

Readings for March

Sunday 5th March – 2nd of Lent – Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17 and John 3: 1-17

Prayers for the Day - Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 6th Psalm 26, Jeremiah 7.21-end, John 6.41-51

God of all grace, you alone are our hope, without you and your gracious, understanding love we would feel lost, isolated and without hope in this dark, dark world.

Tuesday 7th Psalm 50, Jeremiah 8.1-15, John 6.52-59

God of all mercy, you alone are our hope. Day by day our words, deeds and thoughts add to the emptiness of your world. Each day our self-centredness and self – interest build the barrier between us ever higher.

Wednesday 8th Psalm 35, Jeremiah 8.18-9.11, John 6.60-end

Father, we praise you that it is your gracious love that restores our hope and that through Christ you make it possible for us to begin again.

Thursday 9th Psalm 34, Jeremiah 9.12-24, John 7.1-13

God of love, we fall before you in praise and adoration. It is your unconditional that tears down the barricade that our selfishness has fashioned.

Friday 10th Psalm 40, Jeremiah 10.1-16, John 7.14-24

Father, it is your grace that transforms our lives. It is your power that renews our worship and it is your love that gives us hope.

Saturday 11th Psalm 3, Jeremiah 10.17-24, John 7.25-36

God of hope, we thank you that, in Jesus, we hear your word of grace. In him you have promised to hold our hand and to show us the way. It is through the Holy Spirit that your hope is planted in our hearts and lives forever.

Sunday 12th March – 3rd of Lent – Romans 5: 1-11 and John 4: 5-42

Prayers for the Day - Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 13th Psalm 7, Jeremiah 11.1-17, John 7.37-52

Lord, thank you for the woman that Jesus met at the well; for the chat that they had and for all the things she learned.

Tuesday 14th Psalm 6, Jeremiah 11.18-12.6, John 7.53-8.11

Lord, we thank you for the way that Jesus both welcomed and challenged her and pointed to your presence and power at the heart of all things.

Wednesday 15th Psalm 38, Jeremiah 13.1-11, John 8.12-30

Lord, we thank you for the promises Jesus made of the new life she could have; the choice she was given to make a fresh start.

Thursday 16th Psalm 56, Jeremiah 14, John 8.31-47

Lord, we thank you that Jesus made it clear he was sad about the way he was spoiling her life, about the mess she was making and the way she must change; that she needed to remember what was right and what was wrong.

Friday 17th Psalm 22, Jeremiah 15.10-end, John 8.48-end

Lord, we thank you that your love for us in Jesus is never watery or weak but it comes from his cross and is always full of strength. He loves us and calls us by name, always making it clear that now is the time to change.

Saturday 18th *Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Psalm 111, 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Romans 5.12-21

Lord, we thank you that by your Holy Spirit, you make our lives new, that we may make a fresh start

Sunday 19th March – Mothering Sunday – Exodus 2: 1-10 and Luke 2: 33-35

Prayers for the Day - God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 20th Joseph of Nazareth Psalm 25, Isaiah 11.1-10, Matthew 13.54-58

Creator God, you made the universe; whole and wholesome, each part interlocking in unity.

Tuesday 21st Psalm 54, Jeremiah 18.1-12, John 10.1-10

Creator God, we thank you that you bless human endeavour, gift human activity, and receive as a token of love the work of human hands.

Wednesday 22nd Psalm 63, Jeremiah 18.13-end, John 10.11-21

Worker Christ, you fashioned wood in carpenter craft, learned a trade from Joseph, and engaged in the economics of the village.

Thursday 23rd Psalm 53, Jeremiah 19.1-13, John 10.22-end

Creator God, we thank you that you bless our daily work, honour honest toil, and use in love the work of human hand and heart.

Friday 24th Psalm 102, Jeremiah 19.14-20.6, John 11.1-16

Ever - active Spirit, you were the action of God in creation; bringing order out of chaos, brooding over the face of the universe, sparking light in the darkness.

Saturday 25th Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalm 111, 1 Samuel 2.1-10, Romans 5.12-21

Ever-active Spirit, we thank you that you bless the searching mind, lift our imagination, point us to the higher and the better, and use the love-offering of our creative gifts for the good of all.

Sunday 26th March – 5th of Lent – Romans 8: 6-11 and John 11: 1-45

Prayers for the Day - Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 27th Psalm 73, Jeremiah 21.1-10, John 11.28-44

Lord, we cannot tell, how much the sound of silence, creation's beauty, gloriously aflame, moves us to prayer.

Tuesday 28th Psalm 35, Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19, John 11.45-end

Lord, we cannot tell, how much the sight of starlit heavens calls us to praise creation's maker, and our own.

Wednesday 29th Psalm 55, Jeremiah 22.20-23.8, John 12.1-11

Lord, we cannot tell, how much the son of Mary, the Son of God upon a tree, moves us to prayer.

Thursday 30th Psalm 40, Jeremiah 23.9-32, John 12.12-19

Lord, we cannot tell, how much the man of sorrows calls us to praise the One who gives our life a meaning and a goal.

Friday 31st Psalm 22, Jeremiah 24, John 12.20-36a

Lord, we cannot tell, how much the Spirit's comfort, how much the wind of freedom, how much the cry of human pain moves us to prayer.

Saturday 1st April Psalm 23, Jeremiah 25.1-14, John 12.36b-end

Lord, we cannot tell, for words cannot contain the love beyond all loves, the truth that in the end there is only one GOD.