

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF St. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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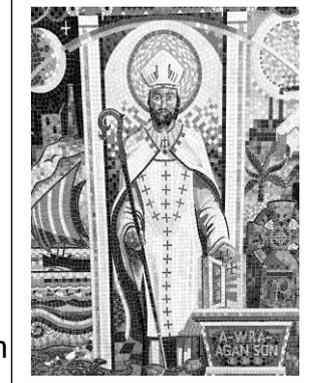
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14th – 22nd March 2026 Fourth Week of Lent

	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) Readings: I Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.
Sat 14 th Sun 15 th	6.00pm: Mass (Int: Julienne Wray RIP) 8.30am: Mass (Int: The Parish) 10.30am: Mass 3.00pm: Holy Hour – Exposition and Solemn Benediction
Mon 16 th	Readings: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54.
Tues 17 th	SAINT PATRICK Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-9; Luke 10:1-12.17-20. 10.30am: Mass
Wed 18 th	Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30. 12noon: Stations of the Cross 6.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Adoration 6.30pm: Mass
Thurs 19 th	SAINT JOSEPH Readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-14; Romans 4:13-22; Luke 2:41-51. 11.15am: Rosary 12noon: Mass
Fri 20 th	Readings: Wisdom 2:1.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30. 10.10am: Morning Prayer 10.30am: Mass
Sat 21 st	Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52.
	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.
Sat 21 st Sun 22 nd	6.00pm: Mass 8.30am: Mass 10.30am: Mass (Int: The Parish) 3.00pm: Holy Hour – Confessions

Church Opening: Our Church is open at least 30 minutes before services for prayer.

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.15pm; Sunday 22nd March from 3-4pm and on request.

THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

4th Sunday of Lent Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, lord Jesus. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Reflection: Christ, the Light of the world, is a sign of contradiction. Those who proudly claim to be able to see, lose themselves in the darkness. Those who humbly accept that they are blind, come to the light. The man born blind, does not fully understand, but knows one thing, that the one who gave him sight could only have come from God. And more. That the Son of Man is the Son of God. 'Lord, I believe'. And as we reach the 'mid-point' of Lent, now is the time for us to look and see.

Further Reflection: How has Lent been so far?
Are there things I need to change or add?
How will I prepare for Holy Week?

This Sunday 3-4pm. Lenten Holy Hour – Exposition and Solemn Benediction: At 3pm the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar as the focus and centre of our prayer. There will be Lenten Scripture readings shared and then at 3.45pm we will celebrate Solemn Benediction.

Everyone is welcome for some, or all, of the hour. Come and see, hear, and draw closer to the Lord.

Tuesday 17th March. Lent Study Group: Organised by Par Churches Together. See poster for details.

Thursday 19th March 7.00pm. Zoom Lent Group: This week Fr Mark Skelton will take us through the Parable of the Prodigal Son. To access, the Meeting ID is 895 7188 9251 and Password 125755.

Sunday 22nd March 3-4pm. Lenten Holy Hour – Confessions: As we enter the final part of lent, now is the time to celebrate this sacrament of healing and forgiveness.

Saturday 28th March 11am. Church Spring Clean: Join us in making our Church shine!

Answering the Call: Hopefully you will have all taken a sheet outlining some of the many activities that support our Parish. Hopefully you will also have taken a sheet where you can list how you can help. Please reflect; fill out; and return. Your Parish needs.... YOU!

Parish Repository: Available now in the narthex, Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter cards, together with booklets for Lent/Easter/Pentecost. And in Cuthbert Mayne room – there's even more!

OTHER EVENTS AND INFORMATION

20th-24th April at St Rita's Centre, Honiton. 'Stepping into Stillness' Contemplative Retreat: An introduction to contemplative praying and living. See poster for details or contact paddyrylands@gmail.com

2nd May at Thomas Hardy School Dorchester. Stay Awake 2026: A day specifically aimed at families with activities, prayer and praise – whatever age you are! See poster for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING...

Collin Collar, Jacquie Davies, Helen Ledwidge, John Ballard, Helen Gardner, Sally Tab, Yvonne Bradbury, Brendan Bowe, Brian Byrne, Anne Day, Marian Rolfe, Peter Houlihan, Angela Falvey, Jenny, Kay Pearce, Lyn Whittington, Catherine Simpson, Hilary Illsley, Catherine Venture, Joseph Poole, Teiaia Bradbury, James and Margaret Clapp, Teresita Hill, Jesus Mauri-Oria, Sharon Noy, Carmen Matthews, Teresa Fooks, Gerry & Daniel Good, Suzi Hill, George Phillips, Judith Pollard.