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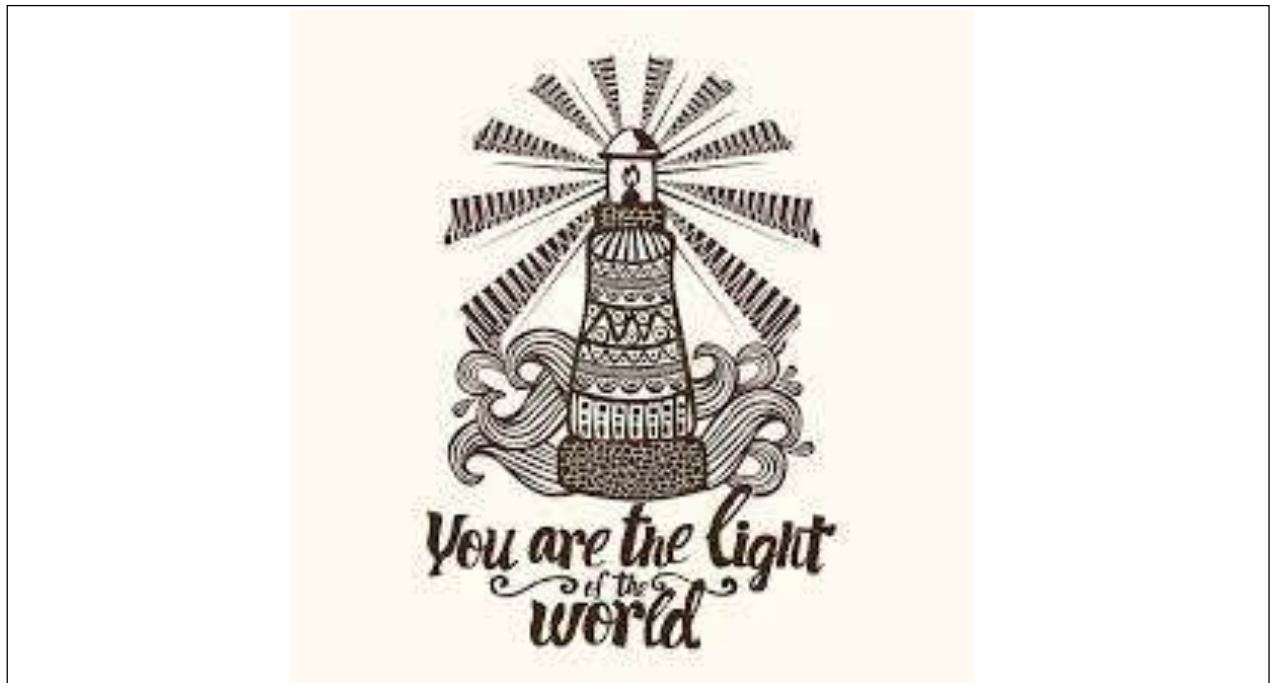
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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A –

18th-19th March 2023

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Jn 8:12

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to those who have offered to make soup. Please would you also plan to set up and organise for people to clear up afterwards. All the bowls and cutlery are available in the Cenacle kitchen.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Margaret Saucell - requiem Mass
Wednesday 22nd March @ 1pm.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

EASTER FLOWER FUND

There is a basket out each weekend to donate towards the cost of Easter flowers. Thank you for what you give.

DATABASE FORMS

Thank you to everybody who has completed a form and handed it in to one of the stewards already. This is an ongoing project so please ask one of the stewards for a form if you haven't had one yet. It will make communication within the parish much more straight forward. For GDPR reasons we need the form to have been completed since 2018 so every family needs to complete one even if you have done one in the past - thank you.

CAFOD UPDATE

Cafod Family Fast Day Collection: The results are in! Our amazing parish raised £901.20. This will make a very real difference to a very many people. Thank you for your generosity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fridays during Lent - stations & soup
18th March Big CAFOD Walk
5th April Big Church clean for Easter
15th April Cotham Ensemble
23rd April St George's Day quiz

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

26/2/23	5/3/23
C'tless: £160.00	C'tless: £ 95.00
Loose plate £409.66	Loose plate £415.70
Candles cash £69.50	Our Lady's Lamp 30.00
Weekly S Orders:£590	Cath. Maint £141.90
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COTHAM ENSEMBLE FROM BRISTOL

Following their previous very successful visit to launch our fundraising for the restoration of the Shrine in 2016 we are delighted to welcome back to St Anne's the Cotham Ensemble on **Saturday 15th April @7pm** for an evening of String quintet music by Schubert and Holst. The evening will also include items by Quilter and Vaughan Williams from our own Cantor, David accompanied by Seth.

Tickets £10 [via Eventbrite] on sale from today. Access the Eventbrite page at:

<https://cothamatcaversham.eventbrite.co.uk>

the parish website or search with

Eventbrite Cotham Caversham. If you're not sure how to use Eventbrite ask one of the stewards to help you or ring the parish office 0118 9478717. Please do all you can to share with friends and family. Everybody welcome.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you would like the newsletter to drop into your inbox each week, sign up on the right hand side of the home page of the parish website.

Our Newsletter

Your email address

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for the continued support for the Weller Centre. During Lent contributions of small Easter eggs would be appreciated.

EASTER BASKET BLESSING

In many Eastern European countries, it is custom to have a basket of food blessed which is rich in Easter symbolism. The traditional blessing of 'Easter Food Baskets' will take place on Holy Saturday 8th April at 10am in Our Lady and St. Anne's Church. All are very welcome to attend and experience this lovely tradition.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

no dedication this week

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or by request from the parish office.

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Background on the Sunday Readings

‘Lord, I believe!’

Before we enter the darker days of Holy Week, we celebrate Laetare (‘Rejoice!’) Sunday. Today we are reminded of the joy of the presence of Jesus, the light of our world, and of the love of God shining through our lives.

Both the First Reading and the Psalm speak of the shepherd caring for the flock. Despite David’s youth and outward appearance, the Lord sees the strength of his heart, which will enable him to lead God’s people.

The Psalm speaks of the certainty that I can rely on the Lord as my shepherd, keeping me safe from harm whatever happens in my life.

In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds the Ephesians (and us) that God’s light in us shines out for others when we live in goodness and right living and truth.

In the Gospel, the blind man’s sight is restored and he comes into the light. Not only is he physically able to see for the first time, but he also recognises Jesus as the Son of Man. In contrast, those around him remain in the darkness of un-belief, trapped by their unwillingness to see Jesus as he really is.

This week, we pray for those who have yet to allow the light of Christ into their lives. We pray that we will carry Christ’s light to others as we walk beside them, sharing their hardships and sorrows.

Taken from: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

Mass Intentions

Fourth Week of Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	18 th March	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	19 th March	10.00am	Tess Carter RIP
Monday	20 th March	No Mass	
	<i>Solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Tuesday	21 st March	7.30pm	Bridie O'Sullivan – anniversary Mass
	<i>Tuesday of the fourth week of Lent</i>		
Wednesday	22 nd March	9.15am	Private intention
	<i>Wednesday of the fourth week of Lent</i>		
		1.00pm	Requiem Mass – Margaret Saucell
Thursday	23 rd March	9.15am	Judith Myerscough RIP
	<i>Thursday of the fourth week of Lent</i>		
Friday	24 th March	9.15am	Int. Anne & Colin Clarke
	<i>Friday of the fourth week of Lent</i>		
		12.00noon	<i>Lenten Stations of the Cross followed by soup</i>

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year A

Saturday	25 th March	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	26 th March	10.00am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
		12noon	Baptism

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.