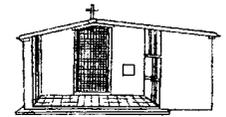


## Gospel commentary for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent.

Jesus said that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life: “God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved”.

God’s purpose is to save, not to destroy the world. The Gospel says “*God sent his Son*”. The Son is God, the Father is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. So the phrase “God sent” is the collective commitment to humanity that God – Father, Son and Spirit – made: to enter human existence as God in human form. So Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary, is the visible expression of God who saves the world.

Lent is often thought of as a mournful season – but it can be a season of joy too. Today’s readings make clear why this is so. It is about reflecting more and more deeply on God’s infinite love, directed at our salvation, at our living the life of God to its fullest. It is a season of penance. This too can be something positive. Our Lenten penances can draw us more fully into the great mystery of God’s love. We can be positively bursting with joy at the thought that God, Father, Son and Spirit, loves us so much that God is prepared to go to such great lengths to give us life.



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## *Parish Bulletin for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2018*



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

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At Wellington unless noted				
<b>Mass this week:</b>				
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			<b>11.15am</b>	For the parish
	Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	
	Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	
	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	
			9.45am	Rosary
	Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
	Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	
			12noon	Stations of Cross
			5.00pm	Stations of Cross <i>Wiveliscombe</i>
St Patrick	Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Wiveliscombe</i> For the parish
			<b>11.15am</b>	
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
<b>Readers / Communion ministers:</b>				
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> 9am: Adrian Kellett, Greg Hunt/Mary Yvon, Yvonne Hunt				
11.15am: Pat Ruffell-Hazell, Monica Spalding/Cynthia Rafter, John Nutt				
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> 9am: Mary Hutchings, Jane Dyer/Geoff Rowsell, Anita Abrams				
11.15am: Liz Stafford, Julia Tucker/Jimmy Jose, Alma Hamilton				
<b>Hymns for 11.15am Mass</b>				
Ent:703 ; Kyrie said; Gloria;; Gifts: 40; Holy Holy:47; Mem acc:47;				
Amen47 ; Agnus Dei:452; Comm:263, Recess: 398				
<b>Psalm response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!</b>				
<b>Tea/Coffee after 11.15am. Mass:</b> Sun.11 <sup>th</sup> : help needed Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> : help needed				
<b>Collection: Cash:</b> £160.84 + direct debits c.£350				

*Please pray for SICK: Mary Wallace, Kathleen O'Connor  
Joy Bellekom, Mary Hutchings & sick in our hospitals & nursing homes  
around the parish.*

*ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: William Moore, John Looney,  
Kathleen Archbank, Barry Denman, William Mardon.*

## General

**Chrism Mass**, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. There is a coach going from Taunton to the Chrism Mass. If you would like a seat please sign the notice in the porch.

## Today

**In this year of Mission** the diocese has put in place Lenten Station Masses in order for us to pray for the Bishop and the diocese. Our parish day of Lenten Stations Mass is on 12<sup>th</sup> March, but we have chosen to do it today and tomorrow, requiring us to focus on the icon of St Mark who is our Gospel writer for this year of Mission

## This Week

**Parish Lent Group** meets in the Parish Room every Tuesday in Lent at 10 – 11.30am for prayer, scripture and discussion. Booklets for the course –“Living Jesus” – @ £2. Hope to see you there!

**P.P.C.meeting:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

**Choir rehearsals at Clifton Cathedral** for The Chrism Mass. See poster in porch for details, also see [www.cliftonms.com](http://www.cliftonms.com)

**Across Pilgrimage** to Lourdes Easter 2018. See poster in porch for details,

## Coming Events

**2018 parish AGM** is planned for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please book this date.

**Pilgrimage to Knock:** this is a fully escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland., from 1<sup>st</sup> July. See poster in porch for full details and contact numbers.

**Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage**, 24 – 31 August. See poster in porch for details.

## YEAR OF MISSION

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

This theme of Covenant continues but it's an infidelity that we read of today...a broken Covenant and a broken relationship. Whilst everything seems to be tumbling down and in ruins, the prophet speaks of one simple thing: God's fidelity. That's his over-riding message. Even though God's people may be unfaithful and rebellious, God is always faithful. Even though God's people abandon him, God never abandons his people. What Jeremiah looks forward to is a future...and it is filled with hope. In our *Year of Mission* as we seek to be faithful disciples of the Lord, are we those prophets and proclaimers of hope? Do we allow what might seem chaotic, broken and crumbling around us to cause us to despair or do we allow our environment to see the hand of God at work leading us to a future that is touched by hope? God doesn't give up on his people and we can be those instruments of his presence through the signs of