

Sunday 12th March 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

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Psalter Week 2

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

It would be good to remind ourselves of the context of today's reading. In St Matthew's Gospel it comes after the passage usually known as St Peter's Confession; that acknowledgement, made in faith, that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God', and our Lord's confirmation that St Peter is 'the rock on which [he] will build [his] Church'.

In today's Gospel passage, we should note that only Peter, James and John went up the mountain with Jesus; this is strange, given that they all had been present at St Peter's Confession. The most probable explanation lies in the context; only those who believed that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God' were permitted to see him in his glory. Having their faith confirmed in this wonderful way, and seeing Moses and Elijah (representing the Law and the Prophets) also confirming Jesus as the heir to all their teachings, they were thus strengthened for his coming passion. St Matthew, after this passage, tells of the healing of an epileptic but then goes straight on to mention that Jesus turned his face towards Jerusalem, where he would suffer and die. We might then see these events in an important sequence: St Peter makes a great act of faith, based on what he has heard and seen, proclaiming the truth before his brother apostles; our Lord recognizes this 'Papal' charism and establishes the leadership of the Church which would perpetuate his earthly presence in the person of St Peter. He then shows his glory to those who were to lead his church after him, and turns his face to Jerusalem to establish the New Covenant in his suffering and death, which the Church was to administer in his name.

Perhaps what we should particularly take out of this is the necessity of faith if we are to see the Lord ourselves. Faith is not, of course, a feeling (any of us can feel faithless from time to time, just as any parent or spouse can feel unloving from time to time) but a real, active commitment to what we know is the truth. If we are faith-ful, the Lord will not just show his glory, but actually share it with us. (Romans 8: 17&30) This is a promise to make cheerful the gravest difficulties that this life has in store for us.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 12th: Children's liturgy at 9am Mass only
10:45am Youth Mass
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass
Fairtrade Stall after all Masses
4pm Confirmation session 4 (Old Hall)
- Mon 13th: Teas & coffee after Mass
- Tues 14th: 9:15-11:15 Toddler group (St Thomas' Hall)
10:40am Lent Group (Old Hall)
- Wed 15th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Sacred Heart Church)
1pm Lent Group (Old Hall)
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
- Thurs 16th: 7:30pm SVP (Comm Rm)
8pm Baptism Preparation Course (Old Hall)
- Fri 17th: 7:30pm Chill Club (St T Hall)
- Sat 18th: 11:30am First Holy Communion Group A (Old Hall)
- Sun 19th: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation session 5 (Old Hall)



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound:

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh;
Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk;
Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver;
Jimmy Mullen; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen, Mel & Rose Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Oliver Farrell; Seeta Pillay; Pat McCoy, Elise O'Connor, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Maureen Kelly, Mary Wallace, Don Hancock, Gina Waiton, Joe Kelly, Ian Lester, Fred Ardley, Cathy Linsell, Charmaine Wise, Breda Sharpe & Alan Gully.

NB. No changes to Mass times this week.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 25th March 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note new venue at: Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass or service of the Word and Holy Communion; 12.15pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30pm Talk "The Gift of Discernment of Spirits" by Cathy Stayne 3.30pm Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

The following month, on Saturday 22nd April, our guest speakers will be Geoff and Gina Poulter talking about the Gift of Prophecy.

Ecumenical morning prayer will be here - Sacred Heart Church (for the whole month of March) on Wednesday at 8.30am. All are welcome to join.

Today there will be a second collection for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day. This is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid, but please use the envelopes provided by CAFOD for direct Gift Aid. Thank you.

Fair Trade Fortnight: 27 February- 12 March. Many of the farmers and workers who grow our food don't earn enough to feed themselves or their families all year round. Thousands of farmers in countries such as Malawi, Kenya and the Ivory Coast all contribute to the tea, coffee and cocoa we enjoy in the UK. And yet many of those farmers are still living in poverty.

If people really knew the true human cost of exploitation, would they still make the same choices?

Please look out for the display in the church porch next weekend. If you can, buy fair trade goods when you do your weekly shop. We also regularly have a small collection of items in the parish shop. Please visit our special Fairtrade stall and join us for Fairtrade refreshments after 9am, 10.45am and 5.15pm Mass on Sunday 12th March. To learn more see www.fairtrade.org.uk or contact the Justice & Peace Group via the Parish office.

Whether your Lent was a good one or not – end it in the best way possible. – Join the Parish Retreat! Come for an enjoyable few hours! Saturday, 8th April in the Centenary Hall. Free!

Please do not use blue tac on the stone walls in the porch. There is a build up of old blue tac that gets missed when posters are removed.

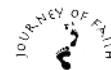
Well done to the winners of the March draw of the Double C Club

£70 Mike and Elizabeth Wood

£50 Maura Reilly

£30 Tom Baldwin

If anyone would like to have a second number or perhaps give a gift of a number please contact me Sue 01883 346399 and I will happily discuss details.



Join us – and also for our consideration of the readings for next Sunday, with ideas from the Lent booklet. **All welcome!**

**8.00p.m. Wednesday 15th March,
in the Old Hall**

Baptisms - Thomas Tasker will be Baptised here this week. Please keep him in your prayers.



New Gift Aid Envelopes

If you forgot to collect your Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year last week, they will still be available for collection. Could all members, both weekly envelope and standing order members, please collect theirs from the table in the porch. Thank you for all your contributions in the past year. If you would like to join our Gift Aid Scheme please contact Peter Kelly on peterfkelly67@gmail.com.

Why not do something different this Lent? Be sociable - come to a Lent group. Details in the church porch.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community.

