

BULLETIN

PARISH OF ST LUKE & ST TERESA, SOUTH STREET, WINCANTON, BA9 9DH INCORPORATING OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL SOUTH STREET WINCANTON, BA9 9DH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2018 YEAR B

The second collection this week is for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day

The second collection next week is for the Lukan Fund

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Pope Francis on February 4 announced a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace to be held February 23, 2018. The Holy Father's invitation came after the Angelus, prayed in St. Peter's Square last Sunday.

'In the face of the tragic protraction of situations of conflict in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace on Friday 23 February. We will offer it in particular for the populations of the Democratic Republic of Congo and of South Sudan. As on other similar occasions, I also invite non-Catholic and non-Christian brothers and sisters to associate themselves to this initiative in the way they consider most opportune, but all together.

Our heavenly Father always listens to His chil-

dren who cry to Him in sorrow and anguish, who "heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). I make a heartfelt appeal so that we also listen to this cry and, each one of us in his/her own conscience before God, ask ourselves: "What can I do for peace?" We certainly can pray, but not only: each one can say concretely "no" to violence in as much as it depends on him or her. Because the victories obtained with violence are false victories while working for peace does everyone good!"

We are used to this particular Friday in Lent being a CA-FOD Lenten Fast Day in this country and CAFOD are active both in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Sudan. I would invite your parish community to take up this initiative of using the day to pray for peace, united with the Church throughout the world and all those who seek and

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	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	9.00am	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

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strive after peace. The Apostolic Nuncio has asked us to participate in Pope Francis' invitation in whatever way we can in praying for peace and supporting the people of this troubled area of our world and I would encourage you to do so.

With my best wishes for the coming Lenten season

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Rt Rev Declan Lang Bishop of Clifton

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILBORNE PORT

The Anglican/Roman-Catholic Joint Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Joint Council will be held on Monday 5th March 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Skittle Room, The Tippling Philosopher, Milborne Port.

It will be followed by a Skittles Match between Angles & Romans and a buffet snack supper (£7.00 a head) which this year for the first time will feature a choice of hot dishes as well as cold.

All members of both congregations are warm-

ly invited to attend. PLEASE COME! (Sign-up sheet at back of church from Sunday 11th February. Please sign up before Sunday 25th February).

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.

PREPARING FOR MISSION

Life in the Spirit Seminars Lent Tuesday evenings Clifton Cathedral is hosting Life in the Spirit seminars for 5 Tuesday evenings in Lent starting on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm. This is a great way to help us all prepare for mission. The speakers are Mgr David Oakley of Oscott Seminary, David Payne and Jenny Baker ofCafé, Fr Richard McKay from our diocese and Fr Chris Thomas from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

For more information, email renewal@cliftondiocese. com or call 07815 751 556

LENT STUDY COURSE

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

MILBORNE PORT LENT LUNCHES

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

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

nvill be arranged some time before Easter. Fr Louis

BRUTON LENT LUNCHES

12.00pm
Friday 16th (hosted by the Catholics), 23rd & 2nd March
Bruton Community
Hall

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 2nd March at 2pm, at St Luke's, Wincanton.

The service, produced by the women of Suriname (east coast of South America) is titled, All God's Creation is Very Good.

This is highly topical, following disturbing documentaries recently aired on our TVs. All are very welcome.

WINCANTON EASTER EXPERIENCE

This will be held at the Baptist Church on 5th-9th of March for children of both of Wincanton's primary schools. There will possibly be an evening session. Volunteers invited to help.

WINCANTON LENT LUNCHES 2018

All start at 1230.
Friday 23rd February,
Wincanton Baptist
Church
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

Our Lady's 150 Club Draw

February Results. 1st I Naughton, 2nd F Murray-Mattei, 3rd D Hibberd

HELP!

As you know, we are hosting Women's World Day of Prayer, this year on Friday 2nd March at 2pm, and I would be really grateful for offers to make a simple cake to accompany a cup of tea after the service.

I would also be delighted if a couple of bright and smiley people would front the hospitality, as those of us involved in the service can't be in two places at once.

If you can help, please give me a ring on 01963 220411.

Many thanks. Ann White.

MERE

There will be stations of the Cross in our church in Mere every FRIDAY at 11a.m.

Also Morning prayer daily at 9, except on Thursdays when we will pray the Rosary at 11.

Make this Lent Special!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 3rd March, 7pm at Bruton Methodist Church. All are very welcome.

SPECTRA MUSICA IN WINCAN-TON

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, Villette, 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.

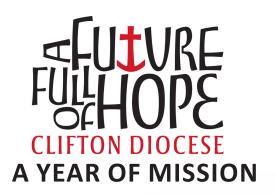
Tickets, priced £12, are available from 01963 350160, from tickets@ spectramusica.co.uk or on the door, for the concert starting at 7.30pm.

FRIDAY FILM CLUB

Friday 23rd February at 1.30pm. 'Eddie the Eagle'. The film about the story of Eddie Edward's dream to enter the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. An inspirational story of never accepting defeat.

MERE LENT LUNCHES

All held at 12.30pm 2nd March at the URC after morning service, 23rd March & 30th March at the Grove Building.



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 intersession 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

There's a theme flowing through the readings for this Season in Year B and it seems to be the theme of Covenant.

Noah and the rainbow featured in last week's first reading and this Sunday's reading of Abraham's sacrifice speaks to us of God forming a people for himself. This reading anticipates the Covenant God enters into with Abraham.

This Lent is a time for renewed relationships — with God and with others.

Maybe our focus this second week of Lent rests upon renewing those relationships in our lives that are not quite right! We might have to make a first move but in doing so we truly imitate God who always takes the initiative to enter into love with us.

It might be that we take up the opportunity to renew our relationship with the Lord in prayer but also through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God waits for us there!

God waits to heal us, to renew us, to strengthen us and to love us. He will not abandon us for through his Son he has entered into an everlasting Covenant with us... and he will not go back on his word.





Sunday 25th February - Second Sunday in Lent

Response to Psalm; I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation; Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon; This is my beloved Son,

with whom I am well pleased;

listen to him.

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

2 nd	Women's World Day of Prayer	2.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
3 rd	Women's World Day of Prayer	7.00pm	
5 th	Milborne Port Joint Council AGM	6.30pm	Tippling Philosopher, MP
5th - 9th	Wincanton Experience		Baptist Church
6 th	Lenten Station Mass	7.00pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
11 th	New Light on the French Revolution	7.30pm	Yarlington House
12 th	New Light on the French Revolution	7.30pm	Yarlington House
16th	Lent Lunch	1212.30pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
17 th	Spectra Musica	7.30pm	St Luke's, Wincanton
26 th	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	St John's, MP

MONEY BOX

The collection last week raised £982.13 of which £275.44 was raised for the Lukan Fund. Thank you all.