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Psalter Week 1

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Matthew 26:14—27:66*

## Gospel Reflection

One of the themes that runs throughout the body of writings attributed to St John (the Gospel, three letters, and the book of the Apocalypse/Revelation) is that of life; that God is the source of life, and that he has given this same life-giving power to his Son, who is able to give life to those whom he chooses. What this life is has been the subject of debate for a long time; the resurrection of Lazarus which we hear about in today's Gospel is not the same thing as the resurrection of our Lord, nor even the same as the re-resurrection of Lazarus on the last day. Perhaps one ought to use a different word and call it a reanimation; Lazarus simply resumed his earthly life and died normally, presumably, at some later date. I once discovered what were alleged to be his bones in a dusty chest reliquary in a neglected French cathedral; Auch, I think, though I may be mistaken.

What the resurrection of our Lord is about, and consequently our own resurrection on the last day, is a radical healing of all the damage that has been done to us physically, mentally and spiritually by sin, whether original or actual; our own sin, or that of others. We know a little about it, but only by reading the accounts of Jesus' resurrection appearances in the Gospels. But that is not the issue today. What we need to understand is that St John is telling us that our Lord is the master of life and death; if he can reanimate Lazarus, then his own death is something that he freely permits to happen. St John is anxious that we recognize that our Lord laid down his life for us freely; it was no simple execution under force majeure, and that as he laid down his life freely, so freely he can take it up again, and give life to anyone he chooses. We need, as we enter Passiontide, to seriously assess our commitment to the Gospel, that we may be given life and resurrection on the last day; St Paul, too, insists on this in no fewer than three places, besides today's second reading: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. (Romans 6:8, 1Thessalonians 5:10 and 2Timothy 2:11). Let us resolve to do just that.

## WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 2nd: No Children's liturgy  
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 10:45am Mass

Mon 3rd: Teas & coffee after Mass

Tues 4th: No Toddler group  
10:40am Lent Group (Old Hall)  
7:30pm Justice & Peace (Old Hall)

Wed 5th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Community Church)  
1pm Lunch Club (Cent Hall)  
2:15pm Parish Women's Group meeting (Cent Hall)  
1pm Lent Group (Old Hall)  
8pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)

Sat 8th: Parish Retreat (Cent Hall)

Sun 9th: Palm Sunday  
No Children's liturgy  
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass



## 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.

**NB. There are no changes to Mass times this week**



**ST. FRANCIS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Vacancy**

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**Class Teacher**

**(KS2) Maternity Cover** Required September 2017

Applications are invited from newly qualified or experienced staff. Please email the school office to request an application form or see our advertisement on Eteach.

Closing date for applications: 19th April 2017

**LUNCH CLUB** Wednesday 5th. April in the Centenary Hall start at 1pm. Menu this month is Chicken pie with potatoes, vegetables and gravy. The sweet is Pineapple upside-down cake and custard, followed by tea or coffee with a raffle to end. All this for only £4. All welcome.



**Taizé Birmingham 2017 Hidden Treasure - Inner Life and Solidarity:**

In cooperation with the churches of the city, the Taizé Community will be facilitating a young adult gathering in Birmingham next year, over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, 28 April -1 May . Brother Alois, Prior of the community will take part. Information see - [www.taize.fr/birmingham](http://www.taize.fr/birmingham); or Contact: [taizebirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:taizebirmingham@gmail.com)

**Big Church Day Out:**

Annual Christian Gathering at Wiston House, West Sussex from 27 - 28 May. For more information visit their website [www.bigchurchdayout.com/south](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com/south). If booking contact Diocesan Youth Adviser, Jack Regan ([Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)) who will organise group discounts.

**Health & Safety**

**Candle Safety**

Please can we remind everyone of the importance of candle safety. Children should always be accompanied when lighting candles. We ask that children do not play near or under the candles. We respectfully ask that candles are lit before or after Mass and not during Communion.

