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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

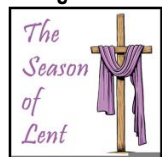
Sat 06 Mar	5.30 pm	St George's	Nancy & John Walsh, Anniv. Mass
Sun 07 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00pm	St George's	For all our parish benefactors
Mon 08 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
	11.00 am	St George's	Requiem, Michael Donovan RIP
Tue 09 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Phil Purcell for recovery from COVID
Wed 10 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Thu 11 Mar	9.30 pm	St George's	Charlie Doherty & Family (Chesterfield)
Fri 12 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	For Margaret Ellis and other parishioners who are not well.
Sat 13 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	People of the parish & clergy
	5.30 pm	St George's	Tom O'Reilly RIP
Sun 14 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Josie Murphy RIP (19th Anniv)
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	The living and dead of the Doherty Family (Hilton)

### The readings for this third Sunday in Lent:

We continue our Lenten journey and join Jesus this week as he goes up to Jerusalem. Our readings offer us the wisdom of God's law in the commandments, and Jesus's forceful action regarding the true meaning of God's Temple. The ten commandments in the First Reading from Exodus present the Law as a freedom charter – we have been freed from slavery to serve our God. The Psalm 18 is a joyful poem of praise for God's precepts. It links the teaching of the commandments to their personification in Jesus – wisdom, truth and light. St Paul in the Second Reading preaches a crucified Christ. This is an obstacle to some, but for Christ's followers, through his death and resurrection, he is the power and the wisdom of God.

In The Gospel, Jesus ejects the buyers and sellers from the Temple and in doing so reveals himself as the true Temple. Like the Temple, he too, will be destroyed in his body, but will rise again. As we journey with Jesus, may we find in him the true sanctuary, and perhaps the wisdom to know when to disturb the peace. We celebrate on the Third Sunday of Lent Jesus the giver of the Spirit, the Spirit that is a fountain of New Life welling up and bubbling over, giving us a New Heart and a New Spirit, overflowing with love to God, to each other in the Body of Christ, to our world in its pain and hope. May this Lent be a time of renewal for each of us and for the Church that we will grow more as the Sacrament of God's Universal Love.  
Fr Alan

### Thoughts on Lent 2021 - Fr Alan



WHY LENT? We enter this time of personal and community renewal we call Lent. We join with Christ Jesus' 40 days in the desert to journey with Him through the desert of silence and prayer, of deprivation and hunger, of thirst and yearning. But Why? The 40 days allow us to focus and grow to become more like Jesus in generosity of spirit, openness of heart,

deeper communion with God, and a readiness to give of ourselves to live the Mission of the Gospel. These 40 days are our journey to the renewal of our Baptism at Easter when we say yes again to our own promise to being plunged into the Mystery of Christ and become truly Christ People, filled with His Spirit and knowing ourselves to be 'Beloved of the Father'. Let us embrace these most precious days of our personal journey of renewal. God Bless, Fr Alan

### Prayer for Lent

*Merciful and compassionate God as we journey through Lent you speak to our hearts, calling us to return again and again.*

*May our prayer, fasting and giving, bring us closer to your Son, our Lord, Jesus. Through him, may we come to know fully the abundance of love freely offered to 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*

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 - 10:45.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:** Mon 8th March, St John of the Cross, Religious.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST:** Many thanks on behalf of CAFOD for CAFOD's work for the needy in many countries of the world. Our Catholic agency for overseas development continues its programmes of support year on year. You can find out what it is doing with its Lent donations by going to [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Envelopes are available at church if you wish to send your donations.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL:** Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family MUST request a visit from the Catholic Priest - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplaincy team will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

### Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20:18)

Lent: A time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love. A full transcript of the message can be found on the Parish website.

### MARCH: THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

**RIGHT TO LIFE:** A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidelines on foetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right to Life has set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on foetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This can be accessed by visiting the link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)



**Ready, steady, census:** the decennial census is almost upon us. Derby and surrounding areas will soon be asked to take part in this nationwide survey, which has happened since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Information from the census will help decide how services are planned and funded (e.g. doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.) We will receive a postal letter with a unique access code, allowing us to complete online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21. For more details, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

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JOIN US THIS EASTER

**Easter Services reflect the current Tier 4 Covid restrictions and are subject to change.**

**Palm Sunday,** Sat. 27th March, [Vigil] 5.30pm, Sun, 28th March, 9:30 St. George's & 11.15 Holy Spirit. [NO PROCESSION]

**Maunder Thursday,** 1st April at 7pm [NO WASHING OF FEET]

**Good Friday,** 2nd April at 3pm

**Easter Vigil,** Sat. 3rd April at 5:30pm [NO PUBLIC FIRE or PROCESSION]

**Easter Sunday,** 4th April 9:30 St George's and 11:15 Holy Spirit

**Information on booking for the above will be given shortly**