

**Mass Intentions**

**Palm Sunday**

Saturday	4.15pm	Catherine Pagan - Procession & mass (St Teresa's)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Cannon Spence - Procession & Mass
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	1.30pm 6.00pm	Special Intention – Benediction & Mass Reconciliation ( All Saints)
Wednesday	5.30pm	Private Int (JP) – Evening Mass (St Teresa's)
Thursday	9.30am	School Mass
	6.30pm	Alan & Angela Ellison (All Saints) – Mass of the Lords Supper
Friday	10.00am	Stations of the Cross (St Teresa's)
	11.00am	Stations of the Cross (All Saints)
	3.00pm	Good Friday in both Parishes
Saturday	7.00pm	John Murphy – Vigil Mass of Easter (St Teresa's)
Sunday	9.30am	Easter Sunday Celebration (All Saints)

**Our prayers are asked for**

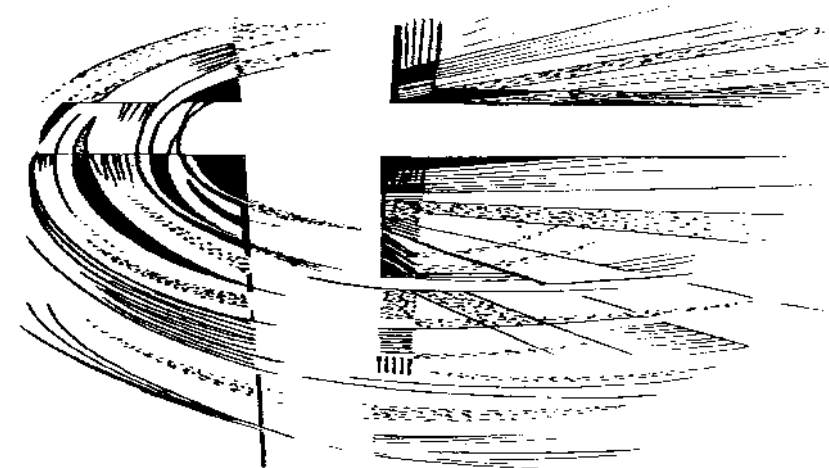
- \* Sheila Goldsack, Sarah Harrison, Peter Janczyk, Tony Kelly, Patrick Manley, Dr. Amy Mayor, Fr. Pat McKenna, Claire Menzies, Val Proud, Philip Robinson, Anne Taylor, and all in the parishes who are sick.
- \* Gerry Taylor, Audrey Turnbull, Brian Cunningham, Stephen McKenna, George Grieve, Canon Spence, Bob King and all those who have died recently.
- \* Those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Feel free to meet Father Vernatius for confession after any of the Masses

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**29th March 2027**



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#### **SPIRITUAL DIGEST FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:**

The period of Lent is a sacred season of forty days, in which we journey with Christ from the wilderness to the glory of the Resurrection. In this season, we unite ourselves with the forty days in which our Lord Jesus Christ, spent in prayer and fasting before beginning His public ministry. Marked by ashes and humility on Ash Wednesday, we remember that we are dust and unto dust, we shall return; yet we are also redeemed by God's mercy. This holy season calls every Christian to deeper prayer, sincere repentance, and renewed devotion. It is worthy of note that through fasting, we learn to discipline the body, so that the spirit may grow stronger and more attentive to God's voice. Through abstinence, we practice self-denial, thereby offering small sacrifices in union with Christ's perfect sacrifice. And through almsgiving, we turn outward in charity, reflecting the compassionate heart of the Church. Lent is not simply about giving something up, but about making room for grace to transform us from within. It is a time to examine our conscience genuinely and to seek reconciliation through the Sacrament of Confession. In the quiet sacrifices of these days, we come to understand more deeply the suffering and love of God. The liturgy grows more solemn, the Gloria falls silent, and we walk a simpler path in anticipation of Easter joy. Remember at this time that, each prayer whispered, each hunger endured, and each act of kindness offered, becomes a seed planted in hope. And the desert experience of Lent strips away distractions and teaches us to trust in God alone. We are invited to carry our crosses daily, confident that suffering united with Christ leads to redemption. Let us, therefore, observe this sacred time out of love, rather than out of obligation. The Church, in her wisdom, guides us through these forty days so that our hearts may be renewed and purified. With perseverance and faith, Lent becomes a pilgrimage from sin to grace, and from complacency to commitment. Hence, on that Easter morning, we rise with Christ renewed, strengthened, and ready to live out the Gospel with deeper conviction.