**Steps**

As the weather is improving the doors at the back of Church will be opened after Mass. Please can we ask all Parishioners to exercise caution using the steps, if you have any mobility issues please use the ramp at the side of Church where there is a handrail.

**Emergency list**

We are continually updating our list of Parishioners that can help in the event of an emergency when you are at Mass. If you are first aid trained or are trained in the use of a fire extinguisher and would be willing to assist please contact the office with your details.

**Welcomers**

Do you have a few minutes to spare before Mass ? Could you hand out hymn books, assist the less abled and visitors to the Parish, usher during Communion? The Parish needs more Welcomers to be added to the rotas for Sunday and weekday Masses. If you can help, or want to find out more please contact Pat Magnus [johnpatmagnus@gmail.com](mailto:johnpatmagnus@gmail.com) Thank you

**Journey of Faith**

Two topics this week!

An intro to Catholic Social Teaching –

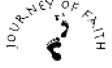
Or The Creed – the second part.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> April,**

**in the Old Hall**



**Parish Women's Group**

There will be a business meeting at 2:15pm (after lunch club) on Wednesday 5th April 2017 in the Centenary Hall. All are welcome.

**A Modern Martyr**

Blessed Oscar Romero (born 1917), Archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1980 while celebrating Mass. Romero was increasingly outspoken about repression and injustice by the corrupt military and government in the events leading up to his assassination.

Oscar Romero embraced a simple lifestyle; he was a popular preacher who responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor. His weekly radio sermons, broadcast throughout the country, were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available. His final words are reported to be 'May God, have mercy on the assassin'.

Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015.

A true inspiration in our shared prayer and work for Justice and Peace – for further information on Blessed Oscar Romero and related events in 2017 see

<http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Romero>; <http://www.romerotrust.org.uk/>; <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/blessed-oscar-arnulfo-romero>

*"We know that every effort to **better society**, especially when in justice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that **God blesses**, that **God wants**, that **God demands of us***

Words spoken by Archbishop Romero moments before he was martyred 1980

For further information about Sacred Heart, Justice and Peace contact Mike Wood or Janet D B via the Parish Office or come along to our next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April. 7.45pm in the Old Hall

Next week there will be a second collection for the Parish's Easter Flowers. This is eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Thank you.

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

**Offertory Collection**

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £ 839.00 (Gift Aid: £603.98)

On Wednesday 26th April Stephen Currid, the Community Fundraising Officer from the Cardinal Hume Centre, Westminster, will be giving talk at Woldingham School at 7pm in the Goddard Room, Main House.

“Can pizza make you homeless”

Please come along and listen to the story of the great work which has been taking place for 30 years based on the ethos of its founder. The Cardinal Hume Centre enables young people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty where everyone is treated as an individual.

Refreshments will be available from 6.45pm and everyone is most welcome.

### End your Lent in style!

Drop in to the Parish retreat and give yourself a boost before Easter!

#### Psalm 138 (139) – the ‘Sinners’ Lament!’

Whatever you managed to do during Lent, and whoever you are, join us for our very own one-day Parish Retreat.

We are running this popular and convenient event again this year, so come along – don’t miss out!

Centenary Hall, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Bring a lunch to share.

(If you can’t make the whole day, come as you can!).

### Mariapolis 2017:

A 'retreat with a difference' is just one description of Mariapolis 2017, taking place in the beautiful setting of Ampleforth College from **7-11th April**. Alternatively, a temporary town built on the gospel, a unique kind of holiday and 'a challenge' would all fit. Mariapolis is an annual gathering organised by the Focolare Movement. This year's theme of 'Jesus crucified and forsaken, the God of our times', will be explored through input, shared reflection and dialogue. Held over the Palm Sunday weekend, it will also offer opportunities for those who wish to join the prayer of the Benedictine community at Ampleforth Abbey. For more information see their website [www.focolare.org/gb/activities/mariapolis-gatherings/](http://www.focolare.org/gb/activities/mariapolis-gatherings/).

