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22nd March 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday when we mark the beginning of Holy Week. Unfortunately, we will not be joined by children from school at the 11.00am Mass as we have in the past because the children will have already started their Easter holiday. Just to give you some notice of the times of Masses in Holy Week, Maundy Thursday Mass will be at 7.00pm, Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion at 3.00pm, Saturday the Easter Vigil will be at 7.00pm and Easter Sunday Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am. Churches Together in Bridgnorth will have their Walk of Witness on Good Friday beginning from St Leonard's Hall at 10.00am stopping at St John's along the way to a united service at the Town Hall. Extra time will be given for confessions during Holy Week which I will announce next Sunday.

I am pleased to say that we will go ahead with our Passover Meal on Thursday 26th March at 7.00pm in the parish hall. For those who have not been before, this is a Christian re-enactment of the meal Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper. There will be only one main course which will be vegetarian. If you would like to join us, please sign the list at the back of church.

Friday 27th February was CAFOD Family Fast Day. If anyone would like to support this, please pick up an envelope from the back of church. The collecting because will be available at the back of church throughout Lent.

During Lent we are running another series of the programme 'The Chosen' in the parish hall on Tuesday evenings 7.00pm. Everybody welcome.

Don't forget, the clocks go forward one hour next Saturday night.

Mass Times

Sat 5.00pm Parishioners

Sun 9.00am Tony Fergusson

11.00am Mary & Harry Morse

Mon 9.30am Priests Intention

Tue No Mass

Wed 12.00pm Priests Intention

Thu 9.30am Priests Intention

Fri 12.00pm Priests Intention

Sat 5.00pm Clare Topley

Sun 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Jamie Pritchard

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 4.00pm until 4.30pm and on request

In March, Pope Leo invites us to keep in mind the following prayer intention: Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

If there are any young parishioners in the second year of secondary school or older, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please let me know as soon as possible. Bishop Mark will confer this sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, at the cathedral.

Bridgnorth Food Bank would be grateful for donations of tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, biscuits, squash, cereals, long-life milk, toiletries. If you have items to donate, collection may be arranged if you contact John Gilbert. Alternatively, you may choose to make a cash donation. Thank you for your support.



The Annunciation

Feast day 25th March

O God, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Finally..... nowadays I pay for my petrol at the pump in case the price has gone up before I get to the cashier.

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