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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
PUMED SUL Y GRAWYS
22ND MARCH 2026

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EVENTS - SUNDAY

Coedpoeth 9:00 am (*John & Elsbeth Dunn, INT*) *Carol Bayliss*
Cathedral 10:30 am (*All Souls*)
7.00 pm (*Michael Vincent Anthony Walsh, RIP*) *FM*

PSALTER WEEK 11 SUNDAY READING CYCLE A

The Cathedral is open daily from 9:00am to 4:00pm for private prayer.

MONDAY **Weekday 5th week of Lent**
23rd March Mass 9.00am (*Sr Mart Slaven RIP*) *Holt Family Srs*

TUESDAY **Weekday 5th week of Lent**
24th March Mass 12 noon (*Sr Hilary Fitzgerald RIP*) *Holy Family Srs*

WEDNESDAY **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)**
25th March Mass 12 noon (*Jacqueline Hodgson, RIP*) *Holy Family Srs*
Coedpoeth Mass 6.00pm (*Michael Vincent Anthony Walsh, RIP*) *FM*

THURSDAY **Weekday 5th week of Lent**
26th March Mass 12.30pm (*Lydia La Polla RIP*) *Carla*

FRIDAY **Weekday 5th week of Lent**
27th March Mass 9.00am (*Alessia Humphreys RIP*) *Fin & Wal Vella*
Stations of the Cross 5.00pm
Lenten Penitential Service 6.00pm

SATURDAY **Weekday 5th week of Lent,**
28th March Mass 9.00am (*All Souls*) *Rosary after Mass*
No Confessions.

SUNDAY **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
29th March Coedpoeth Mass 9.00 am
Cathedral Mass 10.20 am in the Hall & 7.00 pm as normal in the Church.

The Pope's Intention:

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that the nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

As we approach Holy Week, our readings focus on the theme of being restored to life. The Scripture is full of hope, inviting us to trust in God's promise of resurrection and eternal life. The

Israelites, living in exile in Babylon, lack hope and direction. But the Lord speaks through the prophet Ezekiel, telling how

he will raise them up. He will put his Spirit within them, giving them new life, and restore them to their homeland. This prophesy is fulfilled in the Gospel. Here, God's love and power over death are made known as Lazarus is raised by Jesus, the One who brings life where there is death. Jesus reveals himself as 'the resurrection and the life', calling us to believe and trust in him. His deep compassion and love are highlighted as he weeps with Mary and Martha. The Psalm encourages us to cry out to the Lord with longing and honesty. In expressing deep sorrow for our sins, we can trust in the Lord's 'mercy and plentiful redemption'. St Paul reminds us that living by Christ's Spirit – the Spirit of truth, love, compassion and justice – gives us hope, and brings true life and peace. In my prayer today, I might reflect deeply on who Jesus really is, and what it is that he brings. What might living by his Spirit look like for me this week?



Next Sunday

Palm Sunday 'Year A' readings are:

- First reading: **Isaiah 50:4-7**

- Second reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:1-11**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

You are encouraged to look at this readings ahead of next Sunday as we prepare for Holy Week.

NOTICES

***Next 2nd collection will be 3rd April (Good Friday) for Holy Places**

*Tea and coffee after 10.30am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Gift Aid Envelopes

New gift aid envelopes are now available at the Cathedral office. On pick up, we are asking all gift aiders to sign an up to date declaration of their wish to gift aid.. We also have some envelope numbers free if anyone would like to become a gift aider.

Stations of the Cross
Cathedral

***Fridays at 6pm during Lent
and Mondays after Mass***

Coedpoeth

Monday 6pm

Tuesday 11am

Wednesday 5.30pm

Friday 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY 11am

Youth group TODAY Sunday
March 22nd from 12:00-3:00.

Come join us after 10:30 mass (11:30). **ALL
PARISHONERS WELCOME!**

**Online Bookings are now open for the *Living
Theology Summer School, taking place 10-13
July 2026.***

**This long-running ecumenical programme offers
an accessible introduction to theology for
anyone interested in exploring faith more deeply. The weekend includes a keynote
lecture on *Hope: A Virtue for Our Troubled Times*, along with a choice of daily
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**You can attend the full weekend or join for individual days. We have both
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and how to book can be found on our [website:https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-
theology-2026/](https://loretocentre.org.uk/living-theology-2026/)**

Setting Us Free: The Agony in the Garden by Giovanni Bellini.

The Garden of Gethsemane is situated at the foot of the Mount of Olives in east Jerusalem and is recorded in all four gospels: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22 and John 18. Jesus is kneeling in prayer to his Father in heaven, with three of his disciples Peter, James and John sleeping nearby. Judas is seen in



the distance just beyond the river, leading a group of Roman soldiers to arrest Jesus while he is isolated and unprotected in the Garden. Jesus clearly expects what is to come, his arrest and imminent death, and needs speak to his Father. As he prays in anguish, a cherub appears with a chalice and paten. The chalice refers to the words of his prayer: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39. For the full spiritual meditation please visit 'The God Who Speaks' resources online.

PLEASE PRAY

* For Bishop Edwin

* For Canon Terance Carr who is unwell at the moment

♦ . . for our sick including Vicky Cameron, elderly and housebound of the Parish, the patients of Wrexham Maclor Hospital, Nightingale House Hospice and the sick clergy of the Diocese.

♦ . . for the repose of the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary is around this time; Sally Mai, Dawid Prasal,, Reverend John Tarbrook, Johanna Aubert, Valerie May Walsh, Claire Cleary. Michael Fitzgerald, Nancy O'Sullivan, Marguerite Thompson, Diane Gray, Terry Platt, Daniel Donda, Cyril Mason, Irene Write, Marie Bithell, Fr Shaji Thomas Punnatto, Thomas Griffiths, Baby Victoria Alexandra Rodrigues.

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loose plate **£502.57**



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LOOKING AHEAD:
Diocesan Masses

29th March	Palm Sunday 10.30 am
1st April	Chrism Mass 7pm
2nd April	Maunday Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
3rd April	Good Friday: The Lord's Passion
4th April	Easter Vigil 8.30pm

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