



The Parish of St CUTHBERT

3rd Sunday in Lent
20 March 2022

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PLEASE BE A 'GIFT AIDER'

Through the generosity of all Parishioners in church collections, we are able to maintain our churches as attractive and welcoming places of worship and as a Missionary Parish, contribute to good causes, both local and throughout the world.

If you are a tax payer, the parish can claim 25p tax relief on every pound you give, at no further cost to you and this is a major source of income, helping to sustain our Mission.

'Gift Aiders' collections are given in confidence and there is no continuous commitment to any set amount.

Please email or telephone the Parish Office and Gift Aid details will be sent to you without any presumed obligation.

New Offertory
Envelopes are now
available
at the back of church?



Please remember in your prayers.....

All in your families & those of our parishioners who are sick..

Remember all those who have died recently....

All those with Anniversaries at this time ...



Mass Intentions

Peter O'Neil

Lately Dead

Vania Blackburn

Anniversary

Jackie Steward

Anniversary

Rev Fr Patrick Quinlan

Lately Dead

Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour to pray for peace in Ukraine at the Cathedral this Sunday, 20th March at 2:30pm.

Please encourage your parishioners to join in this time of prayer either in person or online at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/> alternatively, parishes might decide to join the Diocese in prayer by hosting their own Holy Hour at 2:30 or by simply praying in their own homes.

**PRAY FOR
WORLD
PEACE**



The Parish Liturgy for the Third Sunday of Lent

| Monday March 21 | Tuesday March 22 | Wednesday March 23 | Thursday March 24 | Friday March 25 | Saturday March 26 | Sunday March 27 |
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| Lent Weekday | Lent Weekday | Lent Weekday | Lent Weekday | The Annunciation of Our Lord | Lent Weekday | 4th Sunday in Lent |
| No Service | Mass | Mass | Mass | Mass Reconciliation after the mass | Reconciliation 4.45 - 5.15pm Vigil Mass | Masses 9.30 am St Joseph & 11.15am St Thomas of Canterbury |
| | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | 10.00 am | 5.30 pm | |
| | Thomas of Canterbury | St Joseph | Thomas of Canterbury | St Joseph | Thomas of Canterbury | |

THREE PRIORITIES FOR OUR PARISH

1. Be open to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit guide us in all that we do

2. We grow together as a Family

Let us be inclusive, look after and reach out to each other the best way we can

3. To bring other people to Jesus

Let us live our Faith outwardly and share the Joy of Jesus in our lives with others

Keep giving Jesus to the people not by words but by your example, by being in love with Jesus, by radiating holiness and spreading His fragrance of love everywhere you go

Just keep the joy of Jesus as your strength, be happy and at peace. *(St. Teresa of Calcutta)*



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LENT APPEAL

Family Fast Day was

Friday 11th. March, a day when we eat simply and give generously, remembering that there are many people around the world who need our love and support. There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition in countries like Sierra Leone, **or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict.**

Donations to CAFOD this Lent will enable local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict.

You can donate in the Offertory Collection at Mass using a CAFOD envelope (or your own envelope marked "CAFOD"), or by visiting the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/lent.



SVP - THANK YOU

St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

The members of the Parish SVP group wish to thank all who have donated to the Society following our recent annual appeal for funds.

The total given to date amounts to **£1144.67**, a most generous response which is truly appreciated.



Piety Stall Open

The stall is in the East Porch SToC and at the back of St Joseph church
If you are looking for a suitable gift or card for

First Holy Communion, Confirmation,
St Patrick's Day or Easter Cards
Come and browse our fine selection

HYMN NUMBERS

Entrance: Be still for the presence 720 ®

Lord have mercy: 480 (R)

Gospel Acclamation: 186 (R)

Offertory: Gifts of bread and wine 643 (R)

Communion: Sat 5.30pm: Communion Song (R) (not in hymn book) /

Sun 11.15: God of mercy and compassion 840

Dismissal: O Lord all the world belongs to you 847



**Bon Voyage to all our parishioners travelling to Rome this week.
Travelling Mercies and we pray you all have a pleasant, fruitful and enjoyable week.**

We are holding a Cake, Books and Produce Sale after the weekend masses of 26th and 27th March for the Ukraine Appeal



Alpha

ALPHA

The Parish Leadership Team and a number of our Parish Co-ordinators began the Alpha Course last week.

