

Corpus Christi Parish

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FUTURE FULL OF HOPE- YEAR OF LUKE, YEAR OF PRAYER

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15th March 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR A)

This Sunday (3 rd Sunday of Lent)	6.00 pm (Saturday Vigil)	Mass The Howard Family
	9.00 am (Sunday)	Polish Mass at Corpus Christi
	9.15 am (Sunday)	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
	11.00 am (Sunday)	Mass People of the Parish
	4.00 pm (Sunday)	Mass Syro-Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm (Sunday)	Mass at St. Joseph's
Monday	9.30 am	Mass Jose Thomas R.I.P
Tuesday	10.30 am	Mass Funeral Mass for Ken Morrison at Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday	10.00 am	Mass John Kilby Anniversary R.I.P
Thursday	7.00 pm	Mass at St. Joseph's
Friday	10.00 am	Mass Rose Byrne R.I.P
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes (with Confessions afterwards)
	6.00 pm (Saturday)	Mass Family Intentions
Sunday (4 th Sunday of Lent)	9.00 am (Sunday)	Mass Polish Mass at Corpus Christi
	9.15 am (Sunday)	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
	11.00 am (Sunday)	Mass The Donald Family
	6.00 pm (Sunday)	Mass at St. Joseph's

CONFESSIONS: at Corpus Christi available on Saturdays at 11am and 5pm, or by appointment.

A WARM WELCOME: to all who are visiting our parish. Please join us for tea or coffee in the Church Hall after the 11.00am Sunday Mass.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: Will be meeting on Wednesday 18th March at 2pm in the Presbytery when we will look at John 9: 1- 41. All are welcome!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: We will not be meeting for some time due to the coronavirus. Members will be contacted as soon as we are able to meet again.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA): We have begun our short series of evenings in which we prepare prayerfully for the Easter Vigil, which is the climax of the Church's year. We will consider how Christ is the 'Light of the World', the one who gives sight to the blind. In this way we will be following the journey of all who are preparing for entry into the Catholic Church at Easter. Just as they are called, so we are all called to scrutinise or review our lives in the light of the Gospel during Lent. You are warmly invited to join us in the parish room under the presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday when we will have the Presentation of the Creed to Penny in readiness for her Reception into the Church at Easter.

JOY OF HOPE: There will be no Lenten talk or supper this week, but Stations of the Cross will take place in the church on Friday at 7pm. Our next and last talk will be on Friday 3rd April.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes church on Saturday at 11.20am before midday Mass and St' Joseph's is on Sunday at 5.15pm before the Mass.

DEANERY RECONCILIATION: There will be a Deanery Reconciliation Service on Friday 27th March at 7pm in Corpus Christi. Four priests will hear confessions.

CAFOD STALL: This will be open in the parish hall after each Mass this weekend and all weekends up to Easter. We will be selling Easter Eggs with the real Easter Story as well as other small gifts suitable for the season.

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: During Lent, the Mothers Prayer Group undertakes a special Stations of the Cross called "Woman's Way of the Cross". It contains a beautiful collection of prayers and is a great way to focus ourselves on Jesus's final journey during Lent. Please come and join us on Thursday mornings during Lent (term-time) at 9.00am in Corpus Christi Church – we hope to see you there!

LENTEN HOLY HOUR: Joseph Meigh will be leading a Holy Hour at Our Lady of Lourdes church on Monday 30th March at 7pm. 'Could you not watch with me one hour?' (Mt 26.40). Don't let the power and the beauty of the Lenten season pass you by this year. Spend an hour with the Lord in the desert, with Adoration, Prayer, Poetry, Singing, Scripture and Silence. Simple refreshments will be in the hall afterwards.

CUDDLY TOYS: Needed for the children of the missions. Please leave in presbytery or give to Sylvia O'Gorman.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY: This month, our English Bishops are taking the historic step of re-dedicating our country as the 'Dowry of Mary'. England was first dedicated to Our Lady in 1381 by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey, as he sought her intercession and protection in the face of political turmoil. Since then, England has been known as 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that we are 'set aside' as a special gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On Sunday 29th March at 12 noon, the Re-dedication will take place throughout the country and we will be marking it at all our weekend Masses. We are invited to respond both individually (by making a pledge to be closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ, by following her openness to God's call) and as a community (by uniting together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication to Mary by our ancestors) Many people are preparing for this event in prayer, for example by praying a daily Angelus. Please find out much more about this by visiting the website which has been set up at www.behold2020.com.

