

**The Orthodox Christian Parishes of:
All Saints of Lincolnshire, Lincoln,
St. Anne and All Saints of Worcestershire, Worcester.**

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Come and See!

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From Fr. Philip:

To Keep a True Lent.

By Robert Herrick.

Is this a fast, to keep
The larder lean?
And clean?
From fat of veals and sheep?

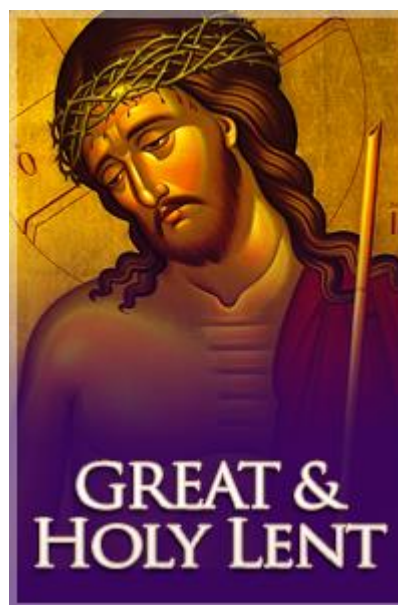
Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragg'd to go,
Or show
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf pf wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate;
To circumcise thy life

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent.



The fast has arrived! Quick on its tail will come Pascha and the unbounded rejoicing that accompanies that glorious time of the year.

Now, though, we can enter a time of quietness and inner reflection.

The services of the Church become markedly longer. It is probable that you won't be able to come to any of them so make other arrangements.

Perhaps read a Psalm a day. Or read a chapter of the Gospels each day (start with St. Mark's Gospel).

Church Spring Clean: Saturday 28th

**Cleaning
Crew
Needed**



We **NEED** people who can commit some time each month to cleaning the Church. Now we have a very few who come most Fridays. The Parish Council has decided that we will also need to have cleaning days through the year (like the garden days) when the church is given a thorough clean. **Can YOU help?** If you can please see Fr. Philip or Eleni.

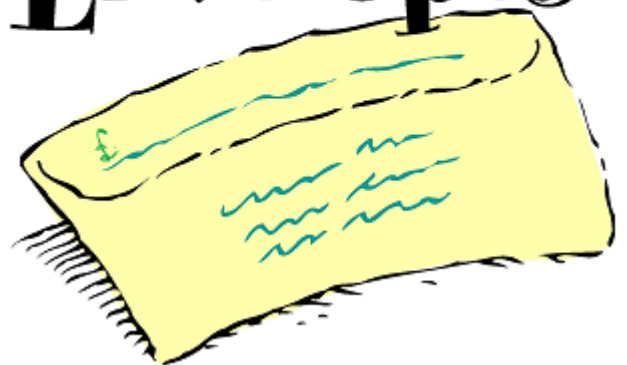


There are plans to hold a **music evening on 21st May** and there will be other events in the future, but to make them work, we need people to volunteer their time to make the events happen. We all know that being asked to open your purse all the time is difficult, so by giving your time to help make these fundraising events happen, and by inviting your friends and families, you are helping to fundraise at the same time. Now that's a "win-win" for us all surely?

Pledge Sunday is on 15th March!

This is the day to pick up your Church Giving Envelopes.

**Offering
Envelopes**



Car Park:

A reminder that car park charges may come in this month. Look out for the notices! There is **PLENTY** of parking along the road and on **Sundays** the parking is free for members of the congregation.

Pledge Sunday! 15th March

We encourage you to make your giving using the Government's Gift aid scheme. This means that if you are a taxpayer for every pound you give us, we can claim another 25% from the Taxman. Some of you may have questions and hopefully this short guide answers them, but if you still have any question please speak to Katherine or Stephen at Church.



This is a re-print from last time:

Q What is gift aid?

A If you are a taxpayer, every time you make a donation through a registered scheme, the taxman tops it up by another 25%. So for every pound you give, we receive £1.25

Q How do I gift aid?

