

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th and 11th February 2024 - Psalter 2, Year B

DPL: Holy Rood, Swindon / St Peter, Swindon / Sacred Heart, Royal Wootton Bassett



SAT 10 th CS 5.00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Suzi Paula Goncalves Santos
SUN 11 th StP 11.00am	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Noel Workman
Tue 13 th CS 9.30am	Mass	Timothy McCarthy (OLOL)
Wed 14 th StP 9.30am	Ash Wednesday	Special Intention
Wed 14 th CS 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday [NB AT ST LAWRENCE]	People of the Parish
Thur 15 th	No Service	Claire Campbell (FM) (OLOL)
Fri 16 th CS 9.30am	Mass	Richardson Family (FM)
SAT 17 th CS 5.00pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Eduardo Araujo Da Costa RIP
SUN 18 th StP 11.00am	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Pedro De Jesus Ley RIP
Tue 20 th CS 9.30am	Mass:	Joseph Sherrer Brown (PM) (OLOL)
Wed 21 st StP 9.30am	Mass	Mrs Neve (OM)
Thur 22 nd	No Service	Holy Souls (OLOL)
Fri 23 rd CS 9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
SAT 24 th CS 5.00pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
SUN 25 th StP 11.00am	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Maria San da Silva Carla Carmo Santos

Confessions: Please contact Parish Priest for appointment.

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

St. Augustine			World Day of Prayer	Our Lady of Lourdes		
Sat 10 th	Mass	6.00pm	This year's service, prepared by the Women of Palestine, is at Yate Methodist Church, Moorland Road, Yate, on Friday 1 st March at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.	Sun 11 th	Mass	9.00am
Sun 11 th	Mass	9.30am		Tue 13 th	Mass	9.30am
Tue 13 th	Mass	7.30pm		Wed 14 th	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm
Wed 14 th	Ash Wednesday	9.30am/7.30pm		Thu 15 th	Funeral	12pm
Thu 15 th	Mass	10.00am		Sun 18 th	Mass	9.00am
Fri 16 th	Evening Prayer	7.30pm		Tue 20 th	Mass	9.30am
Sat 17 th	HCPT Mass	1.00pm	Thu 22 nd	School Mass	9.30am	
Sat 17 th	Mass	6.00pm	Sun 25 th	Mass	9.00am	
Sun 18 th	Mass	9.30am	Please check website to confirm times: www.ololbristol.co.uk			

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This Week's Message from your CAFOD/Laudato 'Si Group

WILL YOU TAKE THE LENT CHALLENGE?

COLLECT YOUR PRAYER AND RECORD CARD TODAY!

The aim of this Challenge is to encourage you to try each week to take small steps towards living more Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with our poorest sisters and brothers.

The card has a special prayer which you are asked to use regularly and is a place where you can keep a record of your progress, -

including your support of this year's Parish CAFOD Project to provide Help for Fishermen & their Families in Monrovia

We are planning several ways of raising money to try to provide enough for 2 or 3 families:-

1) Fast Day Collection (24th and 25th February)

2) Soup lunches in St Lawrence's church hall starting this coming Friday (16th) and every Friday through Lent from 12.0 p.m. Homemade soup will be provided - donations to our Project.

3) The Big Lent Walk encourages us all to walk a total of 200km over 40 days -when and where we choose - alone or with friends - to help fight global poverty. You can sign up online (search CAFOD Big Lent Walk) or donate via the Parish. Our primary school is also getting involved and they will tell us about the events they have planned.

CONFIRMATION 2024: There is a confirmation meeting on Sunday 11th February at 7pm in St. Augustine's Church, Boscombe Crescent, Downend, Bristol BS16 6QR. It is an information meeting for parents/guardians and the candidates to discuss the confirmation programme and to ask any questions. It will also be an opportunity to meet the catechists who will be running the programme. Look forward to seeing you there.

THE HOLY FATHER'S Prayer Intention for February is for the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

44 BONUS BALL Game 1090 w/n 34 Angela Dorney £25 plus £25 for Building Fund. Please speak to Kay Chapman/Pat O'Rourke for more details.

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What's on?



MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH
Next coffee mornings on **Saturday 9th March & Saturday 13th April**

Please speak to **Pat O'Rourke**
for more information.



LISTENING WITH THE HEART The department of Adult Education and Evangelisation is offering an opportunity for parishioners to develop the skills of **Small Group Facilitation** in the context of Parish Pastoral Councils, RCIA, Prayer Groups, Lenten Groups, Confirmation Preparation and other parish groups. The sessions help develop an attitude of *listening with the heart* and sharing with generosity. It will provide a model for rooting decision making in prayer and discernment and the tools necessary for effective facilitation. Minimum 5 people per session – no upper limit.

