

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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29 February / 1 March 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Book: Year A, Volume 1, Page 151

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Psalm Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer for March: Act of charity. O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

John O'Neill, Maria Carmen Martin, Thomas Andrew (TJ), Geoffrey Tompkins, Anne Littlefield, Damien Haughan, Betty Groves, Carole Higton, Marion Greeham, Elizabeth Evelyn, Teresa Richardson, Mary Ling, Margaret Bush, Boris Mayfield, Stephen Condon, Nicola O'Neill, Mary Harrington, Dave Hill, Amrutha Anthony, John DeBattista, Dr. Peter McErlean, Michael Lowe, Sabine Khan, Mary Daly, Conor Mills & Ian Cuthbert.

For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved, those in nursing homes, hospital and the Rowans Hospice.

Advice from the Bishops' Conference on the Coronavirus (11.02.2020)

When sneezing: **Catch it** (sneeze into a tissue). **Bin it** (bin the tissue). **Kill it** (wash your hands with soap and water). Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from taking Holy Communion from the Chalice and receive the Host on the hand only. There are Public Information and 'How to handwash' posters displayed around the church. Ministers of the Eucharist must sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion. Please go to the sacristy before coming to the altar to distribute holy communion and wash hands with soap & water and sanitise with gel. Please repeat the process after distribution. There is no need as things stand for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the Sign of Peace to be suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely.

The Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden



The garden of Gethsemane exposes Jesus in all his human frailty. What a contrast to the divine Jesus who, almost lazily, got up from the cushion in the boat where he was sleeping, to raise a hand to quell the stormy waters of the sea. That Jesus rebuked the disciples: "Why did you fear, have you no faith?"

But now Jesus himself is terrified. "And a sudden fear came over him, and a great distress." He is unable to calm the turmoil inside him. How does he respond? As so often in the Gospels, he goes off by himself and prays to his father. Three times he comes back to ask his closest friends to support him but it is too much for them. There, in the dark and stillness of the night, he turns to God the Father, with the sure faith of a child.

Jesus, both human and divine, knew exactly what was going to unfold, not only in the next 24 hours but in the next 24 centuries. He knew that he would face betrayal, humiliation and excruciating pain. He knew that he had a choice as to whether or not he accepted and endured it. He knew the cup would be bitter and prayed for it to be taken from him, but with the next breath accepted God the Father's will. "But let it be as you, not I, would have it." And he knew that for millions of us there would be moments or periods in our lives when his great sacrifice would count for nothing; when we would choose self-interest rather than disinterested service. His love for us came from his huge heart; his love for us was what drove him through that long lonely Thursday night when even his specially chosen closest friends chose to succumb to the comfort of sleep rather than pushing through their tiredness. No wonder Jesus said "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death."
Vicky Muwanga

Lent 2020

Please take a copy of our **Lent Programme**.

Fr. Jeremy will be celebrating an extra **Mass at 7.30am** Monday to Friday (please check newsletter on a weekly basis) at which there are no intercessions. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, occasion, private intention or thanksgiving during this time please contact Lisa at the Presbytery to arrange. Mass Offering envelopes can be found in the narthex.

A **Decade of the Rosary** will be introduced during the Sundays of Lent. The 'Sorrowful Mysteries' will be recited at 10.20am, just before the Sunday morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Sunday afternoons at 5pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are no floral arrangements as it is a penitential season. However, there is a basket available if you would like to give towards **flowers for Easter**.

There are **no Baptisms** as it is a season of preparation for Baptism.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day (Friday 6 March). Can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to those in need? Fast Day envelopes will be available from church on the weekend of 31 February/1 March.

Pastoral Area Mass & Reconciliation:

Wednesday 1 April – St. Patrick's, Hayling Island @ 6.30pm
Thursday 2 April – St. Edmund's, Horndean @ 6.30pm



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and building fund**

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 29 Feb	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Sister Margaret's Intention
SUNDAY 1 Mar	10.30am 5pm 6.30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Stations of the Cross</i> FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Jude Debattista RIP
Monday 2 Mar	7.30am	Feria [1st Week of Lent]	Jeanette Carolan RIP
Tuesday 3 Mar	7.30am 9am	Feria [1st Week of Lent] Feria [1st Week of Lent]	Ernest Sands RIP Deceased Clergy Paul Crombie RIP
Wednesday 4 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Feria [1st Week of Lent] <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [1st Week of Lent]	Deceased Clergy Mary Wilkinson RIP
Thursday 5 Mar	7.30am 9.30am 10am	Feria [1st Week of Lent] <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [1st Week of Lent]	Cyril Brown RIP Anne Judson RIP
Friday 6 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Feria [1st Week of Lent] <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [1st Week of Lent]	Deceased Clergy Ron & Peggy Hadder
Saturday 7 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Helma Kennedy RIP

Notices & Information...

