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Welcome to our new look weekly Newsletter. I hope you will find it both interesting and informative. As you can see the front page will each week have some form of reflection or teaching on a range of different aspect of our faith. Over a period of time I'm sure you will find this helpful .

On the back page are the readings for this weekends Mass, as well as some of the main responses and prayers. The advantage of this is that you can take it home and reread these scriptures during the week. Also for those of our parish who are housebound it allows them to be more easily linked into the weeks scriptures. Certainly those who receive Holy Communion at home will (as I know from my previous experience) find this a useful and encouraging link into the life of our community here in our parish churches. It helps to make them feel part of the weekly worshipping community.

Finally this inside section allows both a bit more space for me to communicate with you; as well as further enabling us to spread out the information in a way that I hope you will find to be clearer. In any parish there is always a gap in the communications area. No one ever gets it all right all of the time, so please do feel free to give me, or any of the clergy your views on this so that we can, if it is necessary tweek what we are doing to make sure it is help to you. Just because it worked well for me elsewhere is not a guarantee that its right us here and now, but I just hope it is.      Mgr Bernard

**This coming weeks Mass times**

|      |                 |         |             |                    |                               |
|------|-----------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sat  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 5:30pm  | St George's | 5th Sunday of Lent | Intention of Bob Wilkinson    |
| Sun  | 2nd             | 8.00am  | St George's | 5th Sunday of Lent | Mass for the Infirm & Elderly |
| Sun  | 2nd             | 9.30am  | St George's | 5th Sunday of Lent | Bernard Young RIP             |
| Sun  | 2nd             | 11.00am | St Teresa's | 5th Sunday of Lent | In Thanksgiving Mary Thompson |
| Sun  | 2nd             | 5.00pm  | St Teresa's | 5th Sunday of Lent | People of the Parishes        |
| Mon  | 3rd             | 9.30am  | St George's | Lent Weekday       | Alex Sharpe RIP               |
| Tues | 4th             | 9.30am  | St George's | Lent Weekday       | Dec of McIntosh Family        |
| Wed  | 5th             | 9.30am  | St George's | Lent Weekday       | Private Intention             |
| Thur | 6th             | 12:30pm | St George's | Lent Weekday       | Dec of Teixeira family        |
| Fri  | 7th             | 7:00pm  | St George's | Lent Weekday       | Gerard & Kathleen McStay RIP  |
| Fri  | 7th             | 10:00am | St Teresa's | Lent Weekday       | Preisner Family               |
| Sat  | 8th             | 9.30am  | St George's | Lent Weekday       | Vocations                     |
| Sat  | 8th             | 5:30pm  | St George's | Palm Sunday        | People of the Parishes        |
| Sun  | 9th             | 8.00am  | St George's | Palm Sunday        | Levi James RIP                |
| Sun  | 9th             | 9.30am  | St George's | Palm Sunday        | Roy Strickland RIP            |
| Sun  | 9th             | 11.00am | St Teresa's | Palm Sunday        | Sean Whyte RIP                |
| Sun  | 9th             | 5.00pm  | St Teresa's | Palm Sunday        | Harry Leah RIP                |

**Collections**

St George's: £ 953.77  
St Teresa's: £ 196.74

Thank you

**Diocesan Prayer Link  
St Mary's Swindon**

**CONFESSIONS & ROSARY**

**ST GEORGE'S CONFESSIONS**

**THURSDAY:** 12.00-12:20

EXPOSITION WITH PRAYER FOR  
VOCATIONS DURING CONFESSIONS  
**SATURDAY:** 10:00AM-10:30AM &  
5:00PM -5:20PM

**ROSARY : THURSDAYS** 11:45AM &

**SATURDAY** 10:00AM

**ST TERESA'S CONFESSIONS BY**

REQUEST SUNDAY PM

**PARISH DATES AND LOCAL EVENTS**

**TUESDAY 28TH MARCH Lent Group continues to meet in** St Teresa's Church House on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm. All welcome to attend. FFI contact Rev Ed Channing.

**THURSDAY 30TH MARCH SVP Lenten Soup Lunches** continue this Thursday, from 12.45 -1.30pm in the Parish Centre (exception Holy Week); all proceeds to go to charity. *The SVP would like Volunteers to assist, If you can help contact Elinor via The Parish Office.* All welcome to attend.

**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH Stations of the Cross** will take place on Fridays, after the 10am Mass at St Teresa's Church and after the 7pm Mass at St George's Church; there will be **no** 9.30am Mass during Lent

**SUNDAY 1ST APRIL West Somerset Singers Spring Concert** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm at St George's Wilton. The main piece will be 'Olivet to Calvary' recalling the scenes which mark the last few days of Jesus's life on earth; an excellent beginning to your Easter reflections. Tickets £10 on the door

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL at St George's Church** Come & Sing with Alan Bullard—a RSCM workshop. FFI/to book tel:01278 662597 or email:jerry@king14.demon.co.uk or contact the Parish Office

**WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL CHRISM MASS AT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL**

**A coach** is booked for those who wish to attend the annual Chrim Mass at Clifton Cathedral on Wednesday 12th April. The coach will pick up parishioners from St George's at 8:30am and at St Teresa's about 8:45am. The cost will be £10pp, payable on the day. If you wish to use the coach, please place you name on the list on the notice board in the church porch (es). Thank you.

**ST TERESA'S OFFERTOTY ENVELOPE BOXES** are now available for collection in the church porch area.

**House required for a Refugee Family**—FFI Contact the Parish Office & more details next week.

**St Teresa's Missio Red Boxes** - Promoters are now emptying the Red Boxes; please give your Red Box to your promoter—see label on the bottom of the box. Many thanks. **Betty Pond.**

**Offer of Help** needed urgently for a parishioners who needs to declutter their home. Please contact Community Agent Audrey Mansfield Tel 07870 577 925.

**THE OLD SCHOOL RE-DEVELOPMENT CAR PARKING RESTICTIONS**

**Car parking at St George's - restrictions from Monday 3rd April.** During the two weeks before Easter, road works are taking place as part of the Old School redevelopment. Starting on Monday 3rd April, parking space in the school car park will be **very restricted** for this time and spaces on roads nearby will be busy. Please plan to park elsewhere if you can.

**Those who have died recently:**

including Edith Giltsoff & Alf Ryan, **and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:** Geraldine Livesey, Kenneth Thomas, John Cope, Edith Peters, Amanda Paterson, DStanislaw Santra, Mary Curran-Gollop, Charles Wood, William Alexander, Bernard Cooke, Brigid Johnson, Winifred Bolton-Smith, Leslie Jenkins, & Dorothy Spooner.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS**

**MUSIC FOR LENT & EASTER**

If you would like to take part in providing the music for Lent and Easter:

**St George's Choir** practices for singers are on Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9.00pm in St Georges Church  
**St George's Music Group** practices, which include the instrumental practices, will be on Friday evenings from 8.00 – 9.30pm

**BOOKSHOP:** please support your church & pay us a visit. Opening times: Sunday, 8.30am-11.30am

**OPEN DOOR:** Always greatly appreciated sleeping bags, blankets, warm clothing. Donations of these & tinned & non-perishable food always welcome. A box is available at both churches .