



The Benefice of Ross  
with Walford  
and  
Brampton  
Abbotts

# Newsletter

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Sunday next before Lent

*We offer a warm welcome to everyone at our services today.*

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When you read this letter, I expect to be away from Hereford on a period of study leave.

Part of my time will be spent in Rome. I'll be looking at some of the churches there, noting how their own approach to prayers at the shrines of the saints compares with our own intercession ministry, back in Hereford. For some of the time, I'll be staying at the Anglican Centre - set up during the 1960s after the historic meeting of Archbishop Ramsey and Pope Paul VI. The Centre provides a focus in Rome for dialogue between our two Communions.

I'll also be staying just down the road at the Venerable English College. This is the historic Roman Catholic Seminary for priests in training from England and Wales. Set up in the second half of the 16th century, during penal times, priests trained there often returned to England to minister amidst great danger and many were martyred for what they believed. Since the mid 1970s, the College has invited two Anglican ordinands to stay at the college for four months of their training. I did this 1981-2 and Neil Patterson did the

same 'exchange' a few years later. It was a hugely influential part of my formation – helping me to see how Roman Catholics were trained for priesthood and ingraining in me a real passion for Ecumenism, which has never left me. Indeed, quite a few of those I met almost 40 years ago, have remained friends.

When I was at the College in 1981, I was present at the great ceremony when the relics of the College's martyred saints were solemnly placed in a great bronze reliquary beneath the newly-consecrated altar. Such an event might have proved an occasion for disunity and blame – but on the contrary it proved to be a great ecumenical event – all united in the sense that the saints of all denominations lead us to God and give us a glimpse of his powerful working in human lives. Meanwhile, we all work in our own parishes and ministries to carry forward that great and loving command of Christ himself:

Ut omnes unum sint – That they may all be one

Michael Tavinor

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## **TODAY'S COLLECT**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to  
change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

**Vera Foster, Terry Carter**

## **WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND**

**WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES: Jennifer  
Hyde, Jean Bullock, Elizabeth Gwatkin,  
Margaret Dines**

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading Exodus 34.29-35**

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would

see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### **Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2**

12 Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

### **Gospel Reading Luke 9.28-36 (37-43a)**

28 Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did

not know what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' 41 Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' 42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

## NOTICES

**Toast & Toddle continues** in the Church Hall from 8.45 to 10.15am on Wednesdays.  
Christine

**"St Marys phase 2 reordering work** commenced on 4th February on an 8 week schedule . Work is proceeding to plan and access to the church will be restricted at times. Seating for Sunday services will continue to be somewhat fluid until the flooring is completed and your patience and support is greatly appreciated."**John Setchfield**

**St Mary's Electoral Roll** There is still time for members on the previous Electoral Roll or for new applicants to be included on the new Roll that will be published in mid-March. Forms are available in Church but these may be difficult to locate whilst the current works are progressing. In case of difficulty, please ring me on 01989 218295. Peter Raddenbury

**Walford Church Electoral Roll.** All applications will have to be completed by the 17th March and the list will close from 23rd March until the APCM on Monday 8th April 7.30pm Walford Church. Sanna Drummond

The next **Intergenerational Missioner newsletter** is now available at the following link to our website <http://bit.ly/IMnewsJan19> Some paper copies are available in St Mary's but I do encourage you to look at our website. Christine

**Flower Rota** I am compiling the Flower Rota for St Mary's and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would either like to provide and arrange their own flowers or who would prefer to make a donation towards the flowers in church. Thank you Freda Davies (Tel 562366)

It was 25 years ago this May that the first women priests were ordained in Hereford. To mark this anniversary, and to celebrate the fact that for 25 years men and women have ministered alongside each other as priests in our diocese, there will be a **celebration Eucharist** in the cathedral at 3.00 pm on Saturday 11th May. The preacher will be John Saxbee, former bishop of Ludlow. This will be followed by tea and cake in the hall at the Bishop's Palace. The cathedral choir isn't available that day and so there are plans to form a choir for the service under the direction of Kay Garlick. There will be more publicity coming out from the diocesan office soon but, in the meantime –

- If you'd like to sing in the choir, please contact Kay at [kaygarlick@hotmail.com](mailto:kaygarlick@hotmail.com)

- Put the date in your diary
- If you have any photographs of men and women ministering together please let me know. Simon

**Lent Lunches** - will be available on Wednesdays beginning on Ash Wednesday 6th March from midday until 1.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall. There will be a choice of delicious homemade soups with bread and tea or coffee. The idea of a Lent Lunch, or as they are sometimes known, a Hunger Lunch, is that the money we would normally spend on lunch is given to those in need. It is part of our observance of Lent and whilst we don't charge for the lunch we do ask that you donate generously.  
Margaret Mason

**Ash Wednesday** – please hand in your old palm crosses to the office by lunchtime on Monday so they can be burnt for the ashes.  
Colin Leggate

**Lent Meditations** do join us in St Mary's church (precise venue dependant on the building progress) for quiet meditation and prayer at 11-15 am each Wednesday in Lent starting on 13th March. Further details from Freda on 562366.

**Do you have a special wedding anniversary** this year? if so please let me know as we hope to plan something to celebrate. Thank you Freda tel. 562366

**Thinking Film** is back. Join us on Thursday 7th March in St Mary's Church Hall at 7.00pm for 'The Soloist', an emotionally soaring drama about the redemptive power of music. All welcome. Simon

## SERVICES TODAY

### 8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

The Rev'd Colin Leggate

### 9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

The Rev'd Colin Leggate and Canon Freda Davies  
*Sunday Kids runs during this service*

**Setting:** Mass of St Cedd - *Nardone*

**Introit:** 2 Christ who's glory fills the skies

**Psalm:** 99

**Grad:** 281 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

**Offertory:** 97 Christ is our light

**Communion:** O nata lux - *Tallis*

**Post Com:** 709 Light of the minds that know him  
Please *join us for coffee after this service.*

### 9.30am Parish Communion - Walford

The Rev'd Canon Chris Blanchard

**Hymn:** 100 Christ is the world's true light

**Hymn:** 8 Alleluia, alleluia

**Hymn:** 381 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**Hymn:** 70 Be thou my vision

### 11.15am Café Church - Brampton Abbotts School

The Rev'd Prebendary Caroline Pascoe

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

### Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing - Ross

The Rev'd Simon Tarlton

7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashing - Ross

The Ministry Team

### Thursday 7th March

10.00am Holy Communion - Ross

### Sunday 10th March

8.00am Holy Communion - Ross

9.30am Sung Eucharist - Ross

9.30am Family Service - Walford

4.00pm Choral Evensong - Ross