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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026

### Confession the easy way?

*Father Martin writes*, in this season of Lent, when we dare to shake ourselves awake from our complacency and self-satisfaction, and embrace the discipline of Lent as a fruitful aid to our spiritual growth, we remember how Jesus tells us (in the parable of the Prodigal Son and many other places elsewhere in the scriptures) that our Father delights in our repentance, when we accept His offer not only to forgive our sins but also, by the working of the Holy Spirit, to restore within in us what we have damaged: that share of divine life by which we are made God's sons and daughters, destined for eternal joy.

For some people Advent and Lent services of reconciliation are a regular part of their Christian discipleship. Many people find that a reconciliation service is the easiest way back to confession after a period away. A reading and an examination of conscience help us confront our own sinfulness and renew our trust in the mercy of God; a choice of priests are present, for individual confession; and after our individual confessions we stay in church to give thanks together for the forgiveness of sin and restoration of innocence that Christ gives us in this mighty sacrament.

This Lent, St Mary Crowned will be hosting the reconciliation service for this part of our deanery, God willing, on Palm Sunday (26th March) at 3pm.

All of the priests assisting will be just as welcoming to someone who last went to confession forty years ago as they will be to someone who was at the sacrament of reconciliation on the previous Saturday.

### Amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill

*The Diocese writes*, in June 2025 MPs voted for an extreme amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to abort an unborn baby for any reason (including gender), up to birth. If passed this amendment will remove all legal protection for babies. The bill is due to be debated in the House of Lords on 18th March. As a matter of urgency, please write to members of the Lords, asking them to reject this proposal. If you aren't sure what to say or whom to write to visit [www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation](http://www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation)

### Day of Eucharistic Reflection

*Mary Robinson writes*, this will be taking place at the Church of the Annunciation, New Mills on Saturday 28th March, starting with tea and coffee at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm. The theme of this day is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; we will be exploring and reflecting on some of the saints' thoughts on Adoration, as well as the practicalities of organising a service. There will also be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am. Whilst this day fulfils the requirements for Eucharistic Ministers to complete a day of renewal, all interested parishioners are welcome to attend and learn more about this beautiful sacrament. Please bring a packed lunch.

### CAFOD

*Moira Hind writes*, we will meet on Saturday 21st March at Torside Reservoir Car Park at 10am for the Big Lent Parish Walk. If you are unable to join us, you can support this event by sponsoring the walkers.

### Sycamore Lenten Retreat Day

*The Mission Leadership team writes*, next Saturday we will hold the Sycamore Retreat Day at the parish hall from 10am to 3pm, with the themes of 'Forgiveness, Healing and Mission' and 'How to Pray'. A free breakfast and lunch will be provided. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

### Easter Lillies

*Christine Hulley writes*, once again St. Mary's will be decorated with lillies this Easter. If you would like to have a loved one remembered, please put a £1 and their name in an envelope and place it in the basket at the back of church. Thank you.

### Called to Love Retreat

*The Diocese writes*, 'Called to Love' is a retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others, the retreat will be held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May. This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. To book a place, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/called2026>

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	<b>ASC= All Saints Church, SMC= St Mary's Church, SMH= St Mary's Hall, SMS= St Mary's School, SPH= St Philip Howard School</b>
<b>Saturday 14th</b>	Lenten Feria 6.00pm <b>ASC Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> (Thomas Heywood RIP (JM))
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday</b> <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in both churches after Holy Mass today with cakes for sale to raise funds for the CAFOD Lenten Appeal</i> 9.15am <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) 11.15am <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Catherine Broadbent RIP (PB)) 5.30pm <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Monday 16th</b>	Lenten Feria 10.00am <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Mrs Cato RIP – Birthday Memories (JR)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of our Mission Leadership Team and for the Lent retreat beginning today, for clergy of the diocese</i>
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland 9.30am <b>At St Charles, Hadfield, A Service of Word and Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor 10.00am <b>At St Mary's, Marple Bridge (SK6 5BB) Holy Mass</b> 1.00pm <b>At The Smithy Fold (Wetherspoons) Meeting of the Friendship Group</b>
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am <b>At St Charles, Hadfield, A Service of Word and Communion</b>
<b>Friday 20th</b>	Commemoration of St Alcmund, martyr 10.00am <b>SPH Holy Mass</b> (Liz Nash RIP - Birthday Memories (WN)) <i>Parishioners warmly invited. Please arrive ten minutes beforehand to sign in to the school visitor system.</i> 6.00pm <b>ASC Stations of the Cross</b> 7.00pm <b>SMH Prayer Group</b>
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	Lenten Feria 9.00 – 9.30am <b>SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 10.00am – 3.00pm <b>SMH Sycamore Lenten Retreat Day - 'Forgiveness, Healing and Mission' and 'How to Pray'</b> 6.00pm <b>ASC Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> (Maureen Elliott RIP (LD))
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in both churches after Holy Mass today</i> 9.15am <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Liz Nash RIP - Birthday Memories (CH)) 11.15am <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) 3.30pm – 5.00pm <b>ASC Course for parents aspiring to have a child baptised – Part Two</b> 5.30pm <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 6.00pm <b>SMH Confirmation Preparation Session</b>
	<b>This week's prayer intentions for Vocations:</b> Mon: Staff and Seminarians at English College, Valladolid; Tues: Bishop Patrick McKinney; Weds: Permanent Diaconate; Thurs: Priests in Derbyshire and Staffordshire; Fri: Staff and Seminarians at Beda, Rome; Sat: Hospital Chaplains; Sun: The Pope.
	<b>EXTRA-ORDO-NARY Schools' Word of the Week:</b> Sacrifice
	<b>Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily</b> – "Heavenly Father, bless and prosper our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Help me to discover the part you want me to play, and give me the courage to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."
	<b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Don and Roseline McLeish, Doreen Leech who is unwell, Philomena Brennan who has a long-standing problem, and her husband Martin who is unwell. <i>Please contact us if you would like a name adding to this list ensuring we have the person's permission to do so.</i>
	<b>The Glossop Rosary:</b> We will continue Monday 16th March with the Joyful Mysteries.
	<b>Safeguarding query?</b> Contact Janine Carter on 01457 620135 or Janine.CarterPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Notes –

### **Newsletter Mailing List**

*Rachel Hall writes*, if you would to be added to our newsletter mailing list please get in touch at [newsletter@glossopcatholics.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@glossopcatholics.org.uk)

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A coffee morning will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April in Bradbury House, 10am - 12noon

### **Missio**

*Betty Dewey writes*, the red donation boxes are due to be emptied. Please bring boxes and leave at the back of church and I will collect them.

### **Car Share Scheme**

*The Bureau writes*, Do you have an upcoming Breast Screening Appointment at the Screening Van at Glossop Tesco? There are slots reserved with the Bureau's car-share scheme each week for patients attending their breast screening appointments who have difficulties using public transport due to age, health conditions or restricted mobility or lack of public transport where you live. Register now with Jan at the Bureau on 01457 865 722 or email [jan@the-bureau.org.uk](mailto:jan@the-bureau.org.uk) The cost is £3 per person for a return journey.