

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

9nd – 10th March 2024

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.



FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

These will be prayed at 12noon on Fridays followed by a soup lunch in the Cenacle. Everybody welcome. All donations to SVP.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday	23-24 th March	Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10am as usual
Maundy Thursday	28 th March	Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm Night prayer 11.45
Good Friday	29 th March	Childrens Liturgy 10am Stations of the Cross 12 noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm
Easter Vigil	30 th March	Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter 8pm
Easter Sunday	31 st March	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord 10am



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Confessions

Available before Saturday evening Mass from approx. 4.30pm.

Booking Masses

Please be aware that weekend Masses are fully booked up to the middle of August.

Second collection next weekend

A collection to contribute to the upkeep of the St Chad's cathedral will be taken at all Masses next weekend 10-11 March. Thank you for your generosity.



Easter Flower Fund

There is a basket out each weekend to donate towards the cost of Easter flowers. Thank you for what you give.

Tuesday Tea & Coffee



Why not come and have a chat and a cuppa at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning in the Cenacle?

Invite a friend. Everybody welcome.

Dates for your Diary

- 17th March Youth group
- 27th March Big Easter Clean
- 31st March Easter Sunday

WEEKLY INCOME 2nd-3rd March

C'less:	£ 179.00
Loose plate	£ 222.40
c'less flowers	£ 25.00
Candles	£ 29.12
200 Club	£ 140.00
Lent 3 flowers	£ 127.82
Weekly S Orders:	£ 835.00



Saint Vincent De Paul Society [SVP]



The Saint Vincent De Paul Society will be working with the Weller Centre during Lent. They have asked for support collecting Easter Eggs for under privileged children in our community. Some children don't receive an egg at Easter. Your support will put a smile on many children's faces.

The Saint Vincent De Paul would like to hear from all parishioners in our community who live on their own or are lonely and would like a volunteer to visit on a regular basis for a cup of tea and a chat or a regular phone call.



We are here to help in any way we can. Don't be shy you are our priority.

Please call Bev Ryan on 07969884212 for more details.



OLSA 200 Club

The 200 Club is a Parish fundraiser. We ask for a £20 contribution for 3 months membership; 30% is returned in prizes & 70% goes to the Building Fund. The draw takes place on the last Sunday of the month after 10am Mass. Renewals are now due for the next quarter, March to May. New members can complete an enrolment form from the notice board in the narthex. All monies need to be paid to the Parish Office by 24th March at the latest or you can set up a Standing Order (please use "<surname>200" as a reference and inform the Parish Office you have done so).



If you are a member, thank you, and if you are not yet a member, please do consider helping your Church in this way.

Piety Stall on a Saturday evening

We would love to have a regular presentation of piety stall products at the Saturday evening mass and I'm looking to have a team of 4 people on a rota.

If you would like to know more and have a little Del Boy charm I'd love to have a chat with you. Please call me

Margaret 07789776327

Thank you



CTC Champions Holiday Club



29th July - 2nd August, 10am-3pm in

St Anne's school. For youngsters 5-11yrs. Bookings now open at

<https://buytickets.at/churches-togetherincavershamholidayclub> £27 for a whole week of fun if booked before 1st May.



The 4th Sunday of Lent Year B presents a profound reflection on themes of longing for restoration, God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity.

These readings invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace. Through the narrative of the Babylonian exile and the words of Jesus in John 3, we are reminded of the transformative power of belief and the hope that lies in restoration.

Longing for restoration - Despite the reality of judgment and punishment, the readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B also emphasize the possibility of repentance and restoration. In 2 Chronicles 36, the Babylonian exile is seen as a time of purging and purification, and God later allows the people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. In John 3, Jesus speaks of the possibility of eternal life through belief in him.

God's mercy and grace - The readings also emphasize God's mercy and grace towards humanity, despite our sinfulness. In the first reading, God is patient and long-suffering towards the people, giving them many chances to repent and turn back to him. In the gospel, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Despite the harsh reality of judgment, there is always a path back to God through repentance, illuminated by the light of Christ. These themes encourage us to embrace the light, acknowledge God's sacrificial love, and move towards a future where our actions are aligned with God's will. As we journey through Lent, let us hold fast to the promise of restoration and the gift of God's mercy, celebrating the profound love He has for each of us, manifested through the giving of His only Son.

Mass intentions for Fourth Week of Lent

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Year B

Saturday	9 th March	4.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	Peggy Common
Sunday	10 th February	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	11 th March	9.15am	Kathleen Turner RIP
<i>Monday of the fourth week of Lent</i>			
Tuesday	12 th March	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday of the fourth week of Lent</i>			
Wednesday	13 th March	6.30pm	Michael Bundred RIP
<i>Wednesday of the fourth week of Lent</i>			
Thursday	14 th March	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Thursday of the fourth week of Lent</i>			
Friday	15 th March	9.15am	Dr Colin Robertson RIP
<i>Friday of the fourth week of Lent</i>			

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year B

Saturday	16 th March	4.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	James O'Brien RIP
Sunday	17 th March	10.00am	People of the parish

Please note, all weekend Masses are now booked up to the end of July.

Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Sat Mass, approx. 4.45pm. Everybody is welcome.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

No dedication this week

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.