See www.chemin-neuf.org.uk

or Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts:

People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrimage, and young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the website

www.ablourdes.org/contact

Easter Retreat for Young Adults –

The popular, and powerful, Easter Retreat for young adults will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April 13th) to Easter Sunday (April 16th), offering young adults the chance to journey together through the key events marked by the Easter Triduum. If you've never experienced this in the heart of a monastic community, surrounded by people your own age, alive in the faith, it's really worth doing! For more details or to book, contact toc@worthabbey.net. You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £976.82 (Gift Aid: £432.30)



Parish Sunday Lunch

Today

Sunday Roast in the Centenary Hall

Parishes for Peace

Proceeds to the Iraqi refugee families in Madaba.

If you missed out on tickets to this event you can still support the cause.

The response from this Parish for the recent requests for support for Christian refugees in Madaba, Jordan has been exceptional, for which many, many thanks. We have only just been informed by 'Parishes for Peace' that there is an opportunity to enhance our support gifts with Gift Aid. If there is anyone who has already made a support contribution (including the second collection on 29th January 2017), and who is also a UK tax payer and is willing to allow 'Parishes for Peace' to claim Gift Aid on their contribution, could they please collect and complete a 'Parishes for Peace' Gift Aid envelope from the back of the Church and deliver it to the Parish Office.



A gentle reminder....You are warmly invited to the next Chilworth Abbey Study Day, Arise, my love, and come away: the theology of the Body given by Fr John Seddon OSB, on Sat, 18th March, 2016. The day begins with Mass at 9.00 am. Three talks will divide the Day, with refreshments, Midday Prayer and lunch, and departures at 4.00 pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. If you can, encourage a friend to come with you. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR Online information: www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Celebrating Lent for Children.

The shop has booklets and activities for children to help them prepare for Easter in a thoughtful but fun way. There is also Lent reading and copies of the Stations of the Cross for those who are older. Please come and have a look.

Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School -

Class Teachers required for September 2017. We are looking to appoint two outstanding class teachers to start in September 2017. Closing Date 12 noon, Thursday 16th March 2017. Interviews w/c 20th March 2017. Both experienced and newly qualified teachers are encouraged to apply. Full details and application forms are available on the school website or via the school office 020 8660 0115.

Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women:

Sue Petritz the recently appointed Diocesan Link to the [NBCW](http://www.nbcw.org.uk) would like you to share their hopes and concerns with the Diocese. The National Board of Catholic Women is a forum dating from the 1930's in which Catholic women of England and Wales come together to share their hopes, views and concerns at Diocesan and national level, and these are conveyed to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It also has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC). You can contact Sue Petritz by email: spetritzma@gmail.com.

John Fisher School Vacancies



COVER SUPERVISOR - required as soon as possible - to supervise whole classes during the short term absence of teachers. The hours are 30 per week, term time only. This position may suit a candidate who is looking for a contract prior to starting a career in teaching.

SITE ASSISTANT - required as soon as possible - to work with the Site Supervisor to ensure that the school grounds and premises are a clean, tidy, safe and well maintained environment. The hours are 20 per week, all year round. These hours are to be worked 7am - 11am but flexibility is required.

Application forms available via the website on www.johnfisherschool.org Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, the Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by the closing date: noon on Monday, 20th March 2017. Interviews will be held week commencing 27th March 2017.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and to equality of opportunity. An enhanced CRB will be required.

SVP Film Club - 2.00pm Monday 27th March in the Old Hall

'The Way' will be our March film. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an American doctor who comes to France to collect the remains of his adult son, killed in the Pyrenees while walking the Camino de Santiago, or 'The Way of St James'. Driven by a profound sadness, and desire to understand his son better, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage, leaving his old life in California behind. Armed with his son's backpack and guidebook, Tom navigates his journey along the 800km Camino, but soon meets others from around the world, all looking for greater meaning in their lives.

Sandy and Eva will introduce this film with a short explanation of the Camino.

SVP - Request for help - Would any parishioners be

able to offer an hour or two to help a family in need in the parish? The family has been accommodated in a home which is very badly in need of a coat of paint. The family can provide the paint and rollers, and would be very grateful if the walls of the rooms could be painted. If you can help please telephone the Parish Office or speak to Fr Seán.



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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

Mel Flaherty

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St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

01883 342005

Morning Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (cancelled this week)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

Confessions every Saturday 10:30am –

11:00am

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent,

6.20pm.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

after Saturday Mass

Benediction every Sunday 4:45pm

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am Mass

People of the Parish

10:45am Mass

John Dunlop RIP (Lawless family)

5:15pm Mass

Canon Charles Walker RIP

Monday 13th

10am Mass

Sheila Hepplewhite RIP (Ruby)

Tuesday 14th

10am Mass

Mary Carmichael RIP

Wednesday 15th

10am Latin Mass

Alexandra Di Falco (C Linton)

Thursday 16th

10am Mass

Edward Caffrey RIP (J Watts)

Friday 17th

St Patrick

7pm Mass

Oluwatoke Famori birthday Ints

Saturday 18th

St Cyril of Jer.

10am Mass

James Quinn RIP

Sunday 12th

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am Mass

Priscilla Wheeldon RIP (Peggy)

10:45am Mass

People of the Parish

5:15pm Mass

Rosalin Long (Foundation)

Choir

Hilary will run a choir every Monday from 8-9pm on the following dates at the church - Monday 13th March, 20th March, 27th March, 3rd April and 10th April



Along with a warm up before each service at 7.30pm on

13th April (Maundy Thursday), 2.00pm on 14th April (Good Friday) and 7.30pm on 15th April (Easter Saturday). If you are interested in joining please contact Hilary on hilary.meyer@hotmail.co.uk. All welcome