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Sunday 17th March 2024

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33.

Sat	16	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> <b>Emmanuel Kolade</b> (Vigil Mass)
Sun	17	10.30am Noon	<i>Church Parade</i> <b>Sylvia Croston</b> (streamed) <i>Baptisms: Ivy Jolly &amp; Freya &amp; Nathaniel Williams</i>
Mon	18	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>May &amp; Danny Feeley</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCM in pastoral centre at 1.00pm</li> <li>• PPC in pastoral centre lounge at 7.00pm</li> </ul>
Tue	19	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Joseph</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Maria &amp; Greg Cooper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer Group in pastoral centre at 10.30am</li> </ul>
Wed	20	11.00am	<b>Mass: Rev.Fr Antony Hayne</b> <b>Followed by a Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium at 12 noon</b>
Thu	21	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Benedict</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Mary Ellen Farrell</b>
Fri	22	9.15am 9.30am 7.00pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <b>Tony Walsh</b> <i>Stations of the Cross – led by Deacon Des</i>

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<b>Sat</b>	<b>23</b>	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> <b>Jake Green</b> (Vigil Mass) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring collection: Lenten Alms</li> </ul>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	10.30am	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> <b>Christina Lee</b> (streamed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retiring collection: Lenten Alms</li> </ul>

Dear Parishioners and Friends

In 2018 Pope Francis issued an 'Apostolic Exhortation' entitled *Gaudete et Exultate*- Rejoice and be Glad. It is a call to all of us to reflect on the universal call to holiness which was very much at the centre of the Second Vatican Council. In one of the chapters Pope Francis takes the Sermon on the Mount (Mt Chapter 5) and the Beatitudes in particular and reflects on each of the beatitudes. This is what he says about *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God*.

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83. *This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. "Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart" (1Sam 16:7). God wants to speak to our hearts (cf. Hos 2:16); there he desires to write his law (cf. Jer 31:33). In a word, he wants to give us a new heart (cf. Ezek 36:26).*

84. *"Guard your heart with all vigilance" (Prov 4:23). Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord's eyes. He "flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts" (Wis 1:5). The Father, "who sees in secret" (Mt 6:6), recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who knows "what is in man" (cf. Jn 2:25).*

85. *Certainly there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For "if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing" (1 Cor 13:3). In Matthew's Gospel too, we see that what proceeds from the heart is what defiles a person (cf. 15:18), for from the heart come murder, theft, false witness, and other evil deeds (cf. 15:19). From the heart's intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions.*

86. *A heart that loves God and neighbour (cf. Mt 22:36-40), genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that "now we see in a mirror, dimly" (1 Cor 13:12), but to the extent that truth*

*and love prevail, we will then be able to see "face to face". Jesus promises that those who are pure in heart "will see God".*

*Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"*

**Anniversaries to 23 March 2024 (Last 10 yrs).**

*Mary Wills, Edna Martha Wright, Terence James Larkin, Joseph Kevin McCormack, Doris Catherine Laverty, Margaret Rose Halsall, Evelyn Patricia Bullen, Canon William O'Sullivan, Dorothy Forshaw.*

**Please pray for the sick in our parish:**

*Carl Abols, Lola Ajibade, Matthew Bennett, Rev Fr Boniface, Ann Brown, Mamadi Camara, John Casey, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, Teresa Howard, George Hunt, Margaret Johnston, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, May Mitchell, John Orritt, Stella Potter, Frances Smith, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Richard Tedford, Fr. Gerry Tuite, Marcella Varey, Joan Whelan.*

## **St Anne's News:**

**There will be Mass** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am for Rev. Fr Antony Hayne, former parish priest of St Anne's. After Mass a Funeral Service will take place at West Lancs Crematorium at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to the Saracens Head after the service to celebrate his life.

**A Ukrainian Family** is seeking rented accommodation in the locality. If you know of a suitable house or apartment, please contact the parish office.

**UCM tomorrow, 18 March** members favourite poems.

**SHOP:** The church shop stocks a variety of greeting cards, candles, rosaries, books, crosses, crucifixes & a variety of other items. This facility couldn't exist without the dedication of two teams of volunteers manning both weekend Masses. Due to illness & advancing years some volunteers can no longer help so it is necessary to recruit more parishioners to add to the rota.

The duties are simple just to open up 10 to 15 mins before mass and again after Mass. serving customers. Please contact Pat 07501925388 if you can help or leave your details in the shop.

**Forthcoming Retiring Collections:**

Weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March, Lenten Alms

Good Friday, 29 March, Holy Places

Weekend 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April, Church Flowers

## Trinity

A group of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities meet every month in the Pastoral Centre to share information, advice and support about issues that relate to their children. The group is called Trinity and is open for any parent or carer who would like to drop-in, there is a warm welcome along with tea, coffee and biscuits with lots of chat and laughter.

