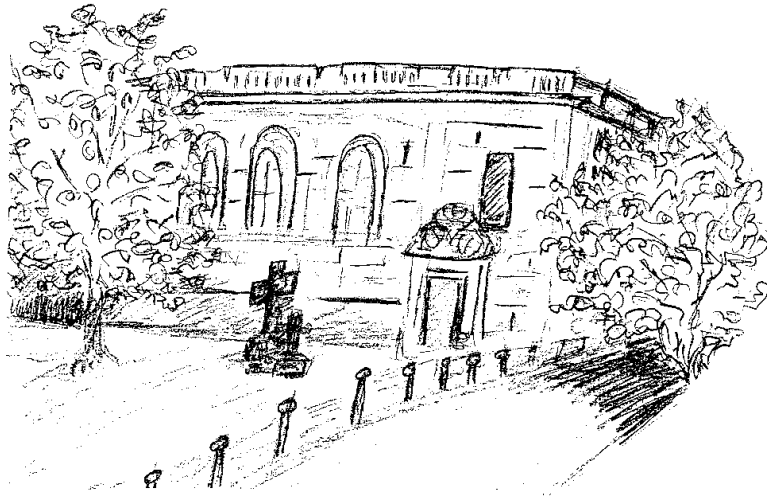


Newsletter for the Parish of

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalter week 4

Sat	14	6.00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the parish
Sun	15	10.30am		
Mon	16	9.15 am		
Tue	17	9.15am		
Wed	18	9.15am		
Thurs	19	9.15am	Liturgy of the Word and HC	
Fri	20	<u>6.00pm</u>	Stations of the Cross followed by <u>Mass at 6.30pm</u>	
Sat	21	10.00am	Followed by Exposition until 11.00am	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalter week 1

Sat	21	6.00pm	<i>Vigil</i>	People of the parish
Sun	22	10.30am		

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

At the heart of the Gospel is the truth that is enshrined in the extract from John's Gospel today 'God so loved the world'. The proclamation occurs in the discourse of Jesus with Nicodemus (John 3:16). The extract from the end of Chronicles summarizes the infidelities of the people and the punishment of the destruction of the Temple but ends with the proclamation of God's continued mercy. This is always there despite the waywardness (2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23). The love and mercy of God are also proclaimed by St. Paul (Ephesians 2:4-10).

Feasts, Memorials and Liturgy for the coming week:							Colour
Mon	16		Isaiah 65: 17-21	Ps 29	John 4: 43-54		V
Tue	17	Feast of St Patrick	Jeremiah 1: 4-9	Ps 116	Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20		V
Wed	18		Isaiah 49: 8-15	Ps 144	John 5: 17-30		V
Thurs	19	Solemnity of St Joseph	2 Samuel 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16	Ps 88	Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22	Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24	W
Fri	20		Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22	Ps 33	John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30		V
Sat	21		Jeremiah 11: 18-20	Ps 7	John 7: 40-52		V

Sunday 22nd March	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT					Colour
	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Ps 50	Hebrews 5: 7-9	John 12: 20-30		V

Please pray for the sick of or connected with our Parish: Sister Carmel, Ben Beavers, Laura Whittaker, Michael Hattrell, Di Bishop, Edwin Bishop, Jeanne Dyson, Margaret Lewry, Alfie Holden, Abita Alarcon, Fr. Lane SJ, Elizabeth Centre, Verna Lane, John Dillon, Rosemary McHale, Roman, John Hill, David Foster, June Cadman, Louise Garbett, Michelle Harrison, Rebecca Danks, John Walton, Illumenado Mateo, Jennifer Bishop and for all who are sick and housebound and for those who care for them.

Anniversaries this week: Francis Harding, Robert Keeling, Edward McCabe, Winifred Downen, Monica Porter, Vera Stanbridge, Anna Tulies.

Of your charity, please pray for the souls of all those who have died recently. Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

The Bethlehem project: further progress.

Following the successful visit last October, a further venture will take place at the end of May. It will be the same 'team' (Speech and Language Therapist, Paediatric Occupational Therapist and specialist IT teacher). They feel, rightly, that there is much more to do for the children in the home.

