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**Third Sunday of Lent (Year C Page 77)**

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**Lent-** During the period of lent I would like to ask all of you to keep in your prayers persecuted Christians from around the world. I would encourage you to enter into a time of prayer and fasting during this period of Lent. There is a box in the porch for you to make your weekly donations to support the aid of the Church's in need. This charity gives aid and support to Christians around the world. Please let us support the persecuted brothers and sisters in faith by our fasting and prayers. Thanks you for your prayers. Fr. Tom

**A Prayer for Ukraine**

We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals; may peace be granted throughout Ukraine and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies, so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth. Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen.

**SPUC NEWS**

Saturday 23rd April, from 10am until midday. SPUC pro-life chain. A peaceful witness to remember the nearly ten million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1967. Time: 10am until midday. Venue: Trent Bridge, Nottingham (meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen, on the north side of the bridge, at 9.50am). For more information, go to [www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Nottingham) or contact John on [40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifennotts@gmail.com) or 07757 815625.

**Pope Francis**

On Friday, 25th March during the celebration of Penance at 5.00PM in St. Peter's, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please pray with Pope Francis for PEACE.

Sat 19th March 2022	<b>St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin</b>	09.00 AM 06.00PM	For the people of Ukraine (St. Theresa's) <b>No Confession</b> Vera Danaher RIP (St. Theresa's)
Sun 20th March 2022	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	09.15AM 11.15AM	Marjorie Henebery RIP (St Theresa's) John De Souza RIP (Sacred Heart)
Mon 21st March 2022	<b>Lenten Feria</b>	09.00 AM	All Parishioners
Tue 22nd March 2022	<b>Lenten Feria</b>	09.15AM	Fernandez Family RIP
Wed 23rd March 2022	<b>Lenten Feria</b>	09.00AM 6pm - 7pm	Vera Murphy RIP (St. Theresa's) <b>Exposition and Silent Adoration (St Theresa's)</b>
Thu 24th March 2022	<b>Lenten Feria</b>	09.00AM	No Mass (St. Theresa's)
Fri 25th March 2022	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity</b>	09.15AM 06.15PM	All Parishioners (Sacred Heart) Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Vera Murphy RIP (ST)
Sat 26th March 2022	<b>Lenten Feria</b>	09.00AM 06.00PM	No Mass (St. Theresa's) <b>No Confession</b> Vera Murphy RIP

## Next week's Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

### Gospel

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'The elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

### **On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March the Vigil of the Annunciation,**

please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. **On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home.** Please join in and invite others to join

awell. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com) This will also be the day before the Holy Father consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so please pray for this as well.

### **Offertory Collection**

Envelopes: £  
Loose Plate: £  
Total: £  
Many Thanks

### **Thought for the Day**

Jesus Christ has died for us; He has preserved our life up to now so that we may have the time to cleanse ourselves in His Blood. What matters about our penance is not that it should be long, but that it should be from the heart; and the best penance of all is patience in face of the crosses He sends us; and out of His love He adapts these crosses to what our shoulders can bear, at the same time helping us to carry them.

### **Passover Supper** **Wednesday 13th April 7PM**

Would you be interested in joining with us on the night and also volunteering to help. Please put your name on the sheet in the Narthex . Thank You

### **Direct Debit details of Parish Account**

For those who would like to use our online banking:  
Standing Order—Account name: St. Theresa Birstall RCP  
A/C No 03831076  
Sort Code: 309618

### **Good Friday Walk of Witness**

We are hoping to recommence this yearly walk of witness on Good Friday, starting from Tesco at 10.00AM, if there is enough interest. Please put your name on the sheet in the Narthex if you are interested. Thank you

**Walsingham Young Adults' Pilgrimage (18-35s):** £60 which includes lunch and dinner on Friday 10th June, breakfast and lunch on Saturday 11th and accommodation on Friday night (a twin room in Dowry House). A full pilgrimage programme integrated with the diocesan schedule on Saturday 11th June will be hosted. Places can be secured with a £30 deposit. Shared travel options are available. Register at: [shorturl.at/cBOU1](http://shorturl.at/cBOU1)

**Confirmation-** second session for children preparing for Confirmation will take place on 24th March at 6.30pm, St. Theresa's Hall.

### **Easter Raffle**

We are hoping to have a Hamper for the above if you would like to contribute to the this you will find a box in both Church's also we are looking for Easter Eggs, or Bottles or any new items you care

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

**Bookings are now open for the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham>, or for more details contact: Fr. Simon Gillespie ([smon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:smon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk))

### **FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME**

Veronica Cross

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Paul Lallo, Sally Knight, Carolyn Hanley, Oliver Vanderfejt,

Doreen Concannon, Wendy Mitchell, Leah Hollard, Mercedes Mena, Malcolm Smith and Mary Cluskey