This is a forerunner and is intended to be presented at a future date to all parishioners and others who might be interested.

This is an 11 week Programme and please would you pray to the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey together and for a successful and fruitful outcome so we can bring more people to Jesus.

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be said before Mass

**9.00a.m. at St. Joseph
and**

**10.45 a.m. at St. Thomas of
Canterbury**



**during the week
after Mass on Tuesdays
at St. Thomas of Canterbury
and
after Mass on Wednesdays
at St. Joseph**



Reconciliation Services

Wed. 6 April

2.00 pm & 7.00 pm

DURING LENT ON BOLTON FM

OUR ALTAR SERVERS AND OUR MUSIC
GROUP HAVE RECORDED

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND HYMNS

TO BE BROADCAST OVER THE SIX SUNDAYS
DURING LENT ON

**THE SPIRIT OF BOLTON PROGRAMME
BOLTON FM**

**WHICH GOES OUT AT 6.00 P.M.
EACH SUNDAY NIGHT**

*Please tune in and listen and take the
opportunity to spend some time reflecting
on Jesus' Journey to Calvary*



IN ADDITION

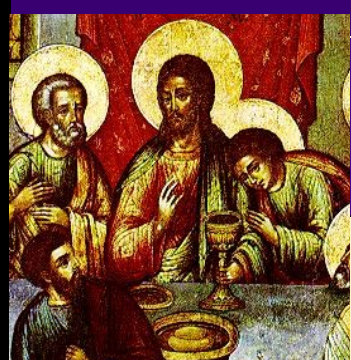


**THERE WILL ALSO BE THE
OPPORTUNITY ON YOU-TUBE
TO UNDERTAKE SHORT DEVOTIONS.**

DURING LENT

**THE RECITING OF THE ANGELUS WITH
A REFLECTION &
FOR EASTER AND THE EASTER SEASON
THE RECITING OF THE REGINA CAELI
WITH A REFLECTION**

*Please do take a little time in your day if
you can to pray these short prayers*

Triduum Mass & Service Times

| Thursday April 14 | Friday April 15 | Saturday April 16 | Sunday April 17 |
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| <p>Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by <i>Watching in Prayer</i> until 10.00 pm</p> | <p>Midday Stations of the Cross St Thomas of Canterbury</p> | <p>Vigil Mass</p> | <p>Masses 9.30 am St Joseph</p> |
| <p>8.00 pm</p> | <p>3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord</p> | <p>8.00 pm</p> | <p>& 11.15am</p> |
| <p>St Thomas of Canterbury</p> | <p>St Joseph</p> | <p>Thomas of Canterbury</p> | <p>St Thomas of Canterbury</p> |

SOUTH SUDAN APPEAL

Help us reach more desperately hungry children in South Sudan



mary's meals a simple solution to world hunger

Ukraine is not the only country at war in this world. In Sudan millions are displaced, with children suffering hunger and chronic malnutrition, half missing school. A meal a day ensures hope and encourages children to learn and even finish primary school.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, "Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did."

He told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for the fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, 'Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECT

Recent times have shown us how precarious human life actually is. The forces of nature – wind, storm, flood and fire – have wreaked havoc on our human societies and cities, and on our understanding of ourselves and our place in the world. Perhaps it might help our understanding and attitude if we thought of nature as a living force. Then the events which have caused so much suffering to so many people would be not so much due to unpredictable disasters as to human beings upsetting the balance

between ourselves and what we call the "natural world".

If we consider the two examples which Jesus gives in the first part of our Gospel today, we find that the calamities he mentions may well be interpreted, according to the official doctrine of retribution (fidelity is rewarded, disloyalty is punished), as the judgement of God. But if we consider the two cases, we could say that the first is due to the cruel and cynical decision of the Roman governor;

the second may well be attributed to shoddy building workmanship.

One of the unfortunate effects of the Jewish and Christian view of what we call "salvation history" has been the separation of God's intervening in history – in the Exodus event, in the person of Jesus – and the world of nature. If we were to see nature as a living force, protesting violently against human abuse of the environment, perhaps we could better respond accordingly. ■