

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 15th March - Third Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4.15 pm	All Saints	Confession	
Sat 5.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Terry Hoarty, Rae Price
Sun 8.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Catherine, Francis & James O'Brien , Mary Bailey, & Peter, Alfred & Sarah Ordish
Sun 10.00 am	All Saints	Mass	Graham Leonard, Tinley Family
Sun 11.30 am	All Saints	Baptisms of Teddy Lomax and Esme Berrow	

Monday 16th March - Weekday of Lent

9.30 am	All Saints	Mass	Soul of Josephine Jones, Margaret Kirkham
7.00 pm	St Lewis		Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 17th March - Feast of St Patrick, Bishop

9.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	LISCF
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Wednesday 18th March - Solemnity of St Joseph

1.30pm	All Saints	Requiem	Evelyn Taylor.
7.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	LISCF

Thursday 19th March - Weekday of Lent

9.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Thomas Arthur Lumley, Mary Davison
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Friday 20th March - Weekday of Lent

12.00pm	All Saints	Mass	Living & Deceased Members of Walsingham Pilgrimage
12.30pm	All Saints		Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21st March - Weekday of Lent

10.00 am	St Lewis	Mass	Peter Smith, Margaret Callaghan
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Sunday 22nd March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4.15 pm	All Saints	Confession	
Sat 5.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Liam Calgie, Catherine Bohan
Sun 8.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	France Welsby, Bill, Ethel & John Lee
Sun 10.00 am	All Saints	Mass	Peter Whittle, Rose & Robert McEnzie Anniversary

A HUGE THANK YOU TO MY NEIGHBOUR, WHO LENT ME HER LARGE SHEET OF PLASTIC COVERING. TA PAULINE!!!

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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH, 2020, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please see Mass leaflet for readings and hymns.



LENT

Today's Gospel is a beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is full of metaphor and you can approach it from many positions: the woman having an encounter, a spiritual experience, direction from God. Or Jesus; a spiritual guide, a teacher, a comforter, challenging.

Jesus meets her where she is at. He shouldn't even have acknowledged her as she is clearly an outcast, a Samaritan woman with a reputation. This woman experiences conversion and growth at this well, not just physical quenching of thirst, but a spiritual one.

Today we can think of the millions of women and girls who make the hazardous journey to wells every day in search of water. According to the UN 1.1 billion people are 'water insecure'. This is a problem that requires more than charity giving to solve. We need to change radically how we use the resources given to us; we need to be more conscious of how much we use; how we recycle; how we can walk or cycle more instead of driving. The woman in today's Gospel experiences conversion at the well; we too are in need of conversion so that we live more in solidarity with those who are suffering and thirsting for justice. 'Give me this water so that I may not be thirsty.'

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This Week's News.



Weekly Lottery Competition Now that Spring is on us the Cemetery's will shortly start looking like a jungle. Whilst St Lewis' church has a rota of gardeners to attend to the maintenance, All Saints Church isn't so fortunate. Towards the end of last year, I invited Midstream to attend to the maintenance of All Saints cemetery. I hope you agree that they do a marvellous job, but they need paying. A way of meeting this expense is to run a weekly lottery card based on the mid-week bonus ball of the National Lottery. Each number (1-59) costs a £1. When the Bonus ball is drawn on Wednesday evenings whosoever's number comes up wins £25 and the rest (£34) goes towards the costs of maintaining our cemetery. We will start running this from next weekend so look out for it on the Piety Stall and do play. If you don't win, you are at least helping to maintain our cemetery.

New offertory envelopes. If you wish to start using envelopes or no longer need a box, please fill in a form from the porch and give it to Fr Gordon **as soon as possible.**

Grounds Teams at St Lewis' The new season will begin on **Sunday 29th March** and new volunteers are greatly needed.

It involves a commitment for about 2-4 hours every two months at a time to suit you. The work includes maintenance of lawns, beds and borders. If you are willing to help, please contact/see Denise: 01925 762879



Children's Liturgy: The next sessions will take place on **Sunday 15th March at St Lewis' at 8.30am Mass, and for All Saints on Sun. 22nd March at 8.30am Mass.**

Ecumenical Lenten Talks. This coming Wednesday's talk on Exploring Lent Through Art will be led by David Easton, the Superintendent Minister at Heath St Methodist church (and a number of others as well!).

Stations of the Cross during Lent continue to be on Friday following Midday mass at All Saints and on Monday evening beginning at 7.00pm at St Lewis church.

Support for Refugees A number of people in both churches are knitting warm jumpers for children, or strips to be made into blankets, which are all being sent to the Refugee & Asylum-Seekers Centre in Liverpool. We would be grateful if more knitters would offer to join in the effort; wool and patterns can be provided. Perhaps some non-knitters might like to donate some wool to be used? (Aran and Double Knitting please). This is an ongoing project and we send things each month to the Centre. To be involved please contact Margaret on 01925 762879

Fundraising night All Saints Club A big thank you to everyone who came to the Billy Scott evening in the club in aid of maintenance for the cemetery at All Saints. The final total raised was £1024, which will go a long way towards paying Midstream's fees. Thank you in particular goes to Loretta for all her organisation and hard work.

Synod 2020. The next of our Synod discussion sessions will be on Tuesday evening beginning at 7.00pm at St Lewis church in the Meeting Rooms. Please do come and make your opinions known!



Tuesday Afternoon Club. Is this **Tuesday 17th March** at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church. All are welcome.

Volunteer roles: A Clarification Those of you completing the necessary paperwork have been asked to provide two references. The diocese has now said that this is not necessary if you are already doing the role. It is only for new people that references are necessary. We do, however need you to come in and fill out all your details so we at least have a complete record of who does what!

The ministry of Reader. Last year we had a morning of reflection for our Eucharistic Ministers. This Lent we are inviting our Readers to come and reflect on their ministry. The second session is at St Lewis on 21st March between 10.30-11.30am, straight after mass.



Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community, those who have died recently especially Evelyn Taylor and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

All Saints Luncheon group. The next gathering will be on **Thursday 2nd April** commencing at 12.30pm at the Queen Anne pub, Golborne. Please contact Anne McCurdy 01942 718192 to book a place.