

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN LENT

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 3rd to 9th April

The arrangements for the activities and events of Holy Week and Easter will be distributed later in this year's parish Easter card.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

First sacraments programme: This programme is scheduled through Lent, full details are available from the Parish Office.

Confirmation programme: this programme is being held at St Albans this year. Full details are available from the Parish Office.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers recommitment will be during the Maundy Thursday Mass, and is in Advent for Readers and Catechists.

Any changes to the Lent activities will be announced in the weekly parish newsletter.

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**ST PAUL'S CHURCH
POYNTON**

During Lent, Fr Peter reminds us that we spend the rest of this year walking steadily through the Gospel according to Matthew, the Apostle who uses the most direct quotes from Jesus.

You may want to seek out the brilliantly poignant film **Il vangelo secondo Matteo** (the gospel according to Matthew). Director Pier Paolo Pasolini picked up a copy of the Bible whilst staying at a friend's house and was moved by the words of Jesus as quoted by Matthew. Pasolini felt that "images could never reach the poetic heights of the text." As we head into the season of preparation for Easter, allow the 'poetic heights' of Matthew's Gospel help to nourish, renew, and strengthen your faith.

Where we walk with Him in His Passion, with all its personal pain and suffering, warring factions and political turmoil of its time, secure in the knowledge that He walks with us.

We will feel the peace and joy of His Resurrection. He is Risen.



*Please join us at St Paul's in our activities.
We are waiting to welcome you.*

Activities not in St Paul's Church are in italics.

✠ ASH WEDNESDAY Wed 22nd February

Distribution of ashes in St Paul's Church is during Mass, at 9.30am Mass and 7:30pm Mass.

✠ WAY OF THE CROSS 1st Mar - 5th Apr

It is planned to have the Way of the Cross (also known as the Stations of the Cross) on St Paul's Church, each Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, starting Wed 1st March; and possibly after Word and Communion on Friday. Groups or individuals in the parish are invited to lead a session. (Resources available if needed). Interested in leading a session? See sign up sheet on the church noticeboard and let the Parish office know ASAP!

✠ 1st SUNDAY OF LENT 26th February

The Sunday Mass in St Paul's Church is at 10am.

✠ FRIDAY FAST Fri 3rd March

CAFOD Family Fast Day: This Lent you can help families around the world to cope with the climate crisis. Communities are losing loved ones, their homes, and their crops through no fault of their own. The people we serve are determined to adapt and they need your help now to get the tools and training they tell us they need. Donations collected at Mass on 5th March. See <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

✠ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Fri 3rd March

This year, the three voices of England, Wales and N Ireland come together in this service at the Poynton Methodist Church at 2pm. Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for this World Day of Prayer 2023. All are welcome.

See www.poyntonmethodist.org and www.wwdp.org.uk for more information.

✠ FIRST RECONCILIATION, Sat 4th March

Our younger parishioners on the First Sacraments programme will be attending their First Reconciliation in St Paul's Church at 10am. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

✠ 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT Sun 5th March

The Sunday Mass in St Paul's Church is at 10am. At this Mass our parishioners on the Confirmation programme will be enrolling for the Sacrament of Holy Communion at this Mass. CAFOD Family fast Day: donations received.

✠ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Sat 11th March

Before Mass it is hoped that individual Confessions will be heard in the outer sacristy room on the left-hand side of the altar.

The Vigil Mass in St Paul's Church is at 6.30am.

✠ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Sun 12th March

The Sunday Mass in St Paul's Church is at 10am. This Family Mass will be a celebration of our parish life: Little Church will have special activities, our First Holy communion candidates in the parish will enrol, our confirmation candidates in the parish will present their declarations, and the sacrament of anointment of the sick will be offered to the congregation.

After Mass "Stay on and see": The annual Eucharistic Ministers' meeting will be after this Mass; you are very welcome, whether an existing minister or just interested to come and see how you could help and serve those in our parish. Existing ministers in our parish will share their

experience, answer questions, and we can discuss the arrangements to serve our parishioners who are homebound or in a local nursing home.

✠ 4th SUNDAY OF LENT Sun 19th March

The Sunday Mass in St Paul's Church is at 10am. This Mass celebrates Laetare Sunday, a day of celebration during Lent. Laetare is the Latin word for "rejoice," the first word in the introductory antiphon for today's Liturgy. The antiphon and the readings both express the Church's joy in anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection.

✠ PASSOVER MEAL Sat 25th March

A Christian Passover Meal will be held at St Alban's on Sat 25th March at 7.45pm. If you would like to experience this special 4-course meal, please contact Fran on 01625 501953.

✠ 5th SUNDAY OF LENT Sun 26th March

The Sunday Mass in St Paul's Church is at 10am.

✠ PALM SUNDAY Sun 2nd April

The Sunday Mass in St Paul's Church is at 10am. At this Mass we celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem by distributing palms to the congregation. This Mass also includes the narrated gospel of our Lord's Passion.

✠ PENITENTIAL MASS Tues 4th April

The Penitential Mass in St Paul's Church is at 7.30pm. Led by Father Peter Burke, all are welcome to share the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the mercy of God.

✠ WAY OF THE CROSS Fri 7th April

The Confirmation Group will lead the Way of the Cross in St Gregory's Church, Bollington, at 7.30pm.