

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER, DEVIZES

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

- 7 March +**Lent 3**
8.00am Low Mass (BCP)
9.15am Morning Prayer
10.00am Sung Mass, Sunday School & Sermon
12 noon Holy Baptism: Riley James Gilroy
5.00pm Devotions & Benediction
- 8 March Monday
**St. John of God, Rel; St. Felix, B
Com. Edward King, B**
- 9 March Tuesday
St. Frances of Rome, Rel
- 10 March Wednesday
Feria
- 11 March Thursday
Feria
9.00am Stations of the Cross: Class 2 – St. Peter's School
12noon-1.30pm Lent Lunch at Sheep Street Baptist Church
7.00pm Low Mass
- 12 March Friday
Feria
7.30pm Meeting in church for those on the Electoral Roll to discuss
ways forward for St. Peter's
- 13 March Saturday
Feria
6.00pm Evening Prayer & Preparation for Communion
- 14 March +**Lent 4 (Laetare Sunday; Mothering Sunday)**
8.00am Low Mass (BCP)
9.15am Morning Prayer
10.00am Sung Mass, Sunday School & Sermon
6.00pm Stations of the Cross

Readings Exod. 2:1-10; Col. 3:2-17; Jn. 19:25-27

Morning Prayer will be said daily at 8.00am & Evening Prayer at 6.00pm most days this week. Confessions after Evening Prayer on Saturday, or by appointment.

To make arrangements for Baptisms or Marriages, please contact the Parish Priest on (01380) 724785.



Father Peter's Notices This Week

Dates for your Diary.

The **Meeting for all those on St. Peter's Electoral Roll** scheduled for Friday 5 March to discuss **the way forward for the parish** will now take place on **Friday 12 March**. Please make **every effort** to attend.

Lenten Literature

Devotional literature for Lent is available on the table at the back of the church for you to purchase and use.

Stations of the Cross

We shall 'walk' the Stations of the Cross on each Sunday during Lent – except for Sunday 7 March – at 6.00pm. A different series of meditations will be used on each occasion.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

Notice of the revision of the church Electoral Roll has been placed on the notice board in the porch.

Anyone who would like his or her name to be added to the Roll, or has a change to report (eg a change of address), please see Margaret Parkinson **before** the revision dates.

Saints & Commemorations this week include:

St. John of God, who was born in Portugal in the early 16th century, turned his back on his Christian upbringing to live loosely & irresponsibly as a soldier. At the age of 40 in 1539 during a terrible emotional crisis, John rediscovered his faith. He devoted the next ten years to caring for the destitute and social outcasts as a soldier. He died in 1550 of a fever brought on when he leapt into a freezing river to save a drowning child.

St. Felix was a 7th century missionary bishop, who converted the East Angles to Christianity and established the Church in their kingdom.

Edward King, the saintly and Catholic-minded Bishop of Lincoln for the twenty-five years from 1885 to 1910, was a wonderful pastor to the people of his diocese – and a great example to his clergy.

St. Frances of Rome. Though from the age of 11 Frances had longed to enter a convent, she married two years later in deference to the wishes of her parents. 15th century Italy was ravaged by civil war and plague, and Frances' married life was full of trials. Nothing disturbed her faith, or undermined her determination to serve those in need. In 1425 she set up a society of women, affiliated to the Benedictines, to help those less fortunate than themselves. They lived in the bustle of the secular world, selling their jewellery and finery to finance their work with the poor. After her husband's death in 1436, Frances moved into the community she had founded, spending the last four years of her life as their superior.