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Sunday 18th March 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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CONFESSIONS - Sunday 5.30 to 5.50pm and Wednesday 6 to 6.30pm

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.

Psalm R/:
 A pure heart create for me, O God.

Acclamation:
*Praise to you O Christ, king of
 eternal glory!*
 I am the resurrection and the life,
 says the Lord; who ever believes in
 me will never die.
*Praise to you O Christ, king of
 eternal glory!*

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

* Not said if sung Mass

NOTICES

Offertory

Our offertory collection last week amounted to
 £154.29 plus £735 by Standing Order. Many
 thanks.

Diocesan Prayer Link

St Benet, Kemerton. St Joseph, Wincombe.
 St Nicholas with Bishop's Cleeve.

Cleaning Rota

Team B

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 1pm-1.50pm and Wednesday
 evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm.

Newsletter items to elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk no later than 10am
 Wednesday mornings.

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Cycle: B (1) Liturgy of the hours: Ps1

	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
StF	11am 6pm	9am	9am Morning Prayer 2pm Rosary	7pm	9-15 am	9am Praying the Sunday readings 7pm	
StJ	6pm (Sat vigil) 9am		3pm Waverley Court	-	-	No Mass	10am

Lent

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed
 God's work of salvation: we have seen the
 Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham,
 Moses and the people of Israel after the return
 from Babylon. Now we come to one of the
 most significant parts of the Old Testament: the
 promise of a brand new Covenant, which will
 be different from all those that went before.
 This Covenant will see God and Man living more
 closely together. For the ratification of a
 Covenant, something was always sacrificed as
 a sign of the new relationship – normally man
 would offer some animal offering to God. But
 the New Covenant will be ratified not with the
 death of sheep or bull, but by the death of
 Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect
 sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

Extract from Laudato Si

There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions. Pope Francis quotes the example of turning the heat down a little and wearing an extra layer!

Year of Mission

Covenant is renewed in this Sunday's first
 reading. You could say that the Covenant is
 re-written and re-inscribed but not in a way that
 God's People had imagined. Remember that
 image from two Sundays ago and the gift of
 Law on Mount Sinai. There the Law was
 written on those two tablets of stone; now it is
 to be written on the human heart. God plants
 his law deep within us writing it upon the very
 core of our being. In doing so God shows
 mercy, compassion and forgiveness towards his
 people in giving them a new start. As disciples,
 we are the ones who can point people to the
 Lord; we can enable people to find him and
 encounter him in us if our lives are centred on
 the law of love planted within us. We mustn't
 be afraid of allowing others who search to
 encounter the Lord through us!

PRAYER BOARD

Please remember in your prayers the following who are sick/housebound:

Theresa Parkes, Christine Broderick, Tony Madden, Kathleen McGhee, Shirley McKiernon, Nancy Evans and Josef Leduchowicz.

Anniversaries: 19th March, Armando Mattos, 1960. Elda Axford, 1990. Patrick Joseph Ryan, 2004; 24th March, James Coleman, 1971.

Stations of the Cross

These are being held every Sunday in Lent at 5pm.

Gospels for Week 5 of Lent.

This year we are listening to the readings for Year B but, for the week 5 of Lent, the Church allows us to use the gospel readings for Year A. These readings are stories of people whose lives are radically changed by a personal encounter with Jesus and so they are particularly suitable when someone will be baptised and received into the Church at Easter. We will be welcoming Christian Cowley who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil and Brian Huggins who will be received into full communion with the Church on Easter Sunday morning.

Seminarian placement

Please pray for Joseph Meigh, one of our Diocesan seminarians who will be coming on placement to our parishes from 26 May to 19 June.

Cafe Francis

Cafe Francis is open this Tuesday from 2 - 3.30pm. Come along to the Church Hall and enjoy a cuppa and cake. All are most welcome.

Walsingham pilgrimage

We are running a pilgrimage to Walsingham from 5 to 7 December this year. Please pick up a letter and booking form in the porch and return this by 28 March if you would like to come.

Statue of St Francis

Tickets for the Spanish evening being held on Saturday, 28 April will be on sale after mass today.? They are £15 each and all proceeds raised from this event will be put towards our new statue.

March for Life 2018

Is to be held at Parliament Square, Westminster on Saturday 5th May. We will be organising coach travel to this event, if you are interested in attending please see Fr Tom.

Glastonbury 2018

The Diocesan pilgrimage to this ancient pilgrimage site (the oldest in England?) will be on July 8th. The parish has a long tradition of pilgrims walking to Glastonbury (as well as people going by other means). Walking pilgrims will set off on the day before and stay overnight at Westbury-sub-Mendip (after a convivial evening). The route is about 27 miles (18 on the Saturday) so you need to be reasonably fit. Or you can come to Westbury and join on the Sunday. Accommodation is scarce and may need booking now - so if interested in walking the pilgrimage, please contact Roger Layet on 01275 463727.

Defibrillator Training

If you would like to learn how to use our defibrillator please add your name and telephone number to the list in the porch. The session will be on Wednesday 21st March after the 7pm Mass.

Backwell Lent Lunches

Every Wednesday in Lent (not holy week) come and have a simple lunch of bread, soup and cheese at St Andrew's starting about 12:00.? Each year there is a collection to support a different charity.? This year proceeds will go to the local foodbank.

Music/Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 20th March, 6-7.30pm at 56 The Deans, Portishead. All welcome to rehearse Mass of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday) music in St Joseph's church. Please let Tom know if you are coming for sheet music numbers (tafosman@hotmail.co.uk)

St Francis Art Group

We hold our last session on Wednesday 28th March until after Easter. It will restart in the Church Hall on Wednesday 11th April 2018.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, 7pm at St Joseph's, Portishead.

Good Friday, 5pm.

Easter Vigil, 9pm

Easter Sunday 11am (no 6pm Mass)

Altar Servers

Please collect an important letter about Holy Week practices from the sacristy.