A Every year you need to make a declaration that you are a taxpayer and wish to participate. You can do this by filling in a pledge sheet available from Katherine or Stephen at Church. We will hold a specific pledge giving session on the 15/03/2020. Once we hold the pledge sheet, we will issue you with some envelopes to make your gift in. After this NO ONE, not even the clergy will know what you give, only Katherine.

Q I am not a taxpayer, what do I do?

A You can simply give your donation on the offering plate, or you can set up

a standing order. We even have some special envelopes for you if you would prefer.

Q I am a visitor and would like to donate. What do I do?

A If you are not a taxpayer you can just put your donation onto the offering plate. If you are a taxpayer and would like to gift aid your donation, there are special white envelopes immediately in front of the Temple doors. Please fill the envelope in as if it is incomplete, we will not be able to claim the gift aid.

Q I think I give via Gift aid, but I am not sure. How do I check?

A Ask Katherine at krastall@dialstart.net

Q My accountant has asked for confirmation of how much I gave last year. How do I find out?

A Ask Katherine on krastall@dialstart.net

Q Why would I set up a standing order?

A Whether you give by gift aid or not, we would still encourage you to consider setting up a standing order. This means that each week or month you choose, your bank sends us the donation that you have decided you could give regularly. It has the advantage that you don't have to look for money before you come to Church and we can budget how much we are likely to receive.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to speak to Katherine or Stephen at Church.

Calendar for March 2020.

1st March: Forgiveness Sunday. (Cheesefare Sunday).

GREAT LENT BEGINS THIS EVENING with 6pm The Great Canon of St. Andrew.

7th: Saturday. 6pm Great Vespers, confessions.

8th: Sunday: The Sunday of Orthodoxy.

14th: Saturday. 6pm Great Vespers, confession.

15th: Sunday: Sunday of St Gregory Palamas. Pledge Sunday.

21st: Saturday: 6pm Great Vespers, confessions.

22nd: Sunday of the Holy Cross.

28th: Saturday: 10 – 2pm **SPRING CLEAN.**

28th: Saturday: 6pm Great Vespers, confessions.

29th: Sunday of St. John Climacus.

29th: Saturday: NO Great Vespers, confessions.

Worcester 22nd: (Fr. Philip)

Spring Clean Saturday: Saturday 28th from 10am – 2pm.

Syria and the Missing Bishops:



+ His Eminence Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo, and Archbishop John kidnapped and still missing in Syria.

Keep praying for them and for all the missing people, for their captors and for their homes and families. It is now six years and eleven months since Metropolitan PAUL and Archbishop JOHN were kidnapped.

PRAY, LOVE, FORGIVE.



Metropolitan SILOUAN

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Safeguarding Officers for Lincoln: Emma Bonner and Svetlana Simpson
(Assistant)

Safeguarding Officers for Worcester: Melangell Roe Smith.

SAFEGUARDING:

EVERYONE who regularly comes into unsupervised contact with children and vulnerable adults MUST be cleared by our Safeguarding team in the Archdiocese. Each of them MUST also do training in SAFEGUARDING and more will be said about this to individuals privately. SO, if you are in the choir, serving teams, working with children (e.g. FOLLOWERS), or in the Parish Council, then you should expect to be cleared for working with children and vulnerable adults.

EVERYONE ELSE must treat SAFEGUARDING as a high priority in the Church: it is EVERYONE'S DUTY to ensure that everyone who comes to our Church Community is safe, secure and will come to no harm.

Standing Order Form.

To the Manager

Bank Address:

I/we hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our

Account Name*	
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Account Details

Sort Code	Account Number	Amount	Frequency
			Monthly

Beginning date	End date:
/ /	/ /

And credit

All Saints of Lincolnshire, 33-35 High Street, Grantham, NG31 6PH, Lincolnshire.

