

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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: The Lord is my light and my help.

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; listen to him.

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.

The Power and Message of the Cross



For some years now an internationally renowned artist in metal has been working to produce a standing crucifix for our sanctuary. We hope this will be ready by Easter. As a way introducing it, I will be preaching on the power and message of the cross each Sunday during Lent using examples of different styles of crucifix which have historical or personal significance. These will be accompanied by a newsletter note on the artistic interpretation of these crosses and a post-communion meditation.

Illustration: The crozier of Pope St John Paul II

The Power and Message of the Cross

The Cross of St. John of the Cross

Aged about five my Jewish niece attended mass for the first time with my parents. It shocked them when looking up with horror she asked, "Why are they hurting that man?" She was visibly upset by what she saw in the crucifix on the sanctuary. It made me look anew at the same crucifix I had seen hundreds of times, to see the pain and suffering she could see when looking at it for the first time. When trying to experience it like my niece with fresh eyes I found renewed meaning.



A cross showing a crucified Christ on or close to the altar is a required element in a Catholic Church and should be a focal point on the sanctuary. By the time of St. John of the Cross the Protestant Reformation was gaining momentum. In his native Spain the Counter Reformation Movement encouraged overtly Catholic art including crucifixes which had explicit portrayals of Christ's suffering and death rather than the earlier depictions of Christ alive and in glory. They were designed to be uplifting but also to illustrate Catholic dogma such as transubstantiation in the Eucharist.

St John's drawing when seen within this cultural context might seem unremarkable. But seeing it for the first time it shocked and moved me. The size and speed with which it has been drawn suggest an artist's thumbnail sketch. These sketches are for the artist alone as a means to bring into the visual world ideas, memories or experiences. They are unedited and honest, produced the way anyone would seek to record a vision before details and emotions are forgotten.

The proportions and anatomy of the figure are wrong. However, it is precisely in the inaccuracies and awkward asymmetrical design that expressive qualities are brought to the fore. His right arm is too long compared to the left and the awkward angle at which it attaches to the shoulder impossible, suggesting the weight of a slumped dead body. The angular tiny waist a body physically contorted from agonising pain. The high angle from which we view the scene is startling suggesting God the Father's view but also places us physically above Christ as powerless spectators to the horror. It is a device used to imply the character below is vulnerable, weak, childlike and in this instance also humiliated. He is facing away and we feel he is utterly alone in his agonising death.

As with St. John's drawing a crucifix does not need to be large, ornate or even beautiful for us to have a profound spiritual experience. It is also sometimes when confronted by the unfamiliar that we gain most through a new perspective on a familiar theme and so like St. John can begin to genuinely deepen our relationship to God.

Frances Peel, Art & Liturgical Furniture Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

John O'Neill, Myrna Coleman, Maria Carmen Martin,
Chris Hyson, George O'Shaunessy, Thomas Andrew (TJ),
Pat Moffatt, Geoffrey Tompkins, Anne Littlefield,
Damien Haughan, Betty Groves, Carole Higton, Matthew,
Marion Greeham, Charlotte West, Elizabeth Evelyn,
Ian Cuthbert, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield,
Beryl Treloar, Paul Evelyn, Agnes Smith, Mary Ling
Margaret Bush & Madeleine Day.

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

Lenten Notices

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY (LAST FRIDAY)

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend to collect the money saved by giving up a meal for Lent Fast day last Friday. Gift Aid envelopes are still available for your donation in case you didn't pick one up last weekend.

ARE YOU GIVING UP ALCOHOL FOR LENT? If you are, please consider donating what you would have drunk to the church for our fundraising projects. We welcome any bottles of wine, beer and spirits – all suitable prizes for the Summer Fair Tombola stall!

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 16 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Maurice & Catherine Cremin RIP
SUNDAY 17 Mar	10.30am 5pm 6.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Peter & Shirley Harrington RIP
Monday 18 Mar	7.30am 12noon	Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent	People of the Parish Deceased Pact Clergy (1) Union of Catholic Mothers Intention
Tuesday 19 Mar	7.30am 12noon	ST JOSEPH, solemnity	Sara James RIP Stephen Condon Intention Deceased Pact Clergy (2)
Weds 20 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent	Kath & Jack Garratt RIP Deceased Pact Clergy (3)
Thursday 21 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am 7pm	Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent <i>Havant Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart</i>	Josie Masters RIP
Friday 22 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria of the 2nd Week of Lent	Deceased Pact Clergy (4) Deceased members of the Darling family
Saturday 23 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Philip & Rose Hayllar's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Notices & Information...

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.

GREEN GIFT AID ENVELOPES are ready for collection from the narthex.

