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Psalter Week 4

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Passion Sunday, 5th of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 (shorter version)

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45)

"God does not see as man sees, because man sees the appearance, but God looks into the heart." On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is also called Laetare Sunday, we are close to the middle of our Lenten journey. This past Thursday was the actual "midpoint" of Lent this year, but this Sunday, as the closest to that, is a time set aside for us to "Rejoice!" It is fitting that our readings for this Sunday point to important aspects of our faith that we need to recognize and embrace. Although each reading has significance by itself, all of them together bring us to a deeper understanding of what Lent is all about, and what we need to be doing to fulfill and complete our Lenten promises. The first reading from First Samuel is the story of how David was chosen by God to be king. The Books of Samuel were written some 600 years before the birth of Christ, but as is usually the case with the Old Testament, it anticipates the New Testament. We need to acknowledge the fact that the name David means "beloved" in Hebrew. What an ideal anticipation of God declaring at Christ's Baptism, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) David, of course, was rejected when it came to the initial selection, and he stayed in the fields with the sheep while his brothers were brought before Samuel. This, too, anticipated Jesus: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42) We are reminded that our focus must be on Jesus Christ. The preferred Psalm for this week is the 22nd Psalm (known to most people as Psalm 23). Is there another Psalm with which we are so familiar? "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." In the middle of Lent we need that reassurance, that comfort, that reminder that God is with us. Saint Paul takes us one more step on our journey in his letter to the Ephesians, our second reading. We are called to reflect the light of Christ, "Awake O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." To really reflect this light, however, we need to seek it, recognize it, and clasp it. That is what Lent is about. That is what stewardship is about — our willingness to see that it is time for us to be the light, time for us to commit ourselves to lives that take us closer to God and to holiness. Light is an important representation throughout Scripture; it tends to represent knowledge, wisdom, happiness, and holiness. What a profound and beautiful story is found in the Gospel reading from John! We have to, as is frequently the case, look more deeply into what Jesus and Holy Scripture are telling us. We are told that the blind man whom Jesus cures has been blind since birth. This makes this miracle even more powerful. Jesus often healed the blind, but the fact that this man has never seen makes the healing even greater. Just as God revealed in the reading from Samuel that He looks beyond the obvious, into the heart, Jesus does the same in this instance. This man could not see Christ, but Christ could see him; in fact, Christ could look into the depths of his heart. Christ came into the world to give sight to those who are spiritually blind — to us. On this Laetare Sunday, we need to rejoice, to take the light of Christ given us by Christ, and to share it and spread it through stewardship with everyone we know and everyone we meet.

Taken this week from: <http://www.thecatholicsteward.com/>

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

- Sun 26th: No Children's liturgy
Coffee and Tea after 10:45am Mass
4pm Confirmation session 5 (Old Hall)
- Mon 27th: Teas & coffee after Mass
2pm SVP Film Club (Old Hall)
- Tues 28th: 9:15-11:15am Toddler group (St Thomas' Hall)
10:40am Lent Group (Old Hall)
- Wed 29th: 8:30am Ecumenical morning prayer (Sacred Heart Church)
1pm Lent Group (Old Hall)
7:30pm Journey of Faith (Old Hall)
- Thurs 30th: 7:30pm SVP (Old Hall)
- Fri 31st: 6-8:30pm Reconciliation service (St Joseph's, Redhill)
- Sat 1st: Confirmation retreat (Old Hall)
- Sun 2nd: Children's liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Coffee and Tea after 9am & 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 will not be Mass from Monday to Friday this week as Fr Seán is away on a retreat



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Class Teacher

(KS2) Maternity Cover Required September 2017

The Governors of this happy and successful school wish to appoint an enthusiastic, caring, well-motivated and versatile teachers to join our friendly and dedicated team. The successful candidates will:

- be an excellent classroom practitioner
- work well in a team
- inspire and motivate children to learn
- have high expectations of pupil performance
- strongly support our Catholic ethos (but does not necessarily have to be Catholic).

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.

Visits warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for applications: 19th April 2017

Come and relax at St. Cuthman's Retreat Centre over the weekend of Mothering Sunday at our Special Offer of £62.00 per person. Arrive from 2pm onwards on Friday 24th March 2017 and enjoy our delicious afternoon tea and depart lunch on Sunday 26th March 2017. Please contact St. Cuthman's on 01403 741220 and quote ref "01/03 Mothering Sunday Offer" We look forward to welcoming you to St. Cuthman's.

End your Lent in style!

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

Join us for Psalm 138 (139) – the 'Sinners' Lament!

Centenary Hall, Saturday 8th April. 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Bring a lunch to share.

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

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 – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

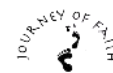
Journey of Faith

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!

7:30p.m. Wednesday 29th March, in the Old Hall



A Modern Martyr

Blessed Oscar Romero (born 1917), Archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated on 24th 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 injustice 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 4th April. 7.45pm in the Old Hall

Ecumenical morning prayer

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.

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: £ 889.52 (Gift Aid: 357.32)

CAFOD from 12th March: £126.48 (Gift Aid £96.48)

PARISH GROUP OF THE WEEK: from time to time we would like to highlight different groups within the Parish with week we bring to your attention the work of the

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)



What we do and who we help:

Locally, we provide practical assistance to those in need by visiting individuals and families at home, in hospital or in residential homes and some members administer Holy Communion when requested.

We provide a monthly Sunday liturgy in a large local Care Home in Caterham and a Carol Service at Christmas.

We run a monthly Film Club open to all.

We help with shopping, transport to Mass or a doctor's appointment.

We offer practical support such as food, furniture or financial help as needed.

We use the SVP holiday provision for local families and holiday camps for children when a need arises.

Nationally, we support SVP Support Centres, SVP Residential Homes for homeless people and those with mental illnesses, Soup Runs, and SVP projects directed to asylum seekers, refugees and migrant communities.

Abroad, we financially contribute to the education of children and adults through SVP projects in India, the SVP Disaster Fund and baby feeding programmes in Sudan.

How you can get involved:

Become a member to support what we do even if you have a limited amount of time to offer.

Become a friend by making a regular donation which however small will make a difference to the lives of the people in need locally, in the UK and abroad.

How you can request help:

You can reach us on the SVP mobile (07599890043) or contact Fr Seán or the Parish Office (01883 343241). We always maintain the confidentiality of those who we serve.

There will be a Penitential service at Redhill on Friday 31st March at St Joseph 6:00pm - 8:30pm. There will be a list for car sharing this Sunday 26th March in the porch should you require a lift.

Choir

Hilary will run a choir every Monday from 8-9pm on the following dates at the church - Monday 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

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.

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

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check and other relevant employment checks. We are an equal opportunities employer.

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



Annual CAFOD Vintage Tea - Sunday 30th 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.**

Baptism - Miguel Burn-Onigbaujo will be Baptised here next week. Please keep him in your prayers.



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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.

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(First Friday during school term 7pm)

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St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler

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THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th

Fourth, 'L'Etare' Sunday of Lent

9:00am Mass

Eileen Kelly RIP (Jean)

10:45am Mass

Mary Owens (Foundation)

5:15pm Mass

People of the Parish

Monday 27th

NO MASS

Tuesday 28th

NO MASS

Wednesday 29th

NO MASS

Thursday 30th

NO MASS

Friday 31st

NO MASS

Saturday 1st

10am Mass

Eamon Quinn RIP

Sunday 2nd

Passion Sunday, 5th of Lent

9:00am Mass

John Dunlop RIP (Jean)

10:45am Mass

Bridget Meade

5:15pm Mass

People of the Parish

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)

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