a bouquet.

The popes gave these Golden Roses to members of royal families and various dignitaries as well as to special churches and sanctuaries. However, it is given only in exceptional circumstances and not every year. Therefore, the Pope retains a Golden Rose year after year until he finally distributes

it. It is more common now for a pope to give one to a church instead of a person.

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.

Daily prayer in our church in Mere

15 minutes of prayer each weekday at 9 am, except Thursday when we pray the rosary at 10a.m. Every Friday we walk with Jesus down the stations of the Cross at 11a.m.

MERE LENT LUNCHES

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

NEW LIGHT ON THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

Charles de Salis will be giving a scintillating talk 'New Light on the French Revolution' at Yarlington House, BA9 8DY, on Sunday 11th and Monday 12th March, at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Tickets cost a modest £12.50 and this includes a glass of rather fine wine. The proceeds go to the Lukan Fund. If you want to come, telephone Charles or Carolyn, 01963 440344, or e-mail: charles.desalis@yarlingtonhouse.com

Carolyn would like some assistance with selling raffle tickets, the bar and parking. Please telephone if you can help. Last year we made over £2000, so we ought to try to exceed this with ecclesiastical vigour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

SPECTRA MUSICA IN WINCANTON

Spectra Musica will be singing 'Motets, Madrigals and More' at St Luke and St Teresa's Church, Wincanton on 17th March, in another lively concert led by their very talented Musical Director, Peter Leech.

The group's programmes are always a colourful mix of words and music from many eras and styles. Vautor and Bassani were 17th century composers, and Brahms 19th century, Villetta, Lloyd Webber and Seiber 20th century, all adding to the evening's variety. The talented pianist Caroline D'Cruz will also feature in the programme as well as accompanying the group.

Tickets, priced £12, are available from 01963 350160, from tickets@spectramusica.co.uk or on the door, for the concert starting at 7.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY IN MERE

Fr Michael will be leading the Stations of the Cross up Castle Hill at 11 a.m. starting in the town centre. For those who would find the climb difficult, John Fitzgerald will be leading Stations in our church.

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,
Wincanton Community
Church

DOWNSIDE DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Tuesday 13th March
10.00am-2.30pm

The day begins with coffee, followed by a talk at 10.30, then silent prayer and an opportunity for confession. Mass is at midday. Bring a picnic lunch. Final talk at 1.30. This Day of Recollection will be held at the Pastoral Centre and led by Monsignor Canon Jeremy Rigden, of St Mary's, Bath. Do come; everyone is welcome. For more information contact Margaret Goldschmidt on 01963 370688. The next such Day of Recollection will be on Tuesday 3rd July.

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

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, Mil-
borne 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 Community Church at 12.30).

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

All are welcome.

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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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This theme of Covenant continues but it's an infidelity that we read of today... a broken Covenant and a broken relationship.

Whilst everything seems to be tumbling down and in ruins, the prophet speaks of one simple thing: God's fidelity. That's his over-riding message. Even though God's people may be unfaithful and rebellious, God is always faithful. Even though God's people abandon him, God never abandons his people.

What Jeremiah looks forward to is a future... and it is filled with hope.

In our Year of Mission as we seek to be faithful disciples of the Lord, are we those prophets and proclaimers of hope? Do we allow what might seem chaotic, broken and crumbling around us to cause us to despair or do we allow our environment to see the hand of God at work leading us to a future that is touched by hope? God doesn't give up on his people and we can be those instruments of his presence through the signs of hope we offer.

God so loved the world, we are reminded in our second reading... that's the hope we give.





Sunday 11th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Response to Psalm;	O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!
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!
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.

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

MONEY BOX

The collection last week raised £855.68 of which £239.61 was raised for the Lukan Fund. Thank you all.