### Ecumenical morning prayer

Wednesday Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be at Caterham Community Church, Coulsdon Road (opposite the Caterham Arms) for the month of April. So beginning from next week's newsletter. All are welcome to join.

### Choir

Hilary will run a choir every Monday from 8-9pm on the following dates at the church - 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](mailto:hilary.meyer@hotmail.co.uk). All welcome

### Parishes for Peace



A cheque for £2000, from the sum we have raised so far, has been sent to Parishes for Peace. This will be taken by their representative to Jordan in April and personally passed to Fr Eyad in Madaba. This is the preferred method of transferring money to ensure it gets directly to the parish and the refugees. We can expect a report back after a short time.

Meanwhile a reminder to those who so generously donated to the collection for the Mosul Christians earlier in the year. There are now gift aid envelopes for Parishes for Peace in the porch. If you are eligible please enter the amount you included in the collection with your name and address and hand the envelope in to the parish office.

**Laleham Lea School** - Catholic, Indep, Co-ed aged 3-11

**Primary Teacher** - Required from September 2017

**Details available from Mrs Carly Edwards**

**secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk - 020 8660 3351**

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**Laleham Lea School, 29 Peaks Hill, Purley, Surrey CR8 3JJ**

**www.lalehamlea.co.uk Registered Charity Number:**

**1118598** Laleham Lea is a friendly, disciplined and caring school with happy and well-motivated children.



### Annual CAFOD Vintage Tea - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Enjoy a Bank Holiday Sunday treat in style - Delicious sandwiches, homemade scones and cakes will be served on vintage china, with endless teapot refills!

Tickets will be available after Mass next weekend or telephone Vera (01883 348373). They may be booked for 2.30pm or 3.00pm. The price (£8 for adults, £4 for children) is fully inclusive. Please help with catering arrangements for this popular event by booking as soon as possible. **All proceeds to CAFOD.**

Message from Fr Seán - I'm not really a chocolate fan, so please don't waste Easter Eggs on me; I really appreciate the kind thought, but they tend to be still hanging around months later. Perhaps you could make a donation of eggs to the Royal Marsden appeal instead?

**Women to Women Conference 2017:** Join Maria Rodrigues from Premier Christian Radio's Woman to Woman show for an experience that will inspire, encourage and empower you! It will take place on Saturday April 1st at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. For more information and to book visit the website [www.premier.org.uk/Events/Woman-to-Woman-2017](http://www.premier.org.uk/Events/Woman-to-Woman-2017).

**Magnificat** - There are copies of Magnificat available for sale in the shop. This booklet contains all the Mass readings and devotional readings for a month. It is pocket size and is very popular.

## CONTACTS

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### St. Francis Primary School:

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## THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd	<i>Passion Sunday, 5th of Lent</i>
9:00am Mass	John Dunlop RIP (Jean)
10:45am Mass	Bridget Meade
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd	
10am Mass	Canon Cooksey (Foundation)
Tuesday 4th	St Isidore
10am Mass	Intentions of James Grundy
Wednesday 5th	<i>St Vincent Ferrer</i>
10am Latin Mass	Margaret Sore RIP (Peter & family)
Thursday 6th	
10am Mass	Mr & Mrs Gabrielle Jules RIP (Michel family)
Friday 7th	<i>St John Baptist De La Salle</i>
7pm Mass	Damian Knight RIP (T&E Ball)
Saturday 8th	
10am Mass	Andrew & Austin D'Souza Ints
Sunday 9th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Harry Gaut RIP (St Francis School yr1)
5:15pm Mass	Ambrose Mendonca RIP (D'Souza family)

**Morning Prayer** every Monday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - every Tuesday 9am to 10am (cancelled this week)

**Rosary** -every Wednesday & Thursday 9:40am (cancelled this week)

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays during Lent, 6.20pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** -

Saturdays: 9am – 10am

**Confessions** every Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am

**Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** -

after Saturday Mass

**Benediction** every Sunday 4:45pm