

## For Our Prayers

### Sick & Housebound:

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### Recently Departed

Sayeed Khan, Tony Seals, Andrew South

### Years Mind

22<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Bills, Shirley Connochie, Harold Mansell, Florence Shaw, 23<sup>rd</sup> Florence Jones, Ronald Peters, 24<sup>th</sup> Alan Holloway, Elsie Owen, Cian Riley, 25<sup>th</sup> Roy Ketch, 26<sup>th</sup> Laurence Hancox, Hilda Baker, Heidi Barker, June Halford, David Rogers, 27<sup>th</sup> Wilfred Boycott, Marjorie Hall, Edna Stanford, 28<sup>th</sup> John Langford, John Shuttleworth.

### Birthdays

24<sup>th</sup> Mavis Steel, 26<sup>th</sup> Wendy Brayne

## Forthcoming Events

26<sup>th</sup> March The film of the Last Supper - **The Chosen** - St Chad's Church Hall 2.00pm. Everyone welcome!

28<sup>th</sup> March **Coffee Morning** 10.30am

25<sup>th</sup> April **St James St George afternoon Tea** with a bit of Strictly!

### Donations Request

Please remember that all donations during Lent is for the Children's Society. So please do give generously

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent** otherwise known as **Passion Sunday** signifies the final two weeks of Lent. It is a period of time for us to focus more on the Passion and death of Jesus. And so as we begin these final two week let us join Christ on his way to Calvary.



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## THIS WEEK

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8.00am**  
**11.00am**  
**5.00pm**

**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**Mass St. Chads**  
**Parish Mass**  
**Evening Prayer with Benediction**  
**St James**

*Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 130,  
Romans 8:8-11, John 113-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45*

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Lent</b>
1.30pm	Stretch & Tone
7.30pm	Zumba
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent</b>
9.40am	Art Group
7.00pm	Line Dancing
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass St Chads</b>
10.15am	Coffee Morning
11.00am	Little Acorns Stay & Play
	St Chad's church Hall
1.30pm	Zumba Gold
7.00pm	Bums & Tums
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass St. James</b>
12.30pm	Seated Pilates
2.00pm	Film of the Last Supper
	St Chad's Church Hall
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent</b>
<b>13.00pm</b>	<b>Mass with Stations of the</b>
	<b>Cross St James</b>
7.00pm	<b>Mass St. Chads</b>
7.30pm	Ti Chi
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lent</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass with Stations of the</b>
	<b>Cross St Chads</b>
10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning St Chad's</b>
<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Mass St. Chad</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass St James</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mass St. Chad</b>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed</b>
	<b>Sacrament with the Divine</b>
	<b>Chaplet St Chads</b>

*Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22,  
Philippians 2:6-11, Matthew 27:11-54*

**Sunday 22 March 5th Sunday of Lent**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Collect**

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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.

**First reading**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings. **R**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R**

I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word. My soul awaits the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak. **R**

More than watchmen for daybreak, let Israel hope for the LORD. For with the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **R**

**Second reading**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans'**

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, word of the father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Gospel**

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.