

St. Luke's & St. John's

Proclaiming Christ in Devon

Dearest friends,

Last week we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - In 2018 I took my first pilgrimage to Lourdes. I was expecting - as many people had told me - the Disney Land of the Roman Catholic world. A place rammed full of souvenir shops and tourist traps - not a place of prayer and healing.

'Many people' were entirely wrong (as they often are). From the moment Fr. Sam and I arrived in this tiny Pyrenees town we felt the powerful sense of prayer.

Prayer that has happened for so long and so hard that it had worn the world between this one and the next thin.

A sense that God was listening, that Our Lady was there with Her hand held out to take us to Her son.

Each evening we would gather for the Rosary walk. This procession had thousands and thousands of people - all praying the same prayer in their own language. It gave me a real sense of the world-wide faith of Jesus Christ and it was powerful!

As we journey into Lent, Our Lady gives us an opportunity to give thanks for all of those people who have traveled to any Marian Shrine and found healing in the waters, who have found healing in the prayer, who have found healing in the peace.

As I return from my own pilgrimage to another Marian Shrine (Walsingham) - another place worn thin through prayer - I will continue to pray for each of you, for your health, your peace, your care, and most of all, that your love may be known amongst your friends and family as that of Christ himself.

In love,

Fr. Matthew

Notices

New Mass Setting

We launched our new mass setting a few weeks and I thought it went really well. If you'd like to practice, head to the website at www.slsj.co.uk/newmass/ where you can find the sheet music and music to sing along to.

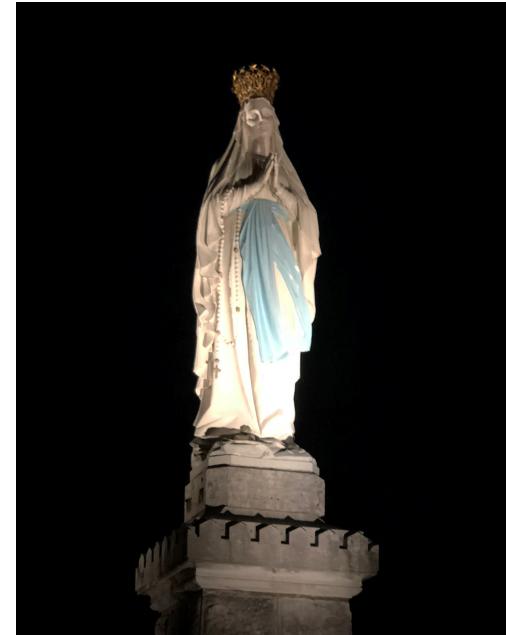
Dates for the diary

Looking further ahead a few dates for your diary.

10th April, Bingo at St. Luke's - eyes down 7pm.

2nd May, Quiz with fish & chips, 7pm, St. Luke's.

5th September, Glastonbury Pilgrimage



Lent Course

Our Lent Course this year will be "Bread of Life" - a six-week look at the Eucharist and why it forms the model of a good Christian Life.

I would be grateful if you could sign up on the website at www.slsj.co.uk/bread or let me know in person.

Dates for the Newton Abbot Team Evensongs:

January 25th at All Saints';

March 29th at St Bart's;

May 31st at St Luke's

July 26th at West Ogwell;

September 27th at St Mary's;

November 29th at Abbotsbury.

Today

Sunday 15th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - BCP Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

4pm - Evensong [SJ]

Psalter Week 2, A(II), Sunday next before Lent

Upcoming Dates

February

18th - Ash Wednesday, Mass, 10am [SL], 6pm [SJ]

19th - Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

21st - Table Top Sale, 10am [WH]

22nd - Stations of the Cross, Adoration & Benediction with Evening Prayer, 4pm [SL]

26th - Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

March

5th - Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

Stations of the Cross, 6pm [SJ]

8th - Explorers, 3pm [SC]

Stations of the Cross, Adoration & Benediction with Evening Prayer, 4pm [SL]

12th - Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

15th - Solemn Evensong with Adoration & Benediction, 6pm [SJ]

19th - Stations of the Cross, 6pm [SJ]

Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

21st - Table Top Sale, 10am [WH]

Rosary Group, 10:30am [SL]

22nd - Stations of the Cross, Adoration & Benediction with Evening Prayer, 4pm [SL]

26th - Oswestry Chrism Mass, Exeter Cathedral, 11am - 3pm

Lent Course, Bread of Life, 7pm [WH]

28th - Easter LIVE!, 2pm [SL]

29th - Palm Sunday Processions 10am [SL & SJ]

April

2nd - Maundy Thursday, 6pm Joint Mass [SL]

Watch at both churches until 10pm

Light arrives and Watch begins at St. John's, 8:30pm

3rd - Liturgy of Good Friday, 3pm [SL & SJ]

4th - Vigil Mass of Easter, 7:30pm [SJ]

5th - Dawn Mass of Easter & Breakfast, 5:30am [SL]

Easter Sunday Mass, 10am [SL & SJ]

18th - Table Top Sale, 10am [WH]

25th - Oswestry Regional Festival, Truro Cathedral

The week ahead:

Monday 16th February

Monday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: The homeless

Tuesday 17th February

Tuesday of Week 6 in Ordinary Time

9:15am - Morning Prayer [SJ]

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

Prayer focus: St. Luke's

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday

10am - Said Mass [SL]

Prayer focus: St. John's

Thursday 19th February

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

10am - Said Mass [SJ]

7pm - Bread of Life Course [WH]

Prayer focus: St. Catherine's School

Friday 20th February

Friday after Ash Wednesday

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Stover School

Saturday 21st February

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

[prayers offered at home]

Prayer focus: Haytor View School

Sunday 22nd February

1st Sunday of Lent

9am - Sung Parish Mass [SJ]

11:15am - Sung Parish Mass [SL]

Psalter Week 1, A(II), Lent 1

Please pray for:

LT Oliver Pelendrides, Mark, Vicky Pearce, Viv, Sylvia, Rosemary, Jean & Phil, Richard Kingsley, Jennifer Benney, and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Pray for the souls of:

Barbara Butler, Lynda & Vivian Caunter, and the souls of all those whose anniversary of death falls this week.

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