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3RD SUNDAY OF
LENT



Sunday 3 March 2024

LENT



O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our
lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our
conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers.



Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

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Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

LOYOLAPRESS.

Please pray for the sick, especially,

Amanda, Bev, Greta, Hazel, Jannette, Jon, Julie Michael,
Paul, Richard, Rob, Sandra, Tuomas and Wendy

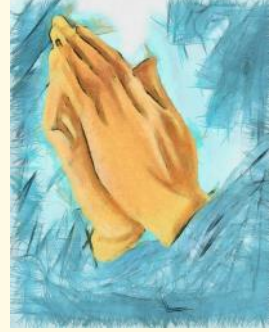
for those who are unable to attend Mass,

Anne, Becky, Eileen, June, June and Trevor

those who have died recently

Barbara Hancock, Jean Hughes and James Lawson

and for those whose anniversaries fall around this time



4 Mar	Winifred Richardson-Hawkins, Albert Edward Porter, Colin Thomas Nicholls and Joseph Gregory
5 Mar	Stanley Spridgeon
7 Mar	William Holmes, Dennis Harris and Gladys Priest
8 Mar	Winifred Barker, Hilary Hudson, Florence Harrop and Edward King (Bishop)
9 Mar	Rachel Butler and Kenneth Shaw



Please pray also for all those who are struggling in the current financial climate, for world peace especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan and Yemen, for our hospice, hospital and prison staff and for the staff and pupils in our schools.

Services for the week ahead

Today	9.30am 11am 11.30am 6pm	Mass at Priory with Junior Church Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church Mass at Clumber Evensong and Benediction
Monday 4 Mar Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass at Priory
Tuesday 5 Mar Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass at St Paul's
Wednesday 6 Mar Lent Feria	9.30am 6pm	Mass at Priory Mass at St Paul's
Thursday 7 Mar Lent Feria	6.30am	Mass at Priory
Friday 8 Mar S David	12noon 6.30pm	Mass at Priory Stations of the Cross at Priory
Saturday 9 Mar Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass at Priory
Next Sunday Lent 4	9.30am 11am 11.30am	Mass at Priory with Junior Church Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church Mass at Clumber

**Live streaming through Worksop Priory
Facebook Page will take place whenever
possible and technology allows.**



Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.

The Sacraments of Healing



- a. Reconciliation
- b. Anointing the Sick



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Other Activities

Tuesday 5 Mar	10am 10-11am 1-2pm 2pm	Coffee Morning at St Paul's Public Hour at St Paul's CommuniTea at St Paul's Food Hub at St Paul's
Wednesday 6 Mar	10.15am 6.30pm	Songs and Stories at Priory Lent Group at S Paul's
Friday 8 Mar	10.30- 11.30am 10.45am	Public Hour at Priory Lent Group at Priory

**Public hours are for booking Baptisms, Weddings
and for general enquiries.**



TITHES & OFFERING

Let's worship The Lord through giving!

Our Giving

If you are able, please make your tithing, your financial donations to the work of God at Priory, St Paul's and Clumber Chapel, through your bank.

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Worksop Priory PCC:

Virgin Money Sort Code: 05-09-89

Account Number: 38125853

There is a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments. Any donation of £20 or under will be automatically gift aided.



St Pauls CHRCH(Manton)Worksop Parochial CHRCH CNCL:

HSBC Sort Code 40-47-21

Account Number: 20724599

Please note: If your giving is under £30 in any one instance, there is no need to use a Gift Aid Envelope as we can claim the tax back through the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme.

**St Paul's Church,
Manton, S80 2TS**



Bassetlaw Food Hub

A food hub is different to a Food Bank. It is food donated that would otherwise go to landfill ie be wasted. So please do come and see what's on offer and stop food waste.

Anyone is welcome on a Tuesday from 1 pm for a cuppa and a chat with the distribution of food beginning when the room is ready and numbers have been allocated. Bags cost £3.50. This could be anytime from 1pm, however fairness and respect of others will always continue to be our overriding principle. We will remain open until all who wish to have been through or until the available food comes to an end.

In the spirit on zero waste we have introduced reusable bags which we give to our regular hub users and ask that they bring them each week. Everyone using the same size bags contributes to the fairness that we strive to achieve in our management of the Food Hub. Biodegradable single use bags are also available for use when necessary.



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Goodbye to Fr Cooper

Fr Cooper presided at his final Mass at St Paul's on Wednesday evening after which the parish had the opportunity to say their goodbyes. Maddie expressed gratitude on behalf of Mary and herself as church wardens for the work that Fr Cooper has done at St Paul's over the three years that he has been with them.

Fr Cooper was presented with a small token of appreciation and everyone wished him well in his role at Ranby Prison.


