

### From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus was teaching in the Temple when the teachers of the Law brought a woman to him who had broken the Law. They said to Jesus, "Master, this woman has broken the Law and should be stoned to death. What have you to say?" Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone." Hearing this they all left beginning with the eldest. The Jesus said to the woman, "Has no-one condemned you?" "No-One sir." she said, "Neither do I, go and sin no more."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"Dear young people, Let us allow God's help to make us new people." Today's words are **New Start**. This Sunday's Gospel

reveals the depths of God's mercy and compassion and the need, for each one of us in our own way, to make a new start. Regardless of our past, each day we are given the opportunity to start again. Jesus waits for us to do this with gentleness and patience. Lent is traditionally a time for a new start. "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has yet to come. We only have today. Let us begin." M.T.

#### Ministers

#### April 7th

##### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am J.McMahon  
10.00am D.Friedrich

##### Liturgy of the Eucharist

C.Hall/S.Dyson  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.Framer/M.Kehoe

#### April 14th

6.00pm C.Hall  
8.30am E.Davies  
10.00am D.Friedrich

S.Dyson/T.Spalding  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
G.Leggat/C.Ward

**New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.**

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**First: £352.40 Second: £512.80 Shop: £153.67 Thank You**  
**Donation: £30.00 Bucket Collection: £497.73 Candles: £96.16 Thank You**  
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## *5th Week of Lent* *April 7th 2019 (Luke's Gospel)*

### Times of Masses & Intentions

|                |               |                                |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Saturday Vigil | 6.00pm        | Paul Hartley                   |
| Sunday         | 8.30am        | Rita O'Leary                   |
|                | 10.00am       | People of the Parish           |
|                |               | <b>Refreshments after Mass</b> |
|                | <b>4.00pm</b> | <b>Lenten Reflection</b>       |
| Monday         | 9.30am        | Word & Holy Communion          |
| Tuesday        | 9.30am        | Walter Bickers                 |
| Wednesday      | 12.00noon     | Nicola Poulter                 |
| Thursday       | 9.30am        | James Joseph Crewdson          |
| Friday         | 9.30am        | Jimmy Kilcoyne                 |
|                | <b>7.00pm</b> | Stations of the Cross          |
| Saturday       | 10.00am       | Mrs A Stoppard                 |
| Saturday Vigil | 6.00pm        | Thomas McGreal                 |
| Sunday         | 8.30am        | People of the Parish           |
|                | 10.00am       | James Burns                    |

**Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request**

**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

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### WHAT AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSE

Last weekend people from this parish went on a CAFOD sponsored activity walk around Uppermill answering all sorts of questions about different aspects of the village. By Saturday evening the money raised had already reached £200.00. The sponsorship is open until Easter Sunday so there may well be still more money to come.



At the weekend Masses there was a Bucket Collection for the people of **Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi**, those most affected by Cyclone Idai. The amount raised was £497.73p—magnificent total for one weekend's collection on top of everything else. The news during this week has

been a doubling in the numbers of people with cholera which has already claimed more lives. The money is sorely needed.



At the request of Bishop Marcus the second collection was for **Catholic Care** our own Diocesan Charity which, as we heard during the reading of the Pastoral Letter, does so much good in so many different ways throughout the diocese. The total was a tremendous £512.80. This means that more than £1200.00 was raised on top of the first collection.

**A Huge Thank You** to everyone who contributed in whatever way. Our parish is certainly taking the "Almsgiving" aspect of Lent very seriously. Let us continue to remember all these people in our prayers.

### Churches Together in Saddleworth—Lent Discussion



This year the book chosen is Live Lent—Let your Light SHINE. The Final meeting will be next Thursday 11th April in the Parish Centre. **7.30-9.00pm**. Refreshments available from 7.15pm

### Plants for Africa.

**Completed** Order forms for the annual PLANT SALE in aid of the Oshandi AIDS Trust in Namibia to be returned to the back of church by This **Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Plants to be collected on **Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>**.



### LENT Service of Reconciliation



This will now take place on **MONDAY 15th of APRIL**—The Monday of Holy Week at 7.00pm. The Scripture readings throughout Lent have invited us to look deeply into our lives, and like the younger son in last Sunday's Gospel (4th Lent) to 'come to our senses' and return to the Father seeking forgiveness. In this Sunday's Gospel (5th Lent) Jesus will invite those without sin to cast the first stone and when they have left say to the woman "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more."

We are invited to come together as individuals, families, including our younger families where the children have experienced God's loving forgiveness in this sacrament, and the parish to listen to God's word, look deeply into our lives, acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness, knowing that God never turns away a repentant sinner, indeed remembering that 'there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine who have no need of repentance'! Finally, having been assured of God's forgiveness we will offer each other a sign of peace and praise God in our thanksgiving.

**(Please note this a change from the date in the Lent Diary in the porch)**

### Singing Practice for Holy Week



The practice to prepare music for the Holy Week ceremonies, especially the Easter Vigil, will take place **NEXT Sunday April 14th** after the 10.00am Mass. We hope to bring together a group to lead the singing at these important ceremonies. All welcome.

### Palm Sunday procession with the Bishop of Manchester



Invitation from St Chad's to join our little procession / hymn and a prayer with the Bishop of Manchester beginning in the square about 10.15 in April 14th. All welcome including a live Donkey!



**Think** God's thoughts; **Act** on God's promises; **Use** God's wisdom on **How** we are to live, and **How** we are to give.