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**20<sup>th</sup> March 2022: Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: 3rd Week of Lent**

**Fr Tony Writes:**

In my homilies this Lent I am focusing on the theme of prayer. However this weeks readings point also to another theme, that of repentance and reconciliation. In the Gospel we have the ominous line (twice), "Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did"!

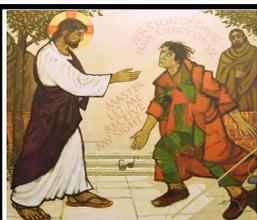
What is notable about the two stories, about which we know nothing beyond this reference by Luke, is that they were sudden, unprepared for events. So Jesus is reminding us of the need not to procrastinate. The story of the fig tree contains a similar message.

On a less dramatic note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is not just about avoiding hellfire and damnation! Rather it is a beautiful way in which we can encounter the love and mercy of Christ, and also receive those graces we need to grow in our Christian lives of love and service.

Next weekend the young people preparing for First Holy Communion will be celebrating this sacrament for the first time. Do pray for them at this special time. They are:

*Seraphina, Lily, Saoirse, Charlotte, Ivy, Evelyn, Ben, Arthur, Santiago, Dan, Scarlett, Evie and Jasmine.*

There are a number of opportunities for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the parish. As usual, I am available on a Saturday before the evening Mass. Then there is the Reconciliation Service on Palm Sunday afternoon, at which there will be several priests. I will also be near the confessional during the times of adoration at St Theresa's. Just go in and I will come to celebrate the Sacrament with you. I can also hear peoples confessions after any Mass (except 9am on Sunday). Just ask! Or you can contact me in any of the usual ways to make an appointment.



**The Bartimaeus Project**

This week's session is on  
**Tuesday, 22nd March at 7:30pm**

**Fr Tony will be speaking in  
 St Theresa's on the subject:**

**The Bible in 40 minutes:**

**Rich diversity and some unifying themes**

People can also participate from home via Zoom.

There is a chance for discussion (and refreshments) after each talk, and to come back to the speaker with reflections or questions.

More information, previous talks, and online joining details can be found at: [bartimaeus-project.org](http://bartimaeus-project.org)

**Support the people of Ukraine**

Join us in prayer at the Holy Hours on Wednesday evening after Mass and Friday morning from 11am, before Mass.

Giving to established registered charities with experience of delivering humanitarian aid in challenging environments is often the most efficient and helpful way to support those in need. In light of this, and following advice from Bishops' Conference (CBCEW), **Bishop Richard recommends parishes wishing to give financially, support CAFOD**, who are part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee response to the conflict and have experienced charitable partners already working in Ukraine. You can find out more about CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal at: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**Santos Alphonso**



As you probably recall, Santos is currently doing a years work as a Relay Worker, helping to support Christian mission at the University of Portsmouth. All is going very well but he still needs financial support. We have given him a donation from the parish, but further support would be very welcome. Find out more at:

[www.uccf.org.uk/our-team/santos-alphonso](http://www.uccf.org.uk/our-team/santos-alphonso)

## Please pray for:

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Ronald Paine, Elizabeth Smith, Hattie Baker, Jean Ryan, and Fr Tadeusz (who is going for an eye op). Also those who have died recently, especially Gillian Booth, Barry Morris, those who have been recently bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## Gift Aid Envelopes for 2022/2023 (St Theresa's)

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If you usually get a box of envelopes or have requested these from the parish office, they are now available to be collected from the back of St Theresa's church. The new envelopes start from Sunday 10th April 2022.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we are there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)



On the first anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. Please register now at: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation) to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

## Weekly Timetable

<b>Sat 19th March</b> <i>St Joseph</i>	10am St Martha's Convent- 4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<b>Retreat Day</b>  Pietro Addis RIP
<b>Sunday 20th March</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners Sheila Fernando RIP
Tue 22nd March	10am Mass, St George's <i>followed by Tea &amp; Chat</i>  7:30pm, St Theresa's	Joanna Ginter- Norris RIP <b>Bartimaeus Project</b>
Wed 23rd March	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00*</i>	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Thu 24th March	10am Mass, St George's	
Fri 25th March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Adoration from 11am*</i> 12 noon Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by soup lunch</i> 7:30pm, St Theresa's	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sat 26th March</b>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 27th March</b> <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	

\* As well as confessions on Saturday, Fr Tony will be available for confessions during the holy hours. He will be sitting near the confessional. Just go in and he will come to celebrate the sacrament with you.

## Lenten Activities

### Stations of the Cross, Thursday & Friday evenings

Alternating between St Theresa's and St George's, Stations will take place at 7:30pm on Friday evenings. This Friday (25/3) will be at St Theresa's. Also, the Zoom prayer group, which meets on Thursday evenings, will be praying the Stations during Lent. Contact the parish office for a link.

### Friday Soup Lunches



There will be a simple soup and roll lunch after midday Mass at St Theresa's on Fridays during Lent. There will also be adoration before Mass from 11am.

**Volunteers needed to make and serve the soup please.**

## Reconciliation Service, Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

There will be a Reconciliation Service at St George's on Palm Sunday afternoon at 3pm. This takes the form of a short service which includes readings, a short homily and examination of conscience, followed by individual confessions. There will be several priests present to hear confessions.

## Holy Week & Easter Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April.



The Triduum (Holy Thursday 8pm, Good Friday 3pm, and the Easter Vigil 9pm) this year will once again be held at St Theresa's. This is to allow the Polish community to celebrate their Triduum at St George's. Easter Sunday Masses will be as usual (9:00am at St Theresa's and 11:00am at St George's).