I will not be asking Fr Mervyn for permission to make an appeal in church after Mass as there are other charities which merit your prayers and generosity. However, because a number of parishioners have asked for details, I will leave some of my 'brown envelopes' in the narthex. Thank you again for your support for the children in Bethlehem. Trevor Hodkinson.
(tshodkinson@talktalk.net)

The Rosary: is prayed every Wednesday before Mass at 8.50am. If you have an intention you would like included please let Wyn know. Our Blessed Lady herself told us how powerful a prayer the Rosary is and how the more we pray the Rosary the more powerful it becomes.

Mass intention envelopes: are in the Narthex.

Sanctuary lamp: this week the lamp burns for Mr Boniface Jondoh.

Food bank: there is the opportunity of donating non-perishable food items etc. for the Food Bank by bringing them for the box at the back of the Church.

Luncheon club: Wednesday 18th March at 12.00 noon in the Presbytery. All welcome. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are able to attend and indicate if you require transport.

This week: Miriam Mason from Educaid Sierra Leone will give an appeal at weekend Masses for the schools she has started in Sierra Leone. Miriam is a former student of BGN.

Bishop William will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday June 10th. The children at Holy Trinity School will be prepared in school. If there are other children that need to be confirmed in year 6 or above not in Catholic schools would they please contact Fr Mervyn.

Rosaries: The Catenians are asking all parishioners to hunt for old Rosaries in their homes which they would be happy to donate to people and Missions overseas. There is a box in the Narthex in which you can put the Rosaries. Many Thanks.

Thank you: on Saturday 7th March four of our young people attended Flame 2 at Wembley Arena, one of the largest ever Catholic youth events to be held in this country. We would like to thank the Parish for their support.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: the Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land takes place 9th-16th September 2015. It would be a wonderful opportunity for people from the Parish to join. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Cost £1499. Please write your name on the list in the Narthex if you would like a booking form.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 9th May 2015. Anybody interested in taking part, please sign the sheet in the Narthex. If there are sufficient numbers we will organize a coach; otherwise we will hopefully travel in a 'convoy' of cars. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can inform the Archdiocesan organizer.

Churches Together in Chipping Norton are holding their normal Lenten sessions. These are on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm with a talk taking one of the Seven Last Words of Jesus. This week's venue: St. Mary's parish room.

SACRAMENTS / OTHER LITURGIES

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Fr Mervyn will hear confessions Saturday mornings 10.30am-11.00am or any time on request.

Infant Baptism

By appointment.

Marriages

By appointment only. Six months' notice is required.

HOLY TRINITY YOUTH NEWS

Teenies and Tots (0-5 yrs)	Children (6-11 yrs)	Children in school years 5-8	Teens (LIFETEEN) (13 yrs+)
	Children's Liturgy		
<p>The play session for children 5 and under will now take place in the PARISH ROOM for the first part of Sunday Mass.</p> <p>All Littlies welcome to praise God through Play.</p> <p>Parents can stay with their children and hear Mass being said through a speaker.</p>	<p>All primary school aged children welcome in for the first part of Sunday Mass.</p> <p>Term time only.</p>	<p>EDGE: A NEW YOUTH GROUP FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 5-8 RUN BY FULLY TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERS.</p> <p>Next meeting soon to be announced!</p>	<p>World Youth Day 2016: 19th July- 2nd August Krakow Poland Age 17-30 Travel with Birmingham Catholic Youth Service Cost £1150. See Judith for details.</p>

LIFETEEN website: find out what is happening by checking out the website:
holytrinityyouthgroup.weebly.com

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 st Collection		2 nd Collection	
Non Gift Aided	£266.76	Cathedral Maintenance	£56.76
Gift Aided	<u>£ 84.00</u>		
	£ 350.76		

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Retiring collection for Holy Trinity charities

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Winning Lottery number: 31 (Tom Cantwell)

PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF MASS

God our Father, Lord of Life, you call us into your presence as the community of faith. As we prepare to celebrate your love for us in this Eucharist, help us to open up to the grace we will receive through your son, Jesus. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, may we be renewed in our faith, hope and love. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, may we one day share the glory of your life in heaven. Amen.