Sort Code: 20 34 60	Account: 70353175
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Quoting reference: All Saints of Lincolnshire.

Signed:	Date:
Name in Block Capitals:	

* Please ensure that the actual name on/of the account is included in this box so that we can accurately match your payment to our records.

Please print this page off and send it to your Bank Manager.

Gift Aid:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel/ mobile: _____ Email: _____

2. If you are a UK taxpayer, please tick the box below to join the Gift Aid scheme. Doing so will mean that we can claim up to 25p extra for every £1 you give, at **no** additional cost to you!

Yes, I am a UK taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make to All Saints of Lincolnshire as Gift Aid donations until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations to charities and Community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. All Saints of Lincolnshire will claim 25p on every £1 donated. Please let us know if you want to cancel the declaration, change your name and/ or address or no longer pay enough tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Signed:

Date:

Please print off this page and send it to: The Administrator, St. Matthias Church Centre, Burton Road, Lincoln. LN1 3TX

Gift Aid Information When the All Saints of Lincolnshire receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, we are entitled to claim an amount of tax (calculated at the basic rate of income tax in that year) paid on that donation. Once you have given your permission for us to do this on your behalf (by filling in this Gift Aid form), there is no need for you to do anything else. All that is required is that you must be a taxpayer and that you would have paid or will pay enough Income and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover all the Gift Aid claimed on all your donations to all charities and Community amateur sports clubs in that tax year. Please note that it is your responsibility to pay any difference. The amount of tax we claim will be 25% of the total value of your donations in that tax year. Furthermore, if you are a higher taxpayer, you are also entitled to claim the difference between the basic rate which we will claim and the amount of tax you have actually paid. For further details on how you can do this, please contact your tax office. If your tax situation changes and your gifts will no longer be eligible for the Gift Aid scheme, please contact us and we will amend your record accordingly.

Children's Space:

Troparion — Tone 1

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Kontakion for Forgiveness Sunday — Tone 6

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

Read: Matthew 6:14-21

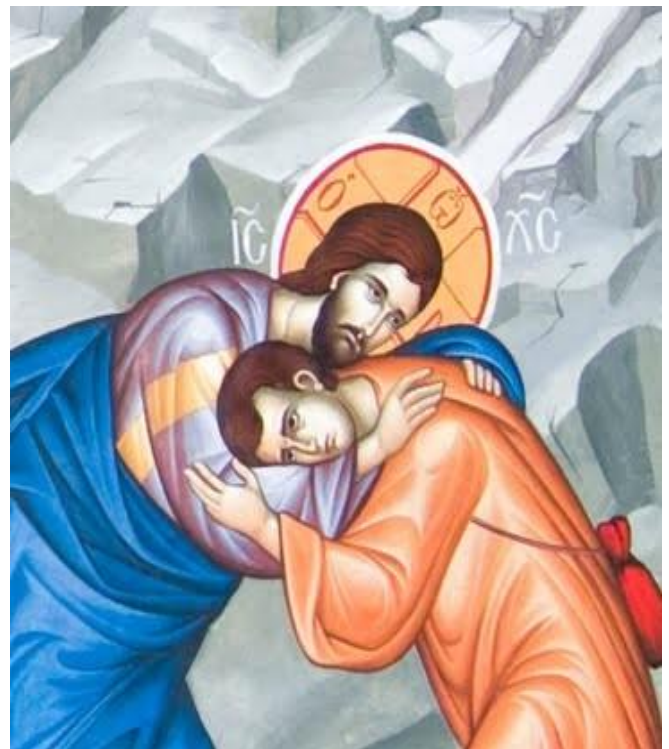
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What do we say about trespasses when we

pray the

Our Father?

2. What does it mean to forgive someone? What do you have to do in order to do that? How do you have to change?
3. How is forgiving others doing God's will "on earth as it is in heaven"?
4. What does this Gospel say will happen if we forgive others?
5. How is this God doing his will "on earth as it is in heaven"?
6. Do you think doing God's will is difficult or easy? Why?



