



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Feria

9:30am The Most Holy Rosary  
10.30am First Holy Communion Class  
**12.30pm Filipino Mass**  
5-5.45pm Confessions  
6pm Mass *Anne McGrory†*

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YrB/II

9am Mass *Ulysses Alcomendras (anni)†*  
10.30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
12noon Mass *Kathleen Cullen†*  
1pm Lithuanian Confirmation Class  
4.45pm Table Tennis

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Feria

10am *Fr John Taylor†*  
**10.30am Church Spring Cleaning**  
7pm Lectio Divina

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM, SOLEMNITY

10am Mass *Thomas Golding†*  
6pm Divine Mercy

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Lent Feria

10am Mass *David Venter†*  
10.30am Marian Devotions  
7pm Women's Fellowship Group

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Lent Feria

10am Mass *Ruby Jenkins†*  
10.30am Coffee Morning  
2.30pm St Teresa & St Hugh Prayer Group  
6.30pm Children's Choir  
7.30pm Men's Fellowship Group

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Lent Feria

10am Mass *Dora Yates†*  
10.30am Adoration and Benediction  
6.30pm Confirmation Group  
**7pm Stations of the Cross**

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Lent Feria

9:30am The Most Holy Rosary  
**12.00pm Baptism Sebastian**  
**3pm Slovak Mass**  
5-5.45pm Confessions  
6pm Mass *Marie Byrne†*

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YrB/II

9am Mass *Greeshma Melbin & Family (ints)*  
10.30am Mass *Jack Church (ints)*  
12noon Mass *Pro Populo*  
1pm Lithuanian Confirmation Class  
4.45pm Table Tennis

Tea and Coffee

Every Sunday after 9am and 10.30am Mass

## MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday – 10am

Saturday – 6pm Vigil

Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00noon

Confessions Every Saturday 5-5.45pm

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We humans have a natural aversion to death, especially our own. The challenge from Jesus in this gospel invites us to follow him in his path to death; "If a man serves me, he must follow me." The crucial difference in Jesus' way of living his life, is that he sees it from a universal perspective... Pain, suffering and even death is a blip in the bigger picture of what we are called to share in when we follow Jesus. He sees this life not as the central purpose of existence, but at the service of our life, existence, salvation... "It was for this very reason I have come to this hour."... The point is not simply the death, it is the giving of everything he has, to us, because of love, because God is our life-originator and sustainer. The point is that nothing will be too much for his purpose of giving us life, so that we can be with him forever. We are that precious to God!

So, for us, Jesus says, "wherever I am, my servant will be there too." To be a servant means to follow the master... always ready to respond to his wishes. The reassuring thing is that this goes both ways. Where we go as Jesus' servants, or where we see servants of Jesus, we know that Jesus is there too. His servants will be those who do the work of bringing life to the world, those building up the Kingdom of God, those proclaiming the Good News through their words and actions.

Following Jesus' example to give of ourselves, even through suffering and exhaustion, even to death, for the sake of our fellow humans loved by God... that "grain" of our offering will bring life also, multiplying itself in a sacred pass-it-on liturgy of praise, glorifying the Father, and honouring Jesus. In the end, Jesus prays, "Father, glorify your name!" just like in the way he taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Jesus' life was at every moment, directed to God the Father. His trust in the divine plan was so absolute, that he would do nothing that was outside the function of God's creative wisdom. How can we, in our daily lives, transform our thoughts, prayers and actions to those modelled by Jesus?



## In the Parish

## LENT

**POPE FRANCIS INVITES PRAYER** "for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal."

**THE NATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER.**

**DURING LENT:** Candidates for the Sacraments, The needy and the hungry of the world, World Day of Prayer and penitents and wanderers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed at St. Luke's every Friday during Lent at 7pm, followed at 7.30pm by a Lent supper. Different groups, including our young people will lead each evening and provide the refreshments. All are welcome.

