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## 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> <b>Diocesan Prayer Link</b> <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Downend</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes &amp; St Bernadette, Kingswood</i> <i>St Lawrence, Chipping Sodbury with St Paul's, Yate</i>	<b>6.00pm (Sat) Mass</b> Nerys Tiffney <i>RIP</i> <b>9.00am Mass</b> Prince Alwin <i>RIP</i> <b>10.30am Mass</b> Frances Thompson <i>RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Ints of Kamil Kaminski
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>7.00pm Mass</b> Joe Conway <i>RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>11.30am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>12.00pm Mass</b> John Conway <i>RIP</i>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> CMBF
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.10am Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Patrick & Katherine Foylan <i>RIP</i> <b>10.00am Stations of the Cross</b> <b>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Weekday of Lent</i>	<b>9.30am Rosary</b> <b>10.00am Mass</b> Brian Brindley <i>RIP</i> <b>10.45am – 11.15am Confessions</b> <b>5.00pm – 5.30pm Confessions</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>7.30pm Polish Language Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> Tony Byrne <i>RIP</i> <b>10.30am Mass</b> Wilfred Dickens <i>RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Polish Language Mass</b> <b>5.30pm Mass</b> Eddie Roche <i>RIP</i>

**This Week:** Lent Week 3. Divine Office - Psalter Week 3, Proper for Lent. The following will be available on live stream only this week. Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>: Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 4.00pm. Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>: Night Prayer with Lent Reflection at 8.00pm. Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>: A Lent Reflection for Children at 4.00pm.

**Last Weekend:** Offertory: - £1061.84

Mass Attendance – 275

**Church Cleaning:** After morning mass on Monday.

**Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for March:** That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**Dare to Dream:** Resources for Lent continue to be available on the diocesan website, [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com).

**Booking a place for Sunday Masses:** With the numbers of parishioners returning to mass increasing, it is essential that those intending to attend a Sunday mass book a place by contacting the parish office or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131622160425>.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** –Thank you for your generous gifts which will help people in Ethiopia who are struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and drier climate. Thanks to your support CAFOD are providing solar-powered water pumps so that people have flowing water to cultivate their land. So far our parish has raised £1232.25.

**National Novena to St Joseph:** 10th – 18th March 2021. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. For more information visit [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena).

**Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider how our prayer leads us into the life of the Holy Trinity, into the eternal mystery of God's love, which is the source and joy of the entire universe. Jesus himself revealed this path for us by taking on our flesh and revealing the Father's infinite love. By his paschal mystery, he opened for us the gates of heaven and by the gift of the Holy Spirit he has given us a share in his own filial relationship to the Father. Conscious of our unworthiness of so great a gift, we, like the disciples, can cry out "Lord, teach us to pray" (Lk 11:1). Jesus teaches us not only the words to use in prayer, but shows us the boundless mercy of the Father, who embraces his prodigal children and goes freely in search of every lost sheep. May our prayer awaken in us the consciousness of our lofty vocation in Christ and draw us ever more fully into the loving communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In addition the Holy Father had the following to say about his Pastoral Visit to Iraq: *The day after tomorrow, God willing, I will go to Iraq for a three-day pilgrimage. For a long time I have wanted to meet those people who have suffered so much; to meet that martyred Church in the land of Abraham. Together with the other religious leaders, we shall also take another step forward in fraternity among believers. I ask you to accompany this apostolic journey with your prayers, so that it may unfold in the best possible way and bear the hoped-for fruits. The Iraqi people are waiting for us; they also awaited Saint John Paul II, who was not permitted to go. One cannot disappoint a people for the second time. Let us pray that this journey will be a good one.*

**Countdown to COP26 for the Care of Creation: Third week of Lent**

We have many reactions to news of the climate crisis. The Pope urges us that we can make change.

*The parable of the sower*

What do we feel about climate catastrophe? Do we feel grief? Disbelief? Helplessness? This parable can help us understand different responses. *Some seed fell on the path*, we kind of hear and forget because it is all too difficult to take in and think someone else will sort it, or technology will solve it. *Some fell on the rock*, we hear with grief what is happening, but then our personal concerns take priority, and we find it difficult to focus on change. *Some fell among thistles*, we see the problem as so enormous, nothing we can do will make any difference, so our good intentions are swamped in helplessness and despair. *Some fell on good soil* and we decide to change. In time we discover a better, happier, healthier life.

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers:** Deacon David Hebbes, Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham, Margaret Withers, Sharon Scott, Natalia Price, Philomena Gammon. Please advice of any changes to this list of names.

**Our Diocesan Prayer for Lent 2021**

Merciful and compassionate God as we journey through Lent you speak to our hearts, calling us to return again and again. May our prayers, fasting and generous giving bring us closer to your Son, our Lord, Jesus.

Through him, may we come to know more fully the abundance of love which you freely offer us.

Bless our desire to accompany Jesus on his road to Calvary, walking with him in his suffering and in the suffering people of our world. May your grace enable us to live Lent fully so that, with transformed hearts, we may joyfully celebrate the abundance of life offered to us at Easter. Amen.