

Keeping Lent at St William's

Weekday Mass

Monday	10.00	Morning Prayer is recited 15 mins before each weekday Mass
Tuesday	10.00	
Wednesday	10.00	
Thursday	12.00 – followed by Lourdes Fund soup lunch on 25 th Feb/March	
Friday	10.00	
Saturday	9.30	

Sunday Mass

Saturday	6.30 – Youth Mass on 20 th March
Sunday	9.30 – Children's Liturgy 11.15

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday	12.30 – 1.00
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Weekly Devotions & Activities

Wednesday	7.30	When I survey Christ's Cross & ours – organised by Churches Together
Friday	2.00 – 7.30	Individual Adoration
	7.30	Stations of the Cross - Holy Communion
Sunday	12.30 – 1.30	Lent Lunches at St William's Parish Hall. A soup & bread lunch raising money for <i>Buckets of pennies for buckets of water</i>

Publications

- Lent Extra Magazine** – an aid to keeping Lent for all the family, £1.50
- Walk with Me & Day by Day** – a Lenten journey of prayer for 2009, £1
- Children's Lent Calendar** 20p

February

Sun 21	3.00	Rite of Election at the Cathedral for those to be received into the Church this Easter
Wed 24	7.30	When I survey Christ's Cross & ours commences at St William's Church – York Room
Fri 26		CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Sun 27		CAFOD Lent Fast envelope collection at all Masses

March

Wed 3	7.30	When I survey Christ's Cross & ours – St Augustine's
Fri 5	2.00	Women's World Day of Prayer Service – <i>Cameroon</i> All Saints Church Ecclesall Road
Sat 6	3.00	Penitential Service for Children & Young People Sacrament of Reconciliation for school children & their parents, followed by refreshments in the hall
Sun 7		Fairtrade Stall after 9.30 Mass
	4.00	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Mon 9	7.30	ARK for Adoration & Rosary in the Garden Room
Wed 10	7.30	When I survey Christ's Cross & ours – Salvation Army
Sun 14		Laetare & Mothering Sunday – Mothers blessed at all Masses
Wed 17	7.30	When I survey Christ's Cross & ours – Trinity URC
Sat 20	5.30 6.30	Young people (Y7 and above) prepare for... Youth Mass
Wed 24	7.30	When I survey Christ's Cross & ours – St Andrews
Fri 26	7.30	Stations of the Cross led by young people

April

Sat 3	9.15 4.00	Easter Walk to Padley leaves church arriving at approx. Bring packed lunch. Home for Easter Vigil. Tel. John on 263 0479 for info/transport arrangements.
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Holy Week

Sun 28		Palm Sunday – Blessing of Palms at Mass Fairtrade Stall after 9.30 Mass
	3.00	Born for This Rehearsal – Young People – Mother of God
	4.00	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
	6.00	Born for This - dramatised stations – Mother of God
Mon 29	10.00	Mass
Tues 30	10.00	Mass
	7.30	Penitential Service
Wed 31	10.00	Mass
	11.00	Chrism Mass in the Cathedral

The Easter Triduum

Thurs 1	8.00	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper The Washing of Feet CAFOD Lent Giving Box Offertory procession. After Mass the church remains open all evening for watching before the Blessed Sacrament.
	Midnight	Night Prayer concludes the watching
Fri 2		Good Friday – Passion A day of fasting and abstinence
	3.00	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Veneration of the Cross
	8.00	Stations of the Cross
Sat 3	9.15	<i>Easter walk to Padley leaves church arriving at approx. Bring packed lunch. Home in time for...</i>
	4.00	
	8.00	Easter Vigil Mass – Resurrection Paschal Candle lit from new fire Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Sun 4	9.30	
	11.15	Easter Sunday Mass



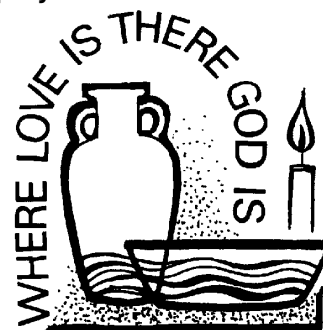
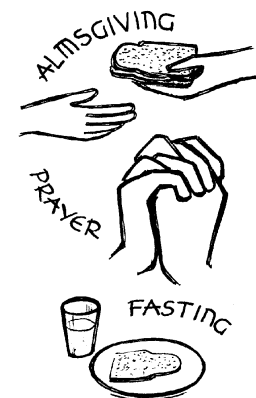
Lent Almsgiving

Lent is a time of repentance and renewal; we are called to turn away from sin and come together as a Christian Community. We base our Lenten journey on the three-fold message Jesus gives his disciples in chapter 6 of Saint Matthew's Gospel:

- *pray* to your Father in private.....
- no one must see your *fasting* but your Father ...
- keep your *deeds of mercy* secret....

Jesus calls us to *pray, fast* and *share*.

When we give up something for Lent we pass the money to the poor and the discomfort from fasting is offered in prayer and is itself a reminder to pray.



On Holy Thursday, the collection of money and gifts, gathered during Lent as the fruit of penance, is brought forward at the offertory to be given to the poor; a liturgical response by the people to the act of service represented in the Washing of the Feet.

In St William's we use CAFOD boxes to collect money in our home throughout Lent and bring these as our offering on Holy Thursday. As a symbol of the concern of the whole parish for the poor we each take part in the offertory procession, bringing up our box. If you cannot come, leave your box with the Offertory gifts (bread and wine) at your next Mass.

This year our giving will be for the **CAFOD Disasters & Emergencies Fund**

CAFOD receives an extra 28% % if UK tax payers Gift Aid their donations. To do this, before bringing your box to church, you need to:

1. Open your box & count the money,
2. Fill in the Gift Aid slip (given out with the box – spares at church)
3. Post money & slip back into your box.