The group meets in the small lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month from 9:30-11:30 and is facilitated by Joan Bill, if you would like any more please email [trinitysnap17@gmail.com](mailto:trinitysnap17@gmail.com)

**Joan Bill**

## ***Can you help?***

*At one of the parish meetings last year, a suggestion was made that we should organise an event to recognise and celebrate the range of cultures represented in our parish.*

*Whether your roots lie in places close to St Anne's such as England or Ireland, or further afield like France, Argentina, Nigeria or the Philippines, would you like to be involved in organizing an event?*

*If you have any ideas on how we could celebrate together, please get in touch by emailing [ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk](mailto:ppc@stannes-ormskirk.org.uk) or speak to Claire on 01695 422491*





## Fasting and Almsgiving Ideas for Lent

Fasting and alms giving are two fundamental parts of Lenten observance. This Lent, why not put the two together? Rather than giving up a particular thing for the whole of Lent, what about fasting from a variety of foods at different times? Could we give up some item of food that we'd enjoy and replace it with a donation to the Food Bank? What about having a meat free day and donating a tin of meat? Or miss some chocolate and give an Easter Egg for a child?

If you have done something, let us know. The Food Bank box will be in the narthex all through Lent – why not put a note about what you have done in too? We will collect the ideas and share them with the parish.

**Thank you!**



## IRENAEUS LENTEN EVENINGS

For more information about all our events contact

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or Tel: 0119391199



Arrange 6 votive lights or tea lights on a tray in the shape of a cross.

- Light one votive each week and say the Lenten prayer, one for each week of Lent.

## Prayers for the Sundays in Lent

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

We pray for everyone who is ill with coronavirus or afraid, bereaved or isolated; and we pray for all who support them. May God grant each of them peace and comfort, courage and perseverance.

### **Palm Sunday**

We pray for the Church and for the world: that God may grant us the gifts of courage, compassion and wisdom as we face challenging circumstances together.

## Men's Lenten Prayer Group

The third and final meeting of the Men's Lenten Prayer group will be on **Thursday 21st March at 7.00 pm** in the usual venue. For anyone attending for the first time, please contact Paul Spencer at [pjspencer@sky.com](mailto:pjspencer@sky.com) for the venue address.



# Prayer

- **The Lenten Prayer Basket:**

Choose a list of people or things to pray for, write each one on a slip of paper. Put the papers in the basket. Draw one paper from the basket each day/week and pray for that intention.

## Some Prayer Ideas

**Children who will go to bed hungry**

**Anyone who is sick**

**Family and Friends**



## **Ormskirk Prayer Anchorhold, now to Easter**

Monday to Friday 8am to 9am in the Mansergh Room in New Church House, to the left of Ormskirk Parish Church.

Walk in for just a few minutes or stay a while. Join this pop-up Anchorhold to pray for God's care and His. Much more for everyone living around – and everything going on – in Ormskirk.

With a focus on different aspects of life in Ormskirk each weekday, e.g. Market and businesses and Town Council etc.,

**Contact Simon Andrews on 07752 637823.**



## **Join us for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!**

### **Saturday 23rd March, 12pm**

This Lent, St Bede's is supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world.. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an end to extreme poverty and global injustice.

**To raise money, on Saturday 23rd March, 12pm we plan to walk from St Bede's School, to St Gregory's Church in Lydiate and then back to St Anne's Church. We hope to close our sponsored walk by celebrating 5pm Mass at St Anne's Church.**

Our relationship with St Anne's Parish is very important to us and so we would very much like to extend an invitation to you all, to join us on our walk and our Lenten fund raising for CAFOD.

It also enables us to develop our relationship with wonderful groups like St Anne's Live Simply group and St Anne's Peace and Justice groups. Plus, walking together with people from Our Lady's and St Gregory's is a lovely way to build friendships between parishes.

So, we invite individuals and families to walk with us on Saturday 23rd March. If you are interested in joining our sponsored walk, please see details at the back of church and please use the link below to find out how you can pledge a donation.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-bedes-big-lent-walk>

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD. We very much look forward to seeing you at St Bede's on the 23RD March

Thank you

***St Bede's Faith In Action and Million Minute peace and justice group***

For more information about CAFOD please visit [cafod.org.uk/families](https://cafod.org.uk/families)

# LOOK

Sunday 17 March 2024  
John 12:20-33  
5th Sunday of Lent

In the **GOSPEL TODAY**

## NEW LIFE!

### Find the wheat

How many ears of wheat can you find on this sheet? [ ]

Y	G	S	B	L	O	M	G
G	R	O	U	N	D	R	C
J	O	U	O	E	K	D	N
L	W	H	E	A	T	D	O
H	W	T	G	R	A	I	N
W	E	N	A	T	D	E	F
F	S	G	D	H	Y	S	B
T	E	F	I	L	L	M	M

### Word search

Find these words from the Gospel today:

GROW	LIFE
WHEAT	EARTH
DIE	GRAIN
GROUND	NEW

### Growing things

What will these things grow into?  
Draw or write your answers in the spaces.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me how to be loving and kind. Help me to grow more like you every day. Amen.

Jesus knows that he is going to die but he also knows this is how he will show us how much God loves us. Jesus explains that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it will not make more plants. The grain brings life into the world - and so will Jesus, in an even more wonderful way!

### Grow with Jesus

What new things can you do now you are no longer a baby?

Write, or draw, them in the fruit.

### Life!

Colour the new wheat growing from these seeds, ready for the rich harvest.

Answers: There are seven hidden ears of wheat. These things will grow into a chicken, an adult and a plant.