RON LITTLEFIELD RIP. Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Ron who died last week. Please remember all Ron's friends and family at this very sad time. Details of his funeral will be announced when confirmed.

WELCOME TO ANY NEW PARISHIONERS! It would be helpful if you could provide us with some basic contact information. Please complete one of the 'New Parishioner Preliminary Information' cards (on the table in the narthex) and hand it to Fr. Jeremy.

WE WELCOME FR. JOHN HUMPHREYS who will be celebrating the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CHURCH KEY HOLDERS: All key holders of the church/parish centre are asked to bring in their keys for updating before **Monday 2 March** please. If you haven't used your keys in 6 months or so please return them to Nina. The fobs are very expensive and can be reassigned to someone who needs them. **Any fobs not brought in will be disarmed on Tuesday 3 March.** Nina will be available in the parish centre Monday-Thursday from 9am-12noon. If these times are inconvenient for you please contact Nina to arrange an alternative on 023 9226 9348 parishcentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **THERE ARE STILL 17 PEOPLE WHO NEED TO CONTACT NINA BY 12NOON ON MONDAY.**

VOCATIONS. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? Contact Fr. John Cooke, vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. For this year, CAFOD's Lenten Appeal is focusing on providing funding support for health care in the developing world. I often remind pupils in worship and assembly that by living in 21st Century Britain they are amongst the luckiest humans currently on the planet, and to have ever lived. It is all too easy to criticise the many public services we take for granted without wondering what life would be like were they not to be there. A lack of accessible and effective health care is, sadly, a daily reality for many in the developing world, so during Lent pupils will be encouraged to raise money for CAFOD to help immunise children, train healthcare workers or provide medical support to remote communities. St Peter's is working hard to show children that there is need in many places for many people, both far and near, and that any offer of help, no matter how small it may seem, can make a difference to a person's life that they will never meet. **Richard Cunningham, Headteacher.**

THE REFUGEE PROJECT. We seek sponsors for the cost of a removal van for large items to be moved to the house - a helpful firm will do it at a reduced rate. Anything you can manage (contribute) would be welcome. A series of Masses will be offered for all donors of items to thank them for their wonderful generosity. Please see the latest update in the narthex. If you are able to help please contact Clare clare.burke24@hotmail.com or Philip philiphayllar@hotmail.com

THE TUESDAY CLUB is open to everyone on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre. You can expect a warm welcome plus fun, friendship, card games, scrabble etc. along with a cuppa & cake. For more information please contact Trish on 07947 611699.

THE BIBLE COURSE. Over eight sessions, the Bible Course takes you through the whole bible starting at the very beginning. Join Fr Jeremy at the Sacred Heart parish centre, Waterlooville, Monday evenings from 7-9 pm. A one-off charge of £10 is made to cover materials. Ends before Easter - the perfect Lent Course!

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. AGM on Wednesday 4 March. Begins in the church with Stations of the Cross @ 2pm followed by meeting.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER to be held on Friday 6 March @ 2pm at Christ Church, Portsdown. All welcome.

OUR PARISH'S '50P' SALE. Saturday 7 March in the parish centre from 2-4pm. Nina and her team of volunteers have been running this initiative now for the last few years and it has benefited a number of people in our community. Donations made from the sale go towards food, wash kits and nappies for people in desperate need. Please call Nina on 023 9226 9348 if you are able to help.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS. The Bible isn't always an easy read! Come along to St. Michael and all Angel's, Leigh Park, on Wednesday evenings until 1 April, 7.30-9pm to hear about 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'. This programme can help us understand the Old and New Testaments, and hear what God is saying to us today.

ALPHA FOLLOW-UP. For those who recently completed the Alpha Course there will be four meetings focused on prayer in the Christian life. They will take place at Sacred Heart on the last Mondays of the month from 7-8.30pm: **March 30, April 27.** Contact Steve Leigh for further details: stephenleigh10@gmail.com

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2020. 24 February-8 March. One of the ways we can live out our gospel values is to support living incomes for some of the world's poorest farmers in our buying choices. Havant Fairtrade group would really appreciate your support with the two events we have organised:

1. Social evening on the 29 February with Havant URC – supper- storytelling- singing tickets £5 from the Church or Sue James 02392 250267
2. Mayor's coffee morning 6 March 10.30am-12noon at the civic centre. <http://www.campaign.exchange/campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>
3. Also, on March 3 from 8.30-11am there will be a Fairtrade Breakfast and Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Church Hall, Hayling Island.

SACRED HEART WEBSITE. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please contact the parish secretary on shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING.

Offertory: Basket: £602.12, S/O: £966.42, D/D: £34.60, Gift Aid: £179.54, Payments by credit/debit card: £30.45. Total: £1,813.13.

Donations to our Building Fund: £5,053.50 of which we are able to claim back £125.00 in gift aid.