

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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7/8 March 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Book: Year A, Volume 1, Page 155

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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

Lent 2020

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

Fr. Jeremy will be celebrating an extra **Mass at 7.30am** Monday to Friday. A **Decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries 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 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.

Pastoral Area Mass & Reconciliation:

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

The Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar



Scourging was a horrific punishment, intended to humiliate and dehumanise. The victim would be stripped naked or semi-naked, be bound to a post and flogged in public. The instrument was likely to be multiple lengths of rope or hide with small pieces of bone at the end, designed to lacerate not bruise and, once the skin was broken, to further lacerate the bleeding flesh; state sponsored humiliation so severe it was not permitted by Roman law to be used on Roman citizens. It was reserved for foreigners, convicts and slaves.

By having Jesus scourged, Pilate was distinguishing his own state from that of Jesus, from fear of what Jesus represented as much as from fear of the baying crowd.

We too choose to distinguish ourselves from the 'others'. We cluster in groups, differentiating ourselves by arbitrary characteristics such as occupation, class, accent, tribe, where we live. We choose not to seek common ground, but to fracture our common humanity. We believe our way is better than others, like the Roman citizens, protected by being born in the right place, at the right time, to the right parents, as if that were somehow our doing rather than a gift from God. We say we are sharing culture or values but the truth is we cling to the perceived security of belonging to a group, to our own baying crowd. At the root of our insecurity is the fear that we are unlovable and it is this that Jesus came to change, to show us how much he loves us. That he submitted to the most inhumane of treatments by accepting scourging as a punishment, a punishment for no crime committed, Jesus showed how deeply he identified with the unfortunates, the outcasts, ultimately with us. We are all 'others' to Jesus Christ.

Every time we act in a way that hurts or humiliates or undermines the humanity of another, we make another cut into Jesus' quivering flesh. Yet, so great is Jesus' love for us, it is through those very wounds that we ourselves have inflicted, that we are healed.

That is the mystery of the scourging of Christ. As prophesised by Isaiah "He was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed."
Vicky Muwanga

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

PRECAUTIONS UPDATE, March 5th, 2020

On the advice of the Bishop's Council, the following Stage 2 precautions are to be adopted across the Diocese from this weekend:

1. All those entering the church should thoroughly wash or sanitise hands.
2. Distribution of the Eucharist under both kinds is suspended until further notice. Communicants to receive in the hand only.
3. There should be no physical contact, i.e., handshake, at the sign of peace
4. Holy water stoups are not to be used.
5. The principal collection to be taken on leaving church to avoid contact with bags.
6. Those particularly vulnerable to infection should refrain from large parish gatherings (e.g., the elderly infirm, those with weakened immune systems and long-term conditions such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease)
7. Anyone with flu or severe cold symptoms should refrain from attending Mass until the danger is past.
8. Eucharistic Ministers to sanitise or wash hands before and after distributing holy communion.
9. When the Eucharist is taken to people outside Mass, hands should be sanitised or washed immediately before and after reception of the Sacrament. (for this purpose, Eucharistic Ministers should carry a small gel dispenser with them, or use wall dispensers in care homes, or ask to use washing facilities in private homes.)
10. In care homes, follow the advice of staff on infection control.
11. Pastoral visits to persons self-isolating with possible symptoms should be suspended.
12. Use of communal missals and hymnbooks during Mass will be suspended as from the 3rd Sunday of Lent.
13. Ensure good personal hygiene at all times – "catch it, bin it, kill it".
14. Special care should be taken catering at parish gatherings to clean utensils etc. thoroughly. Use of the dishwasher is recommended.

| DATE | TIME | LITURGICAL CELEBRATION | MASS INTENTION |
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| Saturday 7 Mar | 5.30pm 6.15pm | <i>Confessions</i> Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | Helma Kennedy RIP |
| SUNDAY 8 Mar | 10.30am 5pm 6.30pm | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Stations of the Cross</i> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | Joe & Teresa Siou RIP (FM) People of the Parish |
| Monday 9 Mar | 7.30am 12 noon | Feria [2nd Week of Lent] Feria [2nd Week of Lent] | Albert Lewis RIP Alex Neri RIP |
| Tuesday 10 Mar | 7.30am 9am | Feria [2nd Week of Lent] Feria [2nd Week of Lent] | Holy Souls Sylvia Foster RIP |
| Wednesday 11 Mar | 7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am | Feria [2nd Week of Lent] <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [2nd Week of Lent] | Holy Souls Holy Souls |
| Thursday 12 Mar | 7.30am 7pm | Feria [2nd Week of Lent] Feria [2nd Week of Lent] | Brown Sisters Int. Amanda Elizabeth Pace RIP (FM) |
| Friday 13 Mar | 7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am | Feria [2nd Week of Lent] <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria [2nd Week of Lent] | Holy Souls Maurice & Catherine Cremin RIP |
| Saturday 14 Mar | 5.30pm 6.15pm | <i>Confessions</i> Vigil: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | Holy Souls |

Notices & Information...

CAFOD: Second collection this weekend.

RON LITTLEFIELD RIP. Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Ron who died recently. 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.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CHURCH KEYHOLDERS: THERE ARE STILL 16 PEOPLE WHO NEED TO CONTACT NINA BY 12NOON ON TUESDAY. Any fobs not brought in will be disarmed on Wednesday 11 March.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S SCHOOL. As you would expect, RE learning at St Peter's is now focused on the season of Lent. Pupils have been learning about the different colours now used for priestly vestments and altar cloths in line with the changing liturgical calendar, and the other symbols associated with Lent. This week, following on from last Sunday's Gospel, pupils have been studying the temptations put to Christ by the devil during Jesus' time in the desert, and the meanings these have for our own journey through Lent. All this coming after services in school on Ash Wednesday in which every child and adult in the school received ashes as a mark of the start of the Lenten season.
Mr Richard Cunningham, Headteacher.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy, which takes place during 10.30 Mass, is designed for primary aged children with the purpose of helping them to understand the Gospel through discussion and craft based activities. Secondary aged children are welcome to attend as a helper and with this in mind, the team are drawing up a list of those who are interested in assisting in this way. Two helpers will be required each Sunday and a rota will be created for this purpose. Please speak to the team after Mass if you wish your child's name to be added to the rota.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A group of students from Oaklands are going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2020. This opportunity is open to students in Year 9 and above. Any students interested in going can get more information from Miss Keogh. (s.keogh@oaklandscatholicschool.org).

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.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. Wednesday 18 March @ 2pm in the parish centre. Everyone Welcome!

GREEN GIFT AID ENVELOPES. Envelopes for the new tax year are ready for collection, available from the "welcoming" area on the shelf under Mass books.

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!.

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

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: £653.11, S/O: £977.95, D/D: £34.60, Gift Aid: £226.09, Payments by credit/debit card: £69.73. Total: £1961.48.

Donations to our Building Fund: £40.00 of which we are able to claim back £2.50 in gift aid.



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