FOR VOCATIONS... "This is my beloved Son, hear him." Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869. Diocesan Vocation Seeker Evening, Friday 5 April from 7-9pm at Sacred Heart, Fareham. Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly on the first Friday for food, prayer, reflection and friendship. Again, please contact Fr. John Cooke.

JESUS YOUTH invites you to be a part of 'Awakening', a 100 days Eucharistic Adoration initiative happening all across the UK and Europe, and now it's our turn at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville on: **12noon on Monday 18th March until 12noon on Tuesday 19th March.** Come join us as one family in prayer as we pray for our mother Church, intentions of Holy Father, stronger family and marriage bonds, for peace in the world and for Jesus youth and all other movements within the catholic church. Anyone interested should sign up to come and sit before the Eucharistic Lord, in the 'sign-up sheets' on the notice board in the narthex. Also, please pick up a prayer card/leaflet for more information on Awakening.

WIVES GROUP – NOW TO BE KNOWN AS 'WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING GROUP': Meet on Monday 18 March in the parish centre @ 7.30pm. Rear entrance please. Speaker Paul Murray. 'Financial Scams, How savvy are you?' Not been before – just come along and bring a friend, you will be more than welcome. Bring £1 for the raffle and 40p for refreshments. More information from Elizabeth on 07791 753545.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. Meet on Wednesday 20 March @ 2pm in the parish centre. The ladies are always happy to welcome new recruits. Anyone interested should contact Jean Hartnell, Foundation President on 023 9259 9875.

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) – Rights and Confidentiality. Talk and discussion led by Dr. Michael White on Wednesday 20 March @ 7.30pm in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Portsmouth. Booking email to tingould@btinternet.com

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Clergy Assistance Fund. This collection raises funds to help our sick and retired priests when they are in need.

LOST PROPERTY. Please check the table in the narthex for lost property found in church and the parish centre.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: With Easter being a moveable feast, Ash Wednesday does not always fall on a school day; in 2018 for example, Ash Wednesday was during the spring half term break. It was a wonderful occasion, therefore, to bring pupils from Years 2 to 6 together on the afternoon of Wednesday 6 March to share in a simple service of worship and reflection. Our Lenten theme for this year comes from the Old Testament book of Joel (2:12) 'Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart'. Along with wonderful singing by the children, and readings and prayers led by Year 5 pupils, the classes listened to Oaklands' lay chaplain Miss Keogh explain how God worries for each one of us, eternally keen for us to turn to him in trust, faith and worship. The children in Years 1 and Reception had special classroom visits from Miss Keogh. She explained to the groups the meaning of Ash Wednesday, and was amazed at the amount of knowledge and understanding the children had on the event. Each child and adult in the school received ashes on their foreheads as a sign of penitence and humility. *Richard Cunningham, Headteacher.*



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 cup of tea or coffee & cake. For more information please contact Trish on 07947 611699.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS. Wednesday 27 March @ 2pm in the Church. For more information please contact Elizabeth on 07791 753545 – or just come along!

A LENTEN MEDITATION WITH MUSIC & ART. Canon Gerard presents another in this series on Saturday 6 April between 3-4.40pm. Please let him know if you wish to attend as places are limited: 023 9248 4323 gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WILL YOU HELP ADVERTISE OUR SUMMER FAIR? Beals, the Estate Agents, are very kindly offering to help advertise our Summer Fair again this year by producing 'signs' to place in front gardens – like 'For Sale' signs. We urgently require 20 homes to advertise with a board! If you can help by having a sign in your front garden, please speak to Nina in the parish centre office or add your details to the list on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH HAYLING ISLAND: There will be 2 identical sessions on the first Thursday (@ 7.30pm) and Friday (@ 11am) of each month, to enable access to all. Everyone welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT. Cowplain Funeralcare will be holding a bereavement support group once a month to be held on the last Tuesday of each month @ 4pm at Cowplain Funeralcare, 41-43 London Road, Cowplain PO8 8DF. This is open to everyone for a chat and refreshments, regardless of whether or not you have used their services.

CURRY & PUD SUPPER – A community support event held in aid of The Rowans Hospice. Saturday 4 May @ 7.30pm in the parish centre. A choice of 3 curries cooked in the traditional Indian way and 3 English deserts. Bring your own drinks. ONLY 20 TICKETS AVAILABLE, cost £10.00. To purchase tickets contact Trish patricia.bailey333@gmail.com or see Mavis after the 10.30am Mass.

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE: Please see the notice board in the welcome area or visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING.

Offertory: Loose cash: £516.32, Standing Orders: £1,033.14, Direct Debits: £9.23, Gift Aid: £238.44. Total: £1,797.13