**CTO LENT LUNCHESES** Simple Lunch and reflection shared by all the Christian churches in the Orton's, donations to the Light Project for the Homeless. Start 12.30pm: Tues 19th March St. Michael Chesterton.

**PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK** would be good to support, especially during Lent. Please place your gifts in the box at the entrance and we will deliver them. Thank you.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. LUKE'S**  
**24th March Palm Sunday:** Mass 6pm Sat; 9am, 10.30am, 12noon.

**26th March:** 11.30am, Chrism Mass, Catholic Cathedral, Norwich.

**27th March:** 5pm Parish School Stations of the Cross at St. Luke's.

**THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**

**28th March Holy Thursday:** 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**29th March Good Friday:** 10.30am Ecumenical Walk of Witness – Holy Trinity to St Luke's;

3pm Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross; 7pm Stations of the Cross.

**30th March Holy Saturday:**

11am 'Swieconka' Blessing of Easter Baskets; 8pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, 31st March:** Mass 9am, 10.30am, 12noon followed by parish party.

## NEWS

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL** Please remember that when going into hospital visits from the chaplaincy need to be requested as they are no longer allowed to come to you otherwise. Parish clergy will generally not be able to get there as they may only be admitted during regular visiting hours. Likewise in an emergency only the on-call priest chaplain may usually attend: 07934 796221 or hospital switchboard.

**SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM CHOIR** There is an urgent need to help with singing during the Triduum, the most important part of the Christian year for Catholics: Holy Thursday; Good Friday & the Easter Vigil. At the moment we have ONE very generous volunteer. Please contact Fr Jeffrey urgently if you can help and we will arrange a rehearsal. It is too much for the children's choir and many will be on holiday.

**CHRISM MASS** This Tuesday 26th we are invited to our Catholic Cathedral in Norwich as the Holy Oils for the coming year are blessed and the priests of East Anglia renew their promises. A coach will leave from St. Luke's at 7.45am, calling at All Souls at 8am and St. Oswalds at 8.15am, seats £10 – book with office or clergy. Please bring a packed lunch. We arrive back about 5pm.

**MODERN SLAVERY** A new group began to form in the Diocese last month, to help to cut modern slavery here. In a month, it has grown to nearly 30 members. During 2022, in our Diocese alone, 746 souls were found enslaved and rescued. Police describe this number of enslaved people, as the tip of the iceberg: there are an estimated 4,500 more enslaved people in our diocese waiting for us to find them. Pope Francis wants us to "find" enslaved people. All that means is learning to spot the signs and safely report them to the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700. The new group is looking for volunteers to join the group. No previous knowledge or experience required, just a wish to end slavery in our diocese. Contact [john\\_simong@hotmail.com](mailto:john_simong@hotmail.com) to discuss volunteering and read about the issue at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery>

**SAFEGUARDING**

Please supervise **children** at all times and do not send them to the toilets unaccompanied.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Next Sunday **24th Mar**

**10.30am Mass** for those in Reception-Year 3 or registered for the First Holy Communion. Please arrive 10 mins early for registration.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE**

Thursday **21st Mar, 6.30pm**, new members aged @8+ are welcome to give it a try.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Next meeting Saturday **20th Apr, 10.30am**.

**CONFIRMATION**

Next meeting Friday **19th April, 6.30pm**.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Next meeting Friday **22nd March, 6.30pm**.

**RCIA**

Next meeting **25th Mar, 6.30pm**.

**COFFEE MORNING**

Thursday **21st Mar**, from 10.30am to 11.30am. Come and join us for a Coffee and a chat. All welcome! Bring your friends!

**WOMENS FELLOWSHIP**

Next meeting Wednesday **20th Mar, 7pm**.

**MENS FELLOWSHIP**

Next meeting Thursday **21st Mar, 7.30pm**.

**ST TERESA & ST HUGH PRAYER GP**

Thursday **21st 2.30-4pm** at St. Luke's, with prayer, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Reading & Vespers. All welcome!

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