**SUNDAY 13 April 2025 YEAR C1 PROPER**

**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 12 April 5.30pm VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY**

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

**Monday 14 April 8.30 -9.am Exposition and Confessions**

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

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

**Tuesday 15 April 8.30-9.00am Exposition and Confessions**

 **6.30pm HOUSE MASS (see below)**

**Wednesday 16 April NO MASS (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral)**

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Thursday 17 April 7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY**

 **Washing of the Feet (Optional)**

 **8.30-11pm THE WATCH**

 **Friday 18 April GOOD FRIDAY**

 **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

 **Saturday 19 April HOLY SATURDAY**

 **8pm VIGIL OF EASTER SUNDAY**

 **Sunday 20 April EASTER SUNDAY**

 **HOLY MASS 10am**

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.

Father Donald appeals to volunteers on Holy Saturday from 10.30am to prepare the church for Sunday.

**LENT HOUSE MASS** 15th Apr is at 6.30pm at Audrey Burch's home: audreyburch01@googlemail.com

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** £314.15. **PARISH LUNCH** The amount raised for Parish Funds was £473.20. **CAFOD FAMILY FAST**  The amount raised was £90.00. CAFOD Appeal £122. Thanks to all who contributed. *Ruth*

 With blessings on every one of our Parish family,

 **Father Donald**

**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*

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|  **READERS:** |
| **SACRISTANS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR APRIL: Mark Hudson** |

**More from Father Donald**

1. I thank the family of Richard and Christienne Pollen for graciously allowing us to use their home for a house Mass. This coming Tuesday the Mass will take place at the home of Tony and Audrey Burch.
2. This is Holy Week. Let us make the best use of the Holy week.
3. See the programme of events for the Holy Week and try to make the most out of it.
4. Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. We shall not forget to have chocolate eggs for the children.
5. Thank you to the seven people who have volunteered for the foot washing on Maundy Thursday. Please do indicate if you wish to be part of this holy exercise.
6. May I thank all those who are putting in their time to ensure that the parish is moving well.
7. We shall have a second collection on Palm/Passion Sunday in order to appreciate Ruth for all she has done for the Parish. We are forming a committee to decide what to do for those who have done so much for the Parish over time and who have now resigned. They have sacrificed a lot for the Parish. The following will be on the committee: Andrew Traynor, Anna Hayball, Ali Cane, Madeleine Hemsley, Mel Sarich.
8. For a JD and application for the role of Parish Secretary, please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk
9. On Maundy Thursday, after the Mass, there will be a vigil at the Altar of Repose. You may choose to do it for 30 minutes or an hour. The church will be locked at 11pm.
10. There will be an opportunity for Confession to prepare us for Easter onMonday during Exposition from 8.30am-9.00am and on Tuesday from 8.30am-9.00am during Holy Week. On Wednesday we shall go for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

**BASIC INTRUCTION**

Question: To whose image and likeness did God make you?
Answer: God made me to His own image and likeness.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

1. Do you know that the Paschal Mystery is the passion, death and resurrection of Christ?
2. Do you know that whenever we celebrate the Mass, we re-enact the Calvary event?
3. Do you know that the crowd represents the “world” and should strive to get rid of the crowd mentality?
4. Do you know that the Kingship of Jesus is a sign of contradiction to the worldly concept of Kingship?
5. Do you know that if Jesus could forgive a thief, he could forgive all your sins as well?

**DRAMATIC REPRESENTATION OF HOMILY**

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| CHARACTER | SYMBOLISM | REPRESENTATION |
| Jesus | Forgiveness | Heaven/Paradise/God |
| Crowd | Condemnation | Hell/World/Satan |
| Thief | Sinner | Saved by Grace |

**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** There is no Lent lunch this week. A huge thank you to all everyone who hosted a lunch, made cakes or donated raffle prizes as well as to everyone who came along and made the lunches such a success. Cake for CAFOD On Easter Sunday Felicity is aiming to bake a cake to be raffled off for CAFOD. It's £1 a ticket so don't forget to bring along some money.

**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**.

**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 **on 22 April** in the hall.

**WEEKLY GIVING** I have just banked some £920 made up of weekly collection - £314.15; Rome - £300; Ruth - £184.15; Cafod - £122.00.

**SPECIAL JUBILEE MASS** We are delighted to invite all married couples to a Special Jubilee Mass on Sunday May 11th 2025 at 10:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester. Irina Osborn (Mrs)Parish Secretary

Holy Trinity Parish Centre Email: dorchester@prcdtr.org.uk

**CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal** Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD’s Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10. Christine Allen, CAFOD Director
**'Rise to Our Cause' on Ascension Thursday** for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

Following the success of our two previous CCSP Ascension Day fundraisers, last year at St Mary’s in Poole and the previous year at Buckfast Abbey, this year’s ‘Rise to Our Cause’ event is being held at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston on Thursday, 29 May 2025. St Cuthbert Mayne Church in Launceston is a sacred site of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year, and pilgrims can get their pilgrim passport stamped, and venerate the relic of Cuthbert Mayne. The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12.30pm, followed by a two-course hot lunch kindly prepared for us by the parish. Following lunch, our Guest Speaker this year will be Phil McCarthy, the Hearts in Search of God project lead, who will describe his own walking pilgrimages to Rome and Istanbul and reflect on what it means to be a pilgrim of hope in this Jubilee year. Tickets cost £15 and can be ordered by - emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk ; calling the CCSP office on 01364 645420 ;· visiting the parish office at St Cuthbert Mayne.