

DIOCESAN 'LOURDES PILGRIMAGE': Bishop Declan invites you to join him on our diocesan pilgrimage from Friday, 20th to Friday, 27th August 2010. For further information contact our Pilgrimage Director, Deacon David Wakefield on tel: 07711 834800 or email: lourdes@cliffondiocese.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UMBERTO MUCCINI RIP: *Umberto died peacefully in the RUH last Wednesday morning. We send our condolences to his wife, Guiseppina, and children, Elisa and Franco, and their families. Umberto's body will be brought into the church at 6 pm on Thursday (18th) and his funeral Mass will be at 10 am on Friday (19th). May he rest in peace. Amen.*

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Thursday, 18 th March	6.30 pm	St Alphege's
Saturday, 20 th March	3 -4.30 pm	St John's (Polish)
Saturday, 27 th March	11 am	St John's (English)
Monday, 29 th March	7.30 pm	Holy Ghost, Midsomer Norton
Tuesday, 30 th March	7.15 pm	Ss Peter & Paul's

CAFOD FAST DAY: Some confusion may have arisen this year about what to do with money saved on the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Some of you may have put it in your CAFOD Box which will be brought up on Maundy Thursday evening. This Lent you are being encouraged to have more than one fast day to mark CAFOD's 50th Anniversary. If you forgot all about Family Fast Day you may wish to designate another day and put what you save into a special CAFOD envelope. These can be found at the back of the church. Please place these in the Sunday collection.

Lower Car Park Users: Your annual fee of £65 is now due. Please make a cheque payable to 'St John's Church' and put your car registration and name on the back of the cheque.

Papal Preparations: With the prospect of Pope Benedict XVI visiting this country later in the year, our award-winning website cliffondiocese.com is looking for your memories and photographs of the last Papal visit back in 1982. As we look forward to welcoming the Holy Father to the UK, tell your story by emailing webeditor@cliffondiocese.com and share your thoughts and experiences of the momentous occasion.

JOURNEY TO EASTER: Daily reflections and articles. Now on sale at the back of the church - £1.50

Parish Diaries for 2010. £1 – please put money in Third World Box.

DIOCESAN Liturgical Diaries & Directories now on sale.

Weddings & Baptisms

For enquiries about weddings and baptisms, please see Fr Tom at the end of week-end Masses.

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14th March 2010. Fourth Sunday of Lent. Year 3

Pss 4 & Proper of Season

We welcome you to Mass here this Week-end.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The parable of the Father and Two Sons, traditionally called The Prodigal Son, tells the story of a father who has two sons and who loses both of them; the younger one is lost in a far country, while the elder is lost in the wilderness of his own self-righteous hostility. One leaves home in the fond hope that he will find happiness in the world of the unfamiliar only to discover that it is found at the heart of the familiar. One stays at home, but he seems such a stranger to the love and joy which surround him that he might as well be an alien in a foreign land. They are a mixed human family in which tenderness and selfishness and hostility all vie with each other for possession. By the end of the story, tenderness has won over selfishness, but it is unclear if hostility will remain out in the cold.

~ Denis McBride, 'The Parables of Jesus' ~

This Sunday's Antiphons and Readings

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Responsorial Psalm: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3; 11-32

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city that binds men together in unity. To Jerusalem all the tribes are making pilgrimage, all the tribes of the Lord; to give honour, Lord, to your name.

Parents – A Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) takes place at most Sunday 10 am Masses. Suitable for children from toddlers upwards! The children return with their contribution to the Offertory. Please join us!

COFFEE MORNING after the 10 am Mass. All welcome!

