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27th March 2022: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: 4th Week of Lent

Fr Tony Writes:

Rejoice! Be joyful! Exult!

These are words from the Entrance antiphon ('Introit') for today. The Latin of the first word gives this Sunday one of its names: *Laetare Sunday*. Sometimes called Mid-Lent Sunday, in Britain it is also Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day.

Part of the idea is that we 'take a break' from the austerities of Lent, and the sombre note of the liturgy. So this Sunday's Gospel focuses more on the greatness of God's mercy, than on our need of it, though of course the two go hand in hand.

Some of our younger members will be celebrating God's forgiveness in a particular way this weekend as they make their first confessions this Saturday on their way to celebrating First Holy Communion in the summer. Many congratulations to them, and please continue to pray for:

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



On Mothering Sunday, Christians have historically visited their mother church—the church in which they received the sacrament of baptism. Of course, that was likely where their parents still lived, so seeing their mothers would have formed part of that visit. Hence the Mother's Day connection.

Anyway, the overall message is: have a bit of a celebration today, even if you can't be with your Mother, either because it is too far to travel, or, like me, your Mother has already gone to the great banquet in heaven!

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

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. The Diocese continues to promote CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to parishes and people wishing to give financially. You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> .

To access Reset's website go to: <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk> , with the site also available in Ukrainian.

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative at: <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk> .

To find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa>.

Please pray for:

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Ronald Paine, Elizabeth Smith, Jean Ryan, and Fr Tadeusz (who is going for an eye op). Also those who have died recently, especially Barry Morris, Hattie Baker and June Porritt, 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.



Over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world.

Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy and over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. Although curable, many people are unable to access treatment, even though the cure is free. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

Due to misunderstanding, lack of information and incorrect beliefs, people affected by leprosy can experience severe discrimination and prejudice when they show symptoms, or when a diagnosis is confirmed.

Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; with your support we can achieve this sooner.

Please help us beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.

There will be a second collection for Lepra next weekend.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 26th March	10am St Theresa's — 4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>FHC Preparation</i> Sheila Hooper RIP
Sunday 27th March <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners Reg Squire
Tuesday 29th March	10am Mass, St George's	Alex & Aimee Brett
Wednesday 30th March	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00*</i>	
Thursday 31st March	10am Mass, St George's	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Friday 1st April	10am, St Theresa's 12 noon Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by soup lunch</i> 7:30pm, St George's	Funeral of Barry Morrison RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 2nd April	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 3rd April <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Martin & Bridget Gannon RIP

* 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 (1/4) will be at St George'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, 10th 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 followed by individual confessions. There will be several priests present to hear confessions.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday, 17th 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).

More readers needed, please sign up!