

Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints Wardour Castle

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**When visiting our churches please use hand sanitiser, wear a mask, follow guidance- thank you
Please book with Father Robert by phoning or emailing (details above).**

PRAYERS: for the sick: James Ryan, Nick Weeks, Geoff and Wilf Fry, Edward Arundell; for our doctors and their staff, for those vaccinating, or being vaccinated; for those with hospital appointments and treatment; for those at Albany House, The Hays and Clouds House; for those recently died. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace Amen*

MARCH 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday Year B Psalms 4

Mothering Sunday

Diocesan prayer league: St Nicholas of Tolentino, Easton,

St Joseph, Fishponds, St Patrick, Redfield, Bristol

Sacred Heart: 9 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Exposition 6.00 p.m.

All Saints' Wardour: 11 a.m.

15 Monday Weekday of Lent

16 Tuesday Weekday of Lent

All Saints, Wardour: Mass at 9.30 a.m.

17 Wednesday FEAST OF ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND

Sacred Heart: 8.45 a.m. MP, 9.00 a.m. Mass

18 Thursday Weekday of Lent No Mass

19 Friday SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sacred Heart: 5.45 p.m. EP, 6.00 p.m. Mass

20 Saturday Weekday of Lent

Sacred Heart: 8.45 a.m. MP, 9.00 a.m. Mass

Confessions after Mass

21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year B Psalms 1

Diocesan prayer league: St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton,

St Vincent de Paul, Southmead, Bristol

Confessions can be heard before or after any Mass, or by appointment.

OTHER PARISH NEWS:

Welcome and congratulations to Ben, Lydia and Edward Furness on their Baptism and Reception into the Catholic Church- with love and prayers from us all

Lovely to have you back in Tisbury Sheila!

Geoff and Wilf are 'on the mend' and hope to be home soon.

Second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast: A second basket will be at the back of the church and there are CAFOD envelopes available at Sacred Heart and at Wardour Chapel. For those not able to attend Mass, donations on the second PayPal button on our website will be allocated to CAFOD until 31st March. Alternatively, cheques, made payable to CAFOD, may be sent to Trellis House.

Holy Week and Easter services: Your place at any of these services **MUST** be booked in advance:

for Wardour through Nick Wright (nickwright029@gmail.com 01747 830882)

for Tisbury through Fr Robert (tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com 01747 870228)

At Wardour please use the chapel car park unless you have a disability badge.

Assuming Covid regulations remain unchanged, these are the services for the Triduum:

March 28, **Palm Sunday** – usual times of Sunday Mass **but please book**
 April 1, **Maundy Thursday**, 7.00 p.m. **Mass** of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart
 April 2, **Good Friday**. You are encouraged to visit the Stations of the Cross
 9.00 a.m. or by appointment. **Confessions** Sacred Heart
3.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion Wardour
 April 3, **Holy Saturday**, 9.00 a.m. or by appointment, **Confessions** Sacred Heart
 8.00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass** Wardour
 April 4, **Easter Day** 9.00 a.m. **Mass** Sacred Heart
 11.00 a.m. **Mass** Wardour 6.00 p.m. **Mass** Sacred Heart



From Father Robert: *March is the month when we celebrate Mary being told she would give birth to a Son.... and that was in the days before it was possible to determine a child's sex in advance!! As to March for the Annunciation - or December for the Birth - it depends on which calendar is being used. April if the shepherds really were in the hills with their sheep. Even the year is uncertain: BC6 if you calculate on the calendar devised by Dionysius Exiguus. It would have been very odd if Mary, and no doubt her cousin Elizabeth - perhaps husband Joseph, neighbours too - did not ponder what the child would be like. The family tree on Joseph's side included at least one foreigner (think of Ruth the Moabitess), and one or two other more unlikely characters. We don't have Mary's family tree. But who would the child take after? We can be reasonably certain that He would not have the blue eyes and blond hair of pious Victorian art. He might have been an albino. Perhaps pink skin....in the Middle East unlikely but possible. The red hair which appears in our own royal family would have been extremely rare. More likely would be dark brown eyes, dark or black hair, and a skin colour on the olive or tan spectrum. Plenty of scope for speculation.*

At 8 days he was circumcised, but so were all the other Jewish males. At age 12, appearing before the priests in the Temple, there is no suggestion that He looked anything other than a Jewish boy, whatever one of those looks like. No wonder Mary pondered all these things in her heart. In fact, all we know for certain is that, like us, He was born and would die.

We have a rough outline of some thirty years of his life in the Gospels. But even there we find no clue about whether as an adult he was tall or short, fat or thin, dark or fair, long-haired or a bearded. It is all guess work. But the fact that all these details are omitted from the Bible should remind us of something important: that they are superficial. His followers did not follow Him because of his dark hair or his brown eyes. They followed Him because of His teaching - sometimes with a few miracles thrown in. Nicodemus came to visit Him by night, that is, in the dark, or at best by oil light - to listen to that teaching.

*And helpfully today in the Gospel, St John gives us a summary of what Jesus said to Nicodemus. Reminding us that 'everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life'. And, please God, whether we are tall or short, fat or thin, pink or brown, whatever, eternal life will be ours too. And we shall see Him as He really is. So - have another look at today's Gospel. **RM***

Prayer resources for Lent: <https://www.faithandworship.com/prayers/Lent.htm#gsc.tab=0>
<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/lent-prayers>
<https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/>

The World Council of Churches will observe a week of prayer from 22-27 March, one year into COVID-19 pandemic. The week will invite a time of prayer and reflection on both the lament and the hope expressed and experienced across the world during what has been a year of unprecedented suffering, but also one when churches have worked together in ever new ways to adapt, respond and accompany communities through mental, physical, economical, spiritual, and environmental crises. A global online prayer service with participation from the eight WCC regions will be convened during the week, and a collection of resources will be made available on the WCC website by 18 March 2021.

www.oikoumene.org/resources/covid-19-resources

God our Father,
 Pour out the overflowing gifts of your Spirit so that we, your Church,
 may become a people of hope for our world. **AMEN**