GOODBYE



 At the moment we're asking for: 

- Long life milk
- Soup
- Tinned mackerel, salmon etc
- Tinned meat
- Toothpaste
- Laundry pods
- Bleach
- Deodorant

There are collection boxes at the back of Priory and St Paul's Churches

Regular financial donations make a huge difference! 

As grants and funding get harder to come by, knowing we have regular donations in means we know we can continue to support households in crisis in Bassetlaw.

You can set up regular or one off donation here:

<http://bit.ly/donate to BFB>

WINNER

CLUB

Wednesday 28 February

£20	No 88	Mrs J Addams
£10	No 11	Mrs J Wells
£5	No 10	Mr D. Betts
£5	No 87	Mrs W. Caseldine

There are still some numbers available for this Priory fundraising venture. In addition to the weekly draws there are two £100 draws and an annual £500 draw. Each number is £1 per week.

If you would like to be in it to win it, contact Ivy Underwood who will be happy to help you.

What's Happening

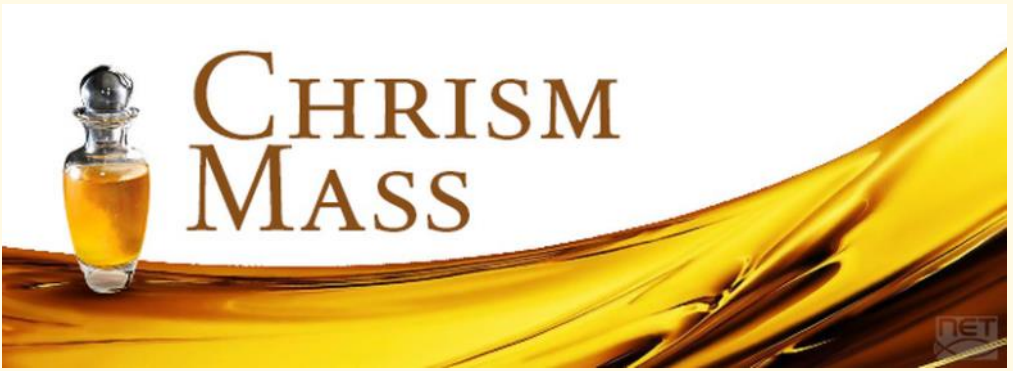
National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Monday 27 May 2024

Having reviewed the expression of interest sheets from Priory and St Paul's for the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham and the Festival at York Minster, we will be booking a coach for Monday 27 May for the Walsingham Pilgrimage. We will let you know the cost per person when we are given a price by the coach company. We need to cover the hire cost and with that in mind we will be asking for those who have booked to pay for their seats in good time.

Further conversations can be had regarding travel to York, ie car sharing or train travel.





One of the best kept “secrets” of the Church of England is that every year Bishop’s gather with their clergy and laity to celebrate a Chrism Mass. Normally held in Holy Week the priests renew their ordination vows to the Bishop and the oils of the Sick, Baptism and Chrism, to be used in the coming year, are consecrated.

Our Chrism Mass will be Monday 25 March, 11am, at St Jude’s Hexthorpe. Everyone is welcome to attend this beautiful, encouraging and uplifting celebration; Just let Fr Spicer know if you are planning to attend.



Spring Cleaning

We would like to get cleaning parties together to give both Priory and St Paul's a really good spring clean before Easter. This will be happening on Saturday 16 March.

Please put the date in your diary and we will let you have the start time nearer the date.



Visit by Bishop Paul

Bishop Paul will be visiting our parishes on Sunday 10 March and will preach at the parish masses at Priory and St Paul's. Please note that the St Paul's Mass will start at the **later time of 11.30am** to ensure that all concerned get there on time.

Celebrate:Lent is a magazine for Catholic kids and is full of cool activities and fun quizzes.

Perfect for 7-12 year olds, it will encourage them to think about and grow in their faith while they have loads of fun! Twenty-two pages jam-packed with puzzles and facts - adults might learn something too. Celebrate:Lent comes with our bestselling Lent calendar and activity sheet for even more things to do. This year there's an easy way to refocus on Jesus' journey to the cross and what his resurrection means for us as we Celebrate Lent.



Look out for Fr Spicer or Mary Howe who still have a few free copies for our children.

Administrator's Working Hours

Maria works the following hours:

- **Tuesdays** working at St Paul's 10am - 11am for public hour and then from 11am - 3pm supporting the CommiTea and Food Hub
- **Thursdays** working from home 9am - 5pm
- **Fridays** working at Priory between 8am and 3pm with the public hour being 10.30am - 11.30am

Please be aware that you may not receive answers to phone calls, text messages or emails outside of these times.





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