TIMES OF MASS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

<i>Mass Intentions</i>			
Sat	13 th March	Mass 5.45 pm	<i>Sarah Hawkins RIP</i>
Sun	14th March	Mass 10 am	<i>Calogero Pace RIP</i>
		Mass 6.30 pm	
Mon	15 th March	Mass 9.30 am	<i>Canon Brian McEvoy's intentions</i>
Tue	16 th March	Mass 5.45 pm	
Wed	17 th March	Mass 10 am	
	<i>St Patrick</i>	Mass 5.45 pm	
Thu	18 th March	Mass 7.30 pm	Healing Mass
Fri	19 th March	Mass 10 am	Funeral of Umberto Muccini
	<i>St Joseph</i>	Mass 5.45 pm	
Sat	20 th March	Mass 11 am	in LSU
		Mass 5.45 pm	Vigil of 5 th Sunday of Lent

Confessions: Saturdays 12-12.30 pm; 5-5.30 pm; 6.45-7 pm

Offerings for the week:

Offering:		£ 458.36
Gift Aid Giving	£807.00	
Tax Recovered	£227.00	£1,034.00
Third World		£ 38.61

RETIRING COLLECTION this week-end for SPUC's White Flower Appeal. There will be a short talk during the Masses.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEK-END 20th / 21st March – READERS

5.45 pm	B Coleman
10 am	V James
6.30pm	D Marsh

PARISH EVENTS:

The Club. Come and join us on Tuesday 16th March at 2.30 in the parish hall for a game of bingo, a chat and a cup of tea. Further details from Eileen. tel.428186.

RCIA meet on **Wednesday (17th March)** at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery.

COFFEE MORNING AND LENT LUNCH for Faith & Light in Africa and Russia on **Friday, 19th March**. Raffle and Stall and Coffee at 10.30 am with usual bread and cheese lunch from 11.45 am till 12.45pm.

MEETING of Commissioned Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, 20th March at St John's Parish Hall from 10.30am until 12noon. This will be open to Commissioned Ministers from St Mary's. The purpose of the meeting is to draw up a rota of Ministers to go into the RUH on Sunday with Holy Communion. Fr Tom is now the chaplain to the RUH.

LENTEN REFLECTION - SERIES OF TALKS: Fr Peter Cornwell will be giving half-hour talks at 12.30 pm in the Parish Hall on the theme of **"Faith Seeking Understanding."** The schedule and topics are:

Monday, 15th March	<i>'Holy Spirit'</i>
Monday, 22nd March	<i>'Holy Trinity'</i>

Everyone welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: There has been a delay in the start of the programme this year. New volunteers have now come forward to act as Catechists. They are being CRB checked at the moment. The programme will begin either before Easter or immediately after Easter with the usual 4.30 to 5.30 pm meetings on Saturdays in the Parish Hall. Could you please notify Fr Tom if you would like your child to be prepared for First Confession and First Holy Communion this year.

EXTERNAL EVENTS:

The Gethsemane Garments Exhibition: by Peter Privett at the Sanctuary, Manvers Street Baptist Church from **20th March - 1st April**; open from 10 am to 2.30 pm. It is an aid that reflects upon the experience of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

What are you doing at Easter? Celebrate by walking to Lindisfarne during Holy Week ! Journey with Northern Cross (**starting Fri 26 March (evening), ending Easter Sunday 4 April**) . "It's a vibrant and meaningful way to spend Easter". This year 3 groups will set off from places in Scotland & the North of England and walk across Northumberland and the Scottish Borders towards Lindisfarne, each group carrying a large wooden cross, to witness towards Easter. The groups come together on the sands, on Good Friday (2 April), and walk across the causeway together to celebrate Easter as a community on Holy Island. We welcome walkers of all ages and levels of fitness and we have reduced rates for children and unwaged. Details: Michael Hanson, northerncross@freenetname.co.uk landline 444251 www.northerncross.co.uk Take a look! Another similar Easter walking pilgrimage is StudentCross, walking across East Anglia to Walsingham, see details www.studentcross.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO OLD CASTILE - SPANISH MYSTICS AND ENGLISH MARTYRS – May 31st – June 7th, 2010: Join Mgr Jeremy Rigden on a pilgrimage-holiday to Valladolid in Central Spain. Total cost £525 per person. For more details, please see leaflets (with application form) in church or contact Mgr. Jeremy (01793 527931). Further information from www.cliftondiocese.com/spanish-mystics-and-english-martyrs.