**SUNDAY 6 April 2025 YEAR C1 PSALTER 1**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND SAINT CECILIA**

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**Please keep in your prayers: Father Robert; Christina and John Morley; Janet Hudson; Josie Seath; Father Chacko; Theresa and Tom Hogan and Sandra; Kelly Harte; Barbara Emery; and all those suffering at this time.**

**MASS INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK IS CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLISHING BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE**

**Saturday 5 April St Vincent Ferrer (Comm)**

**9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.30am Confessions**

**10.00 HOLY MASS [Family of Mary] followed by Meeting**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**Sunday 6 April 9am CHILDREN'S MASS**

**Monday 7 April St John Baptist de la Salle (Comm)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

***followed by* STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Tuesday 8 April 6.30pm : HOUSE MASS, details below**

**Wednesday 9 April**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

**Thursday 10 April 9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS 2.30pm Our Lady's Prayer Group**

**Friday 11 April St Stanislaus (Comm)**

**9.10am Morning Prayers 9.30am HOLY MASS**

***followed by* STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday 12 April 9.00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.30am Confessions**

**5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

**Sunday 13 April 9am PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before every Mass during Lent.**

I encourage all parish members to take part in at least one of the Stations of the Cross within this season of Lent and to go for sacramental confessions.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £323.99. **STANDING ORDERS** - Amounts for February - Gift Aided £1,187.50, Non Gift Aided £145.00. **PARISH LUNCH** The amount raised for Parish Funds was £473.20. **CAFOD FAMILY FAST**  The amount raised was £90.00. Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth*

With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

**Father Donald**

**LENTEN HOUSE MASS For Tuesday 8 April at Christianne's and Richard's home in Pentridge. Contact Ali for further details and/or help with lift.**

**FAMILY OF MARY** There will be a **Safeguarding Training and DBS session at St Catherine’s Church in Wimborne on Saturday 26 April.** We are invited to join them. And for those happy to have DBS clearance please confirm if you are available for the Wimborne date. *Marie*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENT VIGIL 2025: Wednesday 5 March - Sunday 13 April.** If you would like to take part in the 40DFL, you can contact Livia Tossici-Bolt or Sebastian Senial via email: 40daysforlifebournemouth@gmail.com40 Days for Life Lent Vigil 2025: Wednesday 5th of March - Sunday 13th of April 2025. **See poster in porch**. *Amabel*

**POPE'S INTENTIONS - APRIL** Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

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| **READERS: 5 Apr Zara Osborne/Ann Marie Pearson ; 6 Apr Children’s Mass – Ali Cain** |
| **SACRISTANS: Group C: David, Audrey, Pravin, Marie, Ann \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR APRIL: Mark Hudson** |

**Announcements from Father Donald**

1. I thank all those who have been promoting CAFOD in the Parish. I also thank Charlie who was gracious enough to host last week.
2. We are recruiting a new Parish Secretary. If you are interested, please contact: [recruit@prcdtr.co.uk](mailto:recruit@prcdtr.co.uk) for a Job Description.
3. We do not have many volunteers for the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. In the Oratory, it is not done, or rather, it is skipped. If you wish to have your feet washed on Maundy Thursday, please do indicate by writing your name.
4. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Let us prepare well for Holy Week.

**Diagrammatic Representation of the Homily**

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| SIN | |
| God | Satan |
| Good | Evil |
| New life in Christ | Old life in Sin |
| Spirit of the Law | Letters of the Law |
| Faith | Sight |
| Grace | Sin |
| Salvation (freedom) | Condemnation (bondage) |

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| **LAST SUNDAY** | | |
| CHARACTER | SYMBOLISM | REPRESENATATION |
| Father | Compasssion | Jesus |
| Prodigal Son | Reckless life, debauchery, prostitution | Sinners |
| Elder Brother | Judgemental/Accusation | Pharisees & Scribes – Accuser/Sin/Evil |
| Jesus | Mercy & Compassion | God |
| Adulterous Woman | Adultery | Sinner |
| Scribes & Pharisees | Judgemental, self-righteous, cast stones (SIN) | Cast out from Heaven (Satan), Evil & the Devil. |

**GOING BACK TO THE ROOT (CATECHISM)**

Q. Why did God make you?

A. God made me to know him, love him and serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next.

POINTS TO PONDER

1. Do you know that God can make a way, where there seems to be no way? “Behold, I am doing a new thing”. All things are possible for and with God (Matthew 19:26). I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13) – OMNIPOTENCE.
2. Do you know that God is our ultimate goal in life? I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus (Phil 3:8).
3. Do you know that the aim of LENT (Leave Every Negative Tendency) is to attain the life of the Resurrection? Our prayer today is: “Lord that I may know you and the power of our Resurrection” (Phil 3:10).
4. Do you know that self-righteousness is based on the law, but righteousness by faith in Christ saves us? “The Lord is our righteousness” (Jer 23:6). St Paul tells us that our righteousness comes from God, and this could only be achieved through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:28). I am what I am, by the grace of God” (1 Cor 15:10).
5. Do you know that we are all sinners? All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23). The Scribes and Pharisees claim to be more righteous than others. But when Jesus, who is Truth, presents them with the challenge “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone”, they all left. Let us learn from Jesus who is kind, merciful and compassionate and get rid of “casting stones” (SIN)

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**\*\* WILL PARISHIONERS WISHING TO INSERT NOTICES PLEASE EMAIL THEM IN NO LATER THAN THURSDAY EVENINGS OR THEY MAY NOT BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR PRINTING ON FRIDAY**

**MORNINGS\*\***

**LENT LUNCHES** This week, on **5th April**, the lunch will be at Audrey's home in Milton Abbas. For address/directions, please contact Audrey: audreyburch01@googlemail.com or 01258 880828. At the time of writing, there is **NO LENT LUNCH** on the 12th.

**COUNTERS -** I am preparing a new rota and am appealing to any parishioners who attend Sunday Mass to join. You would always be paired with an experienced person until you are familiar with procedures. If you are able to help please speak to any member of the counting team, to myself or Fr Donald. See list on hall noticeboard with the current Rota. *Ruth*

**NOURISH LENT CHALLENGE - 40 days of Giving**. 5th week: Toothpaste,Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk. **We request that Easter treats come in by April 4th.** Thank you, *Jan*

**LENT WALK FOR CAFOD** We aim to walk, starting from Sherborne,we will walk to Marnhull, then Shaftesbury and then back to our church here : 35-40 miles. We would be very grateful for sponsorship: by your donation at the Offertory at Mass in an envelope marked 'Cafod Northern Walk', or online in a link set up: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/ruth-and-madeleines-northern-parishes-walk> *Madeleine and Ruth*

**KNIT & NATTER** - Next meeting will be **8 April** in the hall.