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or paper entries by previous Sunday*

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22nd March 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Clocks

Don't forget !.....Next weekend the clocks go forward one hour on Sunday Morning (at 1am on 29th March).

Newsletter

Next Weeks newsletter (Palm Sunday) will cover both Holy Week and Easter Week - two weeks.

Maundy Thursday – Mandatum (Washing of Feet)

If you would like to be one of the People who takes part in the Mandatum on Maundy Thursday at 6.30 pm Mass, please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. The list is open to all Adults. *NB The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word Mandatum, which means "commandment." Jesus gave a new commandment on this day: "Love one another as I have loved you"*

Are you able to play the piano, keyboard, or organ?

St Anthony's is seeking musicians who can accompany our choir—either occasionally or on a more regular basis—on piano, keyboard, or organ. We have been without an organist for some time and would be delighted to welcome anyone with the skill and passion to play. If you are interested, please speak to Teresa or a member of the choir to learn more.

Reconciliation Service – Ready for Easter-

There will be four Priests available for individual Confession at the Reconciliation service at St. Anthony's, Thursday 26th at 6pm.

Lenten Lunches in the Hall

Lenten lunches are a popular parish activity at St Anthony's each Friday at 12.30pm immediately following Stations of the Cross at noon. All are invited to come along and enjoy a bowl of soup plus a bread roll followed by tea and coffee. Cost is £4 per person and there will also be a raffle. All monies raised will be split between our Parish SVP and Macmillan Caring Locally.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

On behalf of CAFOD, thank you for your generous donations following Family Fast Day. The total collected was £815. We know that many of you have given online and do so regularly, so thank you all for helping CAFOD to support farming communities in Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and South Sudan.

Parish Giving (Gift Aid) Envelopes

These are now available, with names on, for collection at the back of the Church.

Hope for Food

Dear Parishioners, your donations to Hope for Food over the past cold wet months have been spectacular! Thank you to everyone who has contributed whether it's been tinned food, toiletries or the wonderful warm coats and sturdy boots. Several parishioners regularly donate cash which can on occasion be lifesaving. Thank you!

For those of you who follow social media, you may have seen the very regular mentions of the parish by the trustees of Hope for Food. So lovely to see such positive references to our church.

As Easter approaches, the charity once again is seeking to distribute 1000 Easter Eggs to the families. If you can donate an Easter egg, please leave it on the Hope for Food shelves in the Hall. Bottles of squash, tinned foods and sauces for rice and pasta are always needed. God bless you all. Deirdre

Sewing Bee+

We are making great progress in our efforts to supply Bournemouth Hospital with syringe driver bags for patients receiving palliative care. Our knitters also provided a "bin bag" of lovely warm hats to Stella Maris this month. Group members contribute all the wool and fabric required for various projects so donations of cotton fabric or wool are always warmly received. A huge Thank You to our parishioner, Melanie who

donated what amounted to 1000s grams of wool for our use. We were able to use a great deal of this generous donation and were able to pass on wool we could not use to the Lewis Manning Hospice shop in Wimborne.

Ink Cartridges

We have recently sent a full box of used ink cartridges for recycling. The Catholic Childrens Society, Plymouth (CCSP) will receive £17.95 from this. Thank you to all. A new box is on it's way to us.

Free Items

There are a number of Books, Plates, Crucifixes and other religious objects near the repository that have been donated. These items are free to take. However, if you wish to make a financial contribution to the Parish, please put your donation in the repository slot in the wall (or on the card reader) Thank you.

Marriage Support

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more, contact: 0797 338 0443 www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Contemplative Retreats at St. Rita's Centre April

20th – 24th 2026 An Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer* as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator Paddy Rylands paddyrylands@gmail.com

Prayer Intentions – Please pray for those members of our Parish community who are sick, in hospital or housebound: Jackie Fordham, Jim Danson, David Welch, Philip Coward, Alan Gilbey, Richard Gilbey, Noreen Hewitt, Nora Kenney, Michael Peters, Iris Shepherd, Ramon Suñer, Krzysztof Zablocki, Ian Brown and Pat O'Rearden

Those whose Anniversaries or birthdays occur around this time, and those who have died recently. Nota bene: let us know the names of anyone we should pray for. Please ensure we have their permission to make their names public.

Thank you for your prayers & for the work of the Church.

Mass Times & Confessions & Rotas

Saturday	21 st March	6.30 pm	Vigil – Fifth Sunday of Lent Holy Mass	Int: Fr. Jon Bielawski Intentions
Sunday	22 nd March	8.30 am 11.00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: Maria Damico RIP Int: People of the Parish
<i>Monday 23rd March No Holy Mass</i>				
Tuesday	24 th March	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Gibson Family RIP *
<i>Wednesday 25th March 8.30 am No Holy Mass</i>				
Thursday	26 th March	9.30 am	Holy Mass	Int: Members and Benefactors of the Secular Clergy Fund
		6.00 pm	Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions	
Friday	27 th March	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunch at 12.30 pm	
Saturday	28 th March	6.30 pm	Vigil – Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Holy Mass	Int: Storey Family RIP *
Sunday	29 th March	8.30 am 11.00 am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int: People of the Parish Int: Susan Haynes RIP

Mass Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A Volume 1, Page 170.

CONFESSIONS	SATURDAY			Before Vigil Mass		
	Saturday 21 st Mar 6.30 pm	Sunday 22 nd Mar 8.30 am	Sunday 22 nd Mar 11.00 am	Saturday 28 th Mar 6.30 pm	Sunday 29 th Mar 8.30 am	Sunday 29 th Mar 11.00 am
Readers	Victoria B Emma B	Nicola S	Teresa Smith John Walsh	Maeve O'D Patricia S TBC	Michael L TBC	Anne W Vera De M Alex W
Eucharistic Ministers	Jan J John J	Tony H TBC	Rita B Peter B	Fiona M Karen E	Anthony K TBC	Dave M Chris M

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