

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday	4.15pm	Frank Brady (St Teresa's)
Sunday 22nd March	9.30am	Stephen McKenna
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	1.30pm	Elsie Bove (Anniversary)
Wednesday	10.00am 6.30pm	Bob King (St Teresa's) Madely Family (All Saints)
Thursday	9.30am	Special Intention
Friday	9.30am 10.30am	Bob Parkin (St Teresa's)
Saturday	4.15pm	Catherine Pagan (St Teresa's)
Sunday	9.30am	Cannon Spence

**Our prayers are asked for**

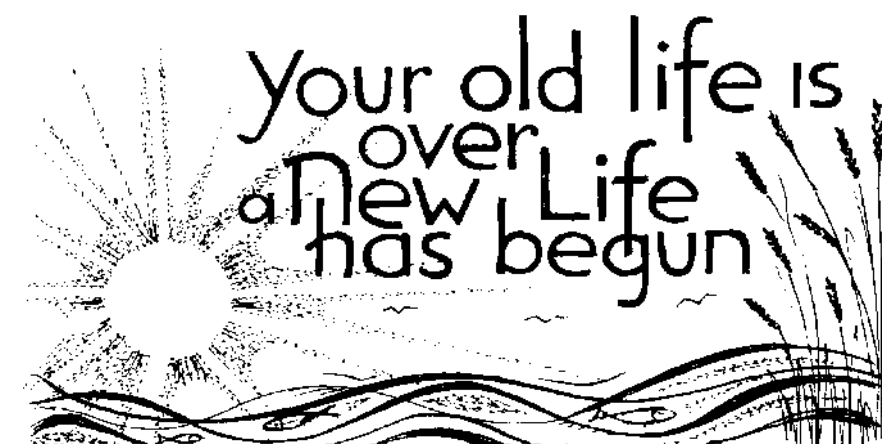
- \* Sheila Goldsack, Sarah Harrison, Peter Janczyk, Tony Kelly, Patrick Manley, Dr. Amy Mayor, Fr. Pat McKenna, Claire Menzies, Val Proud, Philip Robinson, Anne Taylor, and all in the parishes who are sick.
- \* Gerry Taylor, Audrey Turnbull, Brian Cunningham, Stephen McKenna, George Grieve, Canon Spence, 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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**5th Sunday of Lent  
22nd March 2026**



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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

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of lent: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11 & John 11:1-45**

In this season of lent, our good gracious God opens the graves, breathes life forth by the Spirit, and raises Lazarus, thereby revealing that no depth of death; be it spiritual or mortal is beyond His restoring voice. We are therefore summoned from the tombs of despair, sin, and hardened hearts, in which we have inhabited, into the pricey freedom of life in the Spirit, where Christ does not merely console but resurrects. And so, may we yield to the Spirit who dwells within us, that even now we may rise, unbound, and walk towards the fullness of life that God has promised. God loves you and so, do I. Fr. Vernatius.

**Lenten Talks - Guest Speaker ( Fr. Damian Cassidy O. Carm.). Wednesday 25th March - All Saints –Beginning with Mass at 6.30pm. Talks will follow in the hall. This is a great way to prepare ourselves for Easter. Donations are welcome to support the important work of the Carmelites in our diocese. Please support this great opportunity in our parishes.**

#### **The Future of our Parishes**

**There will be an open meeting of all parishioners to look at our future with regard to the Diocesan Pastoral Strategy. Dates: St Teresa's on Tuesday 24th March at 6pm.**

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

#### **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.**

Pie, pea and Bingo Wednesday 25th March 6-8pm. Tickets £7 for food, bingo and raffle ticket. Tickets available on the door. Future dates are on posters in both St Tere's and All Saints Lanchester. All welcome.

If anyone has any Red Mission Boxes please bring them to church for counting.

#### **ALL SAINTS**

Stations of the Cross 5pm

**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.

Christian Aid soup lunch raised an amazing £920. **Huge thank you** to all who helped in any way.

**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.

**KNOCK Pilgrimage.** There are still the following places; 3 double/twin rooms available at £640.00 per person and 1 single £790.00, plus £25 for entry to Titanic Experience. **Contact Michael 07787726306.** The **FULL ITINERARY** will be available at the back each church from this weekend. Any problems please ring. Thank you..

**Daily Reflections for Holy Week.** Please use the following link to view and download this year's diocesan [Daily Reflections for Holy Week 2026](#). It is a beautiful compilation of reflections, written by members of our diocesan Writing Team, based on the daily Gospels as we travel through Holy Week: beginning on Passion Sunday and ending with an Easter Sunday reflection by Bishop Stephen.

Please note amended working pattern for Parish Secretary Lynda Telford, Wednesday—Friday 9am-12noon.

**Coffee after Mass on Sunday:** Today will be hosted by Hewitson & Family. 29th March hosted by Emma & Family. Come and join us for coffee and a chat.

**Counting:** 22nd March Team 5— Martin Walls & Michael Donnelly  
29th March Team 6— Stella Hewitson & Karen McVeigh

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

**Communion Reflection 'Amazing Grace' Johnny Cash**

**Mass Attendance for last week: All Saints: 136 St Teresa's: 76**