#### **Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66**

On this Palm Sunday, we join the multitude of people in crying "Hosanna," yet we are soon confronted by the agonizing cry of Jesus Christ; "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?", which reveals how quickly human praise can give way to suffering and abandonment. And in this tension lies the fact that, true faith is not found in transitory acclamation, but in unwavering trust that endures, even when God seems distant. Wishing you a happy holy week. God loves you, and so, do I.

#### **Fr. Vernatius**

**RED BOX TOTAL FOR 2025 WAS £550.00** (not including Direct Debits). Bless you for your great generosity in supporting all types of missionary work. Please take a copy of the Spring newsletter and magazine from the back of your church. If you would like to have a Red Box or direct debit details, please let me know. Michael.

**We are encouraged to join in the praying of Rosary (20 minutes & a grace of 10 minutes personal meditation) before masses in our parishes.**

**There will be Retirement collections 3rd April for Holy Places & 5th—26th April for Sick & Retired Priests.**

**DRIVER'S ANNUAL DECLARATION (VOLUNTEERS)** There will be times when volunteers are required to drive a personal motor vehicle to carry out activities by the parish. The Diocese does not hold motor insurance for either volunteers or employees. And it relies upon your personal motor insurance policy providing sufficient cover in case of an accident. **PLEASE COMPLETE FOPM AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.**

#### **ST TERESA'S**

**Easter Egg/Chocolate Raffle: Tickets will be on sale before/after Mass and any donations towards the raffle prizes will be gratefully received.**

**Social event. Pie, peas and BINGO Wednesday 29th April. Tickets £7 to include Bingo and Food. Tickets available on the door.**

**Sincere thanks to all who helped plan and supported the Lourdes Fundraiser at St Patrick's Hall Consett. A fantastic £1201 was raised to support a young parishioner of St Teresa's Annfield Plain to travel to Lourdes in the summer with the diocese.**

#### **ALL SAINTS**

**HOLY THURSDAY—Volunteers needed for washing of feet.**

**All Saints School.** We are warmly invited to attend on some dates in Lent for school worship. Copies of the dates are at the back of church. Thank you.

**Lourdes.** We are going on pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT on Holy Saturday. If anyone would like us to take prayer intentions or to light candles at the Grotto, please let us know before Good Friday. Many thanks, Deacon Peter and Paula.

**Social Group—date for diary. Call my bluff evening Quiz,** followed by refreshments. Saturday 25th April. Tickets on sale Sunday Cost to be confirmed.

**Save the Date! Race night in aid of SVP Friday 8th May at 7 for 7.30pm at Leadgate Social club.** Tickets £3 on sale after Easter. Bottle donations would be gratefully received for Raffle. Generosity gratefully appreciated and helps continue our work. Thank you.

**Coffee after Mass on Sunday: Today will be hosted by Emma & Family, Easter Sunday will be hosted by Margaret & Robert. Come and join us for coffee and a chat.**

**Counting: 29th March Team 6— Stella Hewitson & Karen McVeigh  
5th April Team 1— Mark Symonds & Graham McVeigh**

**Next Sunday readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Collossians 3: 1-4, John 20:1-9**

**Communion Reflection 'The Old Rugged Cross' Johny Cash**

**Mass Attendance for last week: All Saints: 126 St Teresa's: 106**