PLEASE GIVE FOOD TO OUR SEMINARIAN: So that he can give it to the homeless, of course! The Weston Shelter's stores are now replete with clothing, largely thanks to your generosity over the last few months – thank you! The latest requirement from them is pot noodles, cheese spread, chocolate spread, marmite, jam, tins of beans with sausages and spaghetti hoops. So if you want an opportunity for Lenten almsgiving and could add one of these items to your weekly shop, please give them to Joseph Meigh or leave them in the presbytery.

JUSTICE AND PEACE: Are you interested? All Christians should be! Are your primary concerns, conflicts in Syria or Yemen or local homelessness? Is there something going on already that we could support better? What could we do and should be doing in our parishes or our town? Come along and have your say! On Tuesday 31st March in Corpus Christi presbytery at 7pm.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Children of all ages are needed to re-enact the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 10th April. Practices will be before Sunday Mass and will start this Sunday (14th March) in the church hall at 10.00 am. If you would like more details please contact Nicki Drew on 07425178379 or email: nickijdrew@gmail.com.

LEPRA APPEAL: There will be an appeal by Beth Deverson next weekend (21st and 22nd March) at all Masses. "Our mission is to beat leprosy, so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or stigma" Leprosy are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives and with your support we can achieve this sooner. Please help us beat leprosy. Even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease. For further information, please visit our website at www.lepra.org.uk.

YEAR OF COMMUNION: In the Jewish faith, water was often used as a powerful metaphor. In such a semi-arid environment, water was a precious gift to relieve thirst and bring refreshment. Within the UK we have recently experienced anything but a thirst for water – such have been the terrible floods affecting so many people. However, in today's Gospel, we will hear of a different thirst which needs quenching. Jesus is thirsty, because he is tired and hot, but there is another kind of thirst in him - a thirst for the woman he meets at the well to be transformed. Jesus offers living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life. This is the water of the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to quench our thirst, to rediscover the meaning of life in Christ. It is a special time of encountering Jesus, to be transformed by him, just as the woman was transformed. The Lord wants to give us living water so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Drinking from this well changes us so that we become, like the woman, true disciples, ready and able to share what we have encountered; the love of Christ in all its fullness.

VACANCY: The Finance team in Alexander House have a potential vacancy for a part-time qualified Finance Manager, 3 days per week, on a fixed-term contract for up to 12 months. This role may suit someone who is recently retired and is considered a short-term engagement. For more information please contact Lyn Murray, Chief Operating Officer on 0117 902 5598 or email: lyn.murray@cliftondiocese.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: 19th-23rd April – with Michael Smeaton (Bath) – includes return flights from Bristol, 4 nights in 4* hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, full religious programme, local guide, spiritual director. Prices from £535.00. Book online @ aglowpilgrimages.com or call Jonathan on 0800 6894792 for more information.

VISION 2020: There will be a street-theatre community performance on June 7th in the Italian Gardens presenting scenes from the Life of Jesus and his friends in a new way. They need actors, help with social media, costume and props, filming and photography, fund-raising and publicity. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard

COME, CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST OSCAR ROMERO'S MARTYRDOM: On the 24th March, eve of the Feast of the Annunciation (celebrating the Word made Flesh in the womb of Mary), Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot by a government death squad while he was celebrating Mass. Immediately hailed by his stricken people (and all the poor of Latin America) as a Saint and Martyr, he was recognised as such and canonised by Pope Francis in 2018. Come, be inspired, how 'Word was made Flesh, in this courageous Pastor and celebrate this 40th Anniversary Mass at St. Oscar Romero at St. Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawfords Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE on Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm. It will be followed by Latin American refreshments. Further details can be found on the poster on the church noticeboard.

HOME HELP: Kind, patient home help required for an elderly catholic gentleman who requires assistance with light housework, preparing meals, checking medication has been taken and companionship outings for coffee and lunch, vehicle essential. Pay negotiable depending on experience - Monday-Thursday afternoons for 3-4 hours per day. Current DBS certificate and references required. For more information please call 07884001152 or 07540726124.

FINANCE: Offertory collection last week was £644.38 of which £197 was Gift Aided. CAFOD raised £1207.31 of which £365.10 was Gift Aided. Thank you