Please use the Eventbrite links below to sign up for events

Mon 12 February: Holy Family, Patchway (7-9 pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779975336227>

Mon 19 February: St Joseph, Portishead (7-9 pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779977121567>

Sat 24 February: English Martyrs, Chard (9.30-11.30 am)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779979448527>

Mon 26 February: St Peter, Cirencester (7-9 pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779980140597>

Mon 4 March: St Peter, Gloucester (7-9 pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/listening-with-the-heart-tickets-779982788517>

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

- 18th February: Building Fund
- 25th February: CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)
- 10th March: St Joseph's Home Appeal
- 24th March: Easter Flowers
- 29th March (Good Friday): Holy See
- 21st April: Building Fund
- 28th April: Clergy Training Fund
- 12th May: World Communication Sunday
- 19th May: Building Fund

“A Lenten Alternative - Understanding The Mass St. Padre Pio once said: “It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Mass.” Wow! What did he know that we don't. The Lenten Alternative will seek to explore the wonderful mysteries of the Mass, with all its prayers, symbolism and graces and maybe like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our heart will burn within us – blessing us with a better understanding of the Mass. And we don't need to walk the road to Emmaus, just Chipping Sodbury and Downend.
Saturday 17th Feb. St. Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury. From 9.30am - 1.00pm. The Mass in Slow Motion – Fr. Duncan will celebrate Mass with explanations along the way - Meet in the Church.
Saturday 16th & 23rd March St. Augustine's, Downend. From 9.30am - 1pm Group discussions with Fr. Barnabas. Post code for St. Lawrence BS37 6AD / St. Augustine's BS16 6QR - Meet in Parish Hall.

Head of Theology Vacancy at St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

Would you like to be part of a forward-thinking, supportive school community where your professional development is a priority? Governors of this outstanding 11-16 Catholic school are seeking to appoint for September 2024, a practising Catholic who is a dynamic and inspirational Head of Theology and PSHE to lead an ‘outstanding’ RE Faculty (Section 48 inspection October 202). To discuss the post or to arrange a school visit, please contact Mr Daniel Leiblich, Deputy Headteacher, on 0117 3772050 or email recruitment@stberns.bristol.sch.uk. Application packs are available on the school website www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk

Reflections for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1st Reading from the book of Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46.

Leviticus at first sights might seem arcane and irrelevant, but right at the heart of the book is what scholars call the “Holiness Code”, and this is contained in chapters 17-26. The passage we have today is from the rules for legal purity. The theme that runs throughout the book is, “You are to be holy, because I, the Lord, am holy.” We must remember that at this time “leprosy” was a terrifying and incurable disease. These strictures were introduced to maintain the health of the people by isolating the infected. These practices are still used in some parts of the world even though the disease can be cured. There is a natural fear of this infection, which eats away at the body of the infected person. They used the term “Unclean”; we use the term isolation, we might recall our recent advent of the Pandemic where we were required to wash our hands when we came home from being outside. Those found positive were immediately isolated in hospital and everyone around them were suspect for a limited period of time, watching for any signs of infection. People caring for them were to put on protective clothing and masks. This continued till we found an antidote to the infection. It was no different for our forefathers.

Psalms 31: 1-2, 5, 11.

Here we have a penitential psalm, a cry from the heart for forgiveness and the surety that God always hears a truly penitent heart. God reads our innermost self; he loves us and does not want us ever to despair of forgiveness.

2nd Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1.

This is most probably the first time the Church had to face the problem of whether to eat food which had been offered to idols. Paul is very considerate in dealing with the issue. Whatever we do, eat or drink, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything that is offensive to anybody, and he lets us realise that means Jews, Greeks or the Church of God. Follow Paul's practice of trying to be always helpful to everyone, so that they may be saved. Paul, then encourages them to take him as their model but he always returns to the crux of all his motivation, “As I take Christ”. Christ is at the beginning, middle and end of everything Paul does, everything is for Christ, in Christ and through Christ. We might very well follow his example.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1: 40-45.

We have been educated by the first reading exactly how deadly leprosy was regarded. Yet here we have Christ being confronted by this legally “Unclean” person begging for Jesus to cure him. The man challenges Jesus, “If you want to”, “You can cure me”. It is an open challenge to Jesus' charity. In answer we see just how much Jesus wants to make us well, he makes himself ritually unclean by touching the infected person to cure him. Now the man can go amongst the people again and show how he has been made clean, whilst Jesus is forced by the pressure of the crowds to be confined to the wilderness, like a leper driven out from the society. Jesus will willingly take our pain on himself to save us. That is the measure of his love and indeed God's love for each and every one of us. We are loved so much that Jesus will offer his life in atonement for our sins, so that we can be with the Father. As we approach “Lent” it is worth remembering the lengths that Jesus goes to, for our salvation. All we need to do is respond by loving and serving God.

Let us take full advantage of the opportunities afforded us by this Lent. Deacon Vincent.

Safeguarding our Vulnerable Adults and Children: All church activities are subject to safeguarding policies and procedures.

We encourage everyone to access these policies which can be found in the Diocesan Resource along with important contact numbers on the safeguarding pages. **Parish website:** <http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/cliftondiocese.html>

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