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Parish bulletin for Sunday 14th April, 2019



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

At Wellington unless noted		Mass this week: 		
Palm Sunday	Sunday	14th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			11.15am	For the parish
	Monday	15 th	9.15am	
			9.45am	Easter Confessions
	Tuesday	16 th	9.15am	
	Wednesday	17 th	11.00am	Clifton Cathedral
Holy Thursday	Thursday	18 th	5.00pm	<i>Lord's Supper Wiveliscombe</i>
			7.30pm	<i>Lord's Supper followed by watching until 10.00pm</i>
			9.45pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
Good Friday	Friday	19 th	10.00am	Stations of the Cross <i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			12noon	Stations of the Cross, followed by CAFOD bread & cheese lunch
			3.00pm	Lord's Passion
	Saturday	20 th	10.00am	Office of readings
			8.30pm	Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	Sunday	21st	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i> For the parish
			11.15am	
Confessions: usually Saturday 10.30 – 11am				
Hymns for 11.15am Mass				
Ent: ; Kyrie; Gloria: ; Gifts;; Holy Holy:47 ; Mem acc:47 Amen:47; Agnus Dei:452 vv. 1, 16, 4; Comm:; Recess:				
Psalm response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?				
Collection: Cash: £250.31 + direct debits c.£187				
Second collection: Easter flowers: £58.51				

Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Derek Gubb, Anton Hreszuk

General

Food Bank. Easter Hampers have now been made up. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Red Boxes are now due for emptying. Please leave them in the church or ring Chris Walkers on 01823 662808 for collection. Don't forget to collect your Spring magazine too!

Today

Second collection for our **Parish Project**, Missionary Society of St Paul. Please be generous as usual. May God bless you as you help those who spread the Gospel especially in difficult places as does the Missionary Society of St Paul.

This week

Church cleaning at St John Fisher: Monday 15th April after Mass

Church cleaning at St Richard's: Friday 19th April after Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Walk of Witness from Baptist Church, 10am

Second collection on Good Friday for Holy Places and Christians in the Holy Land. This contributes towards the maintenance and upkeep of Christian shrines of the Holy Land and offers financial support to Christian communities living there at times when they are experiencing opposition and suffering.

Year of Prayer –Passion Sunday

All of us have probably experienced roller coaster days which can cause us to go from a state of great joy into one of despair. As we recall the events of Jesus entering Jerusalem and all that followed on from that euphoric entry, we are invited into the suffering and death of Jesus, to focus on an experience which Jesus freely participated in. This does not mean that it was easy. Suffering by its very nature is painful, whether it be emotional, psychological or physical. One week on from today we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus but during the week ahead we remember that Jesus continues to suffer in his body, that is in the people who are suffering today, victims of abuse, of injustice, of betrayal and of persecution. As we reflect on this let us pray for these victims that, they too, will rise with the Lord.

Gospel commentary for Palm Sunday

Throughout the history of the Church, there have always been people who have fallen away, lived bad lives, come to their senses and made a deathbed confession. The good thief in today's Gospel is perhaps their patron saint.

The scene of the three crosses on the hill of Calvary is so well known. We do not know why the "bad thief" was crucified, but from the cross he recognised that the blood-stained and dying Jesus, who has been jeered at by the soldiers, is his Messiah. He knew that Jesus is both God and man and that he is the one to save him. The thief died a happy man, knowing that he had received the gift of eternal life.

This scene reminds us again of the theme of compassion and mercy which St Luke communicated throughout his Gospel.

The events of Holy Week invite us to deepen our trust in the merciful love of our forgiving God and to walk with Jesus through this great week. It is a time for confession before Easter so that we can celebrate the feast with a renewed heart and be at peace. As we enter into Holy Week, let us see where we are in the crowd. Might I be like Veronica who wiped the face of Jesus, or Simon who carried the cross, or someone who mocks others, even like the thief who mocked Jesus? The good thief might be found in prison or a detention centre. Simon of Cyrene is the person who helps others to carry their crosses. Some of the very needy are those people who have been put out of their houses by violence and conflicts and the refugees who cross the Mediterranean to reach safety. The generous widow might be the old woman at the back of the church. This Holy Week is an invitation to pray, "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." His consoling words echo in hearts that are open to the Spirit, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Holy Father's April prayer intention

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.
