

Prayers are asked for:

Sick & Housebound: George & Margaret Aldridge, Alan Bamford, Carol Baynham, Mary & John Boucher, Margaret & Cliff Brazier, Dorothy Brettell, Bryan Brookes, Lyn Brooks, Vicky Bullows, Josh Burgess, Stephen Cartwright, Sheila & Richard Causer, Martin Chandler, Mac & Len Colbourne, Lauren & John Colledge, Beryl Cook, Lyn Cooney, Val Dallaway, Madeline Darby, Joyce Davies, Malcolm Dixon, Mavis Douglass, Lynn Dukes, Jonathan Evason, Leon Gilson, Lesley Griffiths, Andy & Jan Guest, Edna Guest, Joan Halford, Mary Halford, Sue Handscombe, John Hickman, Samuel Hickman, Jacob Higgins, Joseph & Lauren Higgins, Pat Hulse, Beryl Hunt, Dorothy Humphriss, Carol Jackson, Eunice & Denis Jackson, Karen Jones, Steven Knott, Joyce & Hal Loach, Arnold & Mary Lewis, Brandon Long, Betty Miller, Jamie Mills (5yrs), Margaret Morris, Audrey Norris, Andrew & Claire Northall, Kerry Osborne, Nathan Parker, Kath Payne, Jeanette Powell, Edna Price, Margaret Roberts, Ann Sabin, Hazel Saxon, Mark Shenton, Angela Shorthouse, Jacob Smith, Joanne Smith, Pauline Smith, Marjorie Stevens, Joan Stringer, Paul Thomas, Les Waldron, Tom Waldron (*Les Waldron's grandson*), Billy & Doreen Ward, Beryl Ward (*John Ward's mother*), Carol Ward, Mike Westwood, Diane Williams, Joan Whitehouse, Val & Les Wilson, Brenda Wood.

The Departed: John Bills, Kathleen Hammond, Jim Heritage, Ronald Moore, Eddie Oakley, Derek Palmer, Edna Portman, Arthur Simcox.

Years Mind: 2nd - Doris Dudley, Joan Rollason; 3rd - Betty Andrews, Arthur Cartwright; 4th - Esther Whitehouse; 5th - Brian Bamford; 6th - Stan Bashford; 7th - John Price, Mabel Smith, Ernie Steele, Des Taylor, Beryl Wilkinson.

Birthdays: 6th - Ron Nicholson;

Anniversary: 3rd - Stephen & Bernadette Hadgett;

Residents in Care Homes: Doris Barnes (The Firs); Lynda Blakemore (Castlewellan); Pat Eades, (Woodlands); Josie Fiske, (Island Court); Pat Hill (Island Court); Barbara Jones (Oak Court); Pearl Wardhough (Camelot Rest Home); Floss Webb (Lime Tree Court).

OHMS: Lee Bullows, Amy Chambers, Ebony Churchill, Ian Day, Greg Dunson, Scott Sabin, Neil Skett, Fr Michael Wagstaff, Craig Ward, Nathan Yates.

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Friendship Circle - Lent Appeal Items needed Toiletries etc. The list is available and is on noticeboards. Make sure items are labelled for this collection and place in Church or Hall collection bins.

Maundy Thursday: Rota for the Vigil of Prayer before the Sacrament on Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday. An unbroken chain of prayer will kept between the end of the Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the start of the Good Friday Liturgy. Please sign up and fill the GAPS as soon as possible so that we can ensure that there are no gaps.

Also is the list for volunteers to take part in the foot-washing. Twelve needed! Please see Fr Alan if you have not taken part in either of these before.

The Magazine will be available today

St Chad's, Coseley

2nd APRIL 2017

Sunday Bulletin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

To Know Christ & make Christ Known through Worship, Outreach,



Sun 2nd

8.30am
10.15am
12noon
6.30pm

Mon 3rd

12.20pm
2.00pm
7.45pm

Tue 4th

9.40am
2.00pm
6.00pm
7.00pm

Wed 5th

9.00am
9.30am

Thur 6th

9.40am

Fri 7th

2.00pm

Sat 8th

9.30am

Sun 9th

Readings: Matt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27,66

8.30am
10.00am
12.00noon

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

Low Mass

Family Mass, Young Church & Crèche
Vestry Hour

Evensong at All Saints' Sedgley

Monday of the Fifth *Week in Lent*

Funeral of Kathleen Hammond at Gornal Wood Crematorium

Funeral of Eddie Oakley

Parochial Church Council Meeting in the Lounge

Tuesday of the Fifth *Week in Lent*

Art Group in Hall

Friendship Circle Lent Group - Ann Lovesy

Slim4Good in Hall

Line Dancing in Hall

Wednesday of the Fifth *Week in Lent*

Low Mass

Busy Tots - Toddler Group

Thursday of the Fifth *Week in Lent*

Art Group in Hall

Friday of the Fifth *Week in Lent*

Choir Practice in the Vicarage

Saturday of the Fifth *Week in Lent*

Low Mass

Sixth Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday

Readings: Matt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27,66

Low Mass

Procession of Palms, Family Mass starting in Hall
Vestry Hour

A Key for St Chad's is Available at 3 Oak Street

Flowers for Easter: Donations for Easter flowers will be received gratefully by Mary Halford, Chris Smith, or any of the other flower arrangers.

For more information visit our website www.stchadscoseley.co.uk or for constantly updated news on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/stchadscoseley

Readings at Mass

Collect:

Merciful God, you showed your glory to our fallen race by sending your Son to confound the powers of death. Call us forth from sin's dark tomb. Break the bonds which hold us, that we may believe and proclaim Christ, the cause of our freedom and the source of life.

Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation: St John 11: 25, 26

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: St John 11: 3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Hear the holy gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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If you can help - Church maintenance and cleaning: Contact John Northall to Volunteer - Ring 0121 520 1967. **Gardens and Grounds** - John Wardell.

Refreshments after Family Mass - names on Rota please!

Flowers for Easter: Donations for Easter flowers will be received gratefully by Mary Halford, Chris Smith, or any of the other flower arrangers.

Renewal of Electoral Roll - This year the roll is to be updated (revised). If you are not on the Roll you must get a form from the sidesmen and return it to John Northall. The roll will be on view for inspection at a later date.