

Lent 2024

Scripture Group

The Scripture Group will meet each Wednesday during Lent, after the 12 noon Mass (beginning on Ash Wednesday), in St. Bede's Presbytery to reflect together on the Scriptures.

How can I deepen my relationship with Jesus?

How can I know who He is in my life?

By coming together with other parishioners, we can begin to hear afresh and talk to others and so come to know Him more.

All are welcome, do not let this opportunity pass you by.

Eucharistic Ministers' Retreat

Each Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist should be offered a retreat/training every few years to give them the time and the space to reflect upon their wonderful ministry. We have approached the Irenaeus Ministry in Crosby and they have agreed to lead a day just for our parish.

Saturday 24th February

Leave St. Bede at 9.15am and return for 4.30pm

Irenaeus Centre, Waterloo, Crosby

Details of how to book onto this retreat will be given nearer the time.

Stations of the Cross

We shall gather and experience the Way of the Cross from different perspectives. We shall use light and dark, images to draw our minds towards His journey and hear different voices. Come and walk with Him!

Monday 4th March at 7.30pm – St. Bede

Monday 25th March at 7.30pm – St. Bede

Lenten Reconciliation Service

On **Tuesday 26th March** we shall have our Reconciliation Service at St. John Fisher Church at 7pm. This is our chance to be reconciled to God and to one another before the Triduum. Come and hear the words, *'Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace'*.

Chrism Mass

On **Wednesday 27th March** we shall gather with the Church from across the Archdiocese, with the Archbishop, bishops, priests and deacons at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King for the Mass of Chrism.

We shall offer a coach to and from the Cathedral from Widnes and details will be advertised nearer the time in the Parish Newsletter.

Good Friday Reflection – 29th March

On the evening of Good Friday when the world is so quiet, Fr. Bill will lead us in a time of prayer and reflection.

This will take place at St. Bede's Church at 7.30pm

Early Riser Mass

'In the stillness of the morning, come and hear His voice'

Each Wednesday during Lent an extra Mass will be offered at 7am.

Wednesday 21st February – St. John Fisher

Wednesday 28th February – St. Bede

Wednesday 6th March – St. Bede

Wednesday 13th March – St. Michael

Wednesday 20th March – St. John Fisher

Children's Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday at 11am Fr. Thomas will walk the Stations of the Cross with the children of the parish at St. John Fisher Church. Afterwards there will be refreshments and activities in the Parish Hall.

CAFOD Soup and Supper

On **Monday 11th March** we shall come together for prayer, reflection and supper together. This will be the opportunity to live out one of the disciplines of Lent, *'giving alms to the poor.'*

We shall gather at the Parish Hall at St. John Fisher at 7.30pm. Please come along and sit and share with one another, that others may eat and live.

A Lily for Easter

This year could you buy a lily to decorate the altars in our churches? It would be lovely to see the churches abound with lilies as they are the traditional flower of Easter.

The lily could be in memory of a deceased friend or family member or for a specific intention?

If you would like the name of your loved one to be displayed in all our churches, please complete a form from the back of the church, place your donation and form in the envelope provided and return to the Parish Office by **Sunday 24th March**. Any forms received after this date may not be included on the display.

The cost of each lily is £5 per stem.

WALK OF WITNESS

Palm Sunday, 24th March at 3pm

St. Basil's Church

Will you walk in witness to your faith?

Will you change your timetable on Palm Sunday to walk with Jesus?

Please come. Do not say 'this is not for me' or 'I don't go to things like that' – we are entering Holy Week on Palm Sunday, be an active witness to your faith!