Icon Colouring for March:

Forgiveness



Find the Hidden Message

Directions: using the gameboard below cross out every third letter to reveal a hidden message. Then fill in the letters in the answer box at the bottom of the page.

Start	F	O	L	R	G	S
S	B	a	e	z	v	I
Y	F	O	U	H	W	O
P	B	D	K	L	U	Q
e	F	J	O	R	Y	G
Stop	n	o	e	v	h	i

Answer: _____



Saints for March

Saint Darcia Mother of Saints and Evangelist

Reposed: 5th century

Remembered: March 22



She was sister to St. Patrick and had 19 children, many of whom became bishops and saints themselves. She and her children helped St. Patrick evangelize Ireland.

Much obscurity attaches to her

history, and it is not easy to disentangle the actual facts of her history from the network of legend which medieval writers interwove with her acts. However, her fame, apart from her relationship to Ireland's national apostle, stands secure as not only a great saint but as the mother of many saints. When St. Patrick visited Bredach, as we read in the "Tripartite Life," he ordained Aengus mac Ailill, the local chieftain of Movilla, now a seaside resort for the citizens of Derry. Whilst there he found "the three deacons," his sister's sons, namely, St. Reat, St. Nenn, and St. Aedh, who are commemorated respectively on 3 March, 25 April, and 31 August. St. Darerca was twice married, her second husband, Chonas, founded the church of Both-chonais, now Binnion, Parish of Clonmany, in the barony of Inishowen, County Donegal. She had families by both husbands, some say seventeen sons, all of whom, according to Colgan, became bishops. From the "Tripartite Life of St. Patrick" it is evident that there were four sons of Darerca by Chonas, namely four bishops, St. Mel of Ardagh, St. Rioc of Inisboffin, St. Muinis of Forgney, County Longford, and St. Maelchu. It is well to note that another St. Muinis, son of Gollit, is described as of Tedel in Ara-cliaith.

St. Darerca had two daughters, St. Eiche of Kilglass and St. Lalloch of Senlis. Her first husband was Restitutus the Lombard, after whose death she married Chonas the Briton. By Restitutus she was mother of St. Sechnall of Dunshaughlin; St. Nectan of Killunche, and of Fennor (near Slane); of St. Auxilius of Killosey (near Naas, County Kildare); of St. Diarmaid of Druimcorcortri (near Navan); of Dabonna, Mogornon, Drioc, Luguat, and Coemed Maccu Baird (the Lombard) of Cloonshaneville, near Frenchpark, County

Roscommon. Four other sons are assigned her by old Irish writers, namely St. Crummin of Lecua, St. Miduu, St. Carantoc, and St. Maceaith. She is identical with Liamania, according to Colgan, but must not be confounded with St. Monennia, or Darerca, whose feast is on 6 July. St. Darerca is honoured on 22 March, and is patroness of Valencia Island, the westernmost point of Co Kerry. <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04635b.htm>



St Herbert of Derwentwater

Ascetic

Reposed: 687

Remembered: March 20

Saint Herbert was the priestly disciple and good friend of Saint Cuthbert (f.d. 20 March). He lived alone on the island on Lake Derwentwater, later called Saint Herbert's. Each year Herbert would visit Saint Cuthbert at Lindisfarne. In 686, the year before Saint Cuthbert died, he travelled to Carlisle, and Herbert visited him there instead.

Saint Cuthbert told Herbert on this visit that if he had anything to ask he must do so at this time because he foresaw that he would die and the Herbert would not see him again in this world. Herbert wept and begged him not to abandon him, but to pray that since they had served God together in the world, they be taken at the same time.

Saint Cuthbert prayed for a moment and then predicted that this would be so. Soon afterward Herbert fell ill and his illness lasted until March 20 of the following year, when both saints died.

Ruins of a circular stone building on St. Herbert's Isle there may be connected with him.

