



Christ the Prince of Peace Newsletter

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am
and 6:00pm

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 7.30pm

Friday: 12 noon

Saturday: 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation: 10:00am
and 8:00pm

Youth Mass: 6:00pm 2nd Sunday of the
Month

Reconciliation

Saturday: 10:30am-11:00am
and 5:30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday 11th March 2018

Cycle B (Sundays) and Year 11 (Weekdays)

FOURTH 'LAETARE' SUNDAY IN LENT

Psalter Week 4

From the minute we open our eyes in the morning, we are faced with choices. By the end of the day we have made hundreds of choices and not all of them good. In fact, we probably fail to choose God in a hundred and one different ways, yet God still loves us. How do we know? We know because every time we look at a Crucifix we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made out of love for us. Just as Moses held up a bronze snake on a pole to remind the Israelites of God's love, so we look to the Crucifix as a reminder that God doesn't condemn us for our mistakes, but offers us a second chance of salvation.

To avoid taking God's love for granted, perhaps we could begin by looking at all those choices we make on a daily basis. Do we choose to fritter our lives away in inconsequential activities, or do we choose to make the world a better place? Do we choose to bury our heads in the sand when we see someone bullied at work, or do we make a brave stand? Do we determine to look after ailing family members or do we put it off until we are less busy? Do we shroud our decisions in darkness and secrecy or do we walk in the light with our heads held high?

But how do we start making good choices when we have

spent so much time making poor ones? This is the beauty of reconciliation; our mistakes are part and parcel of making better choices from now on. We remember how it felt to make a bad choice and we don't want to go there again. Knowing what we are about is also a part of making good choices. Jesus knew what he was about and so must we. There's no better time than Lent to sit down and think about who we want to be. Lastly, once we have decided what choices we are going to make, we mustn't procrastinate. The Bible never tires of telling us that time is of the essence.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, a celebration very much like Gaudete Sunday in Advent. For each of those Sundays, we can use rose-coloured vestments, and both Latin words can be translated, "rejoice." Both also announce to us that we are drawing ever closer to the feast for which we are preparing (Christmas for Gaudete Sunday, and Easter for Laetare Sunday). This day has also come to be known as 'Mothering Sunday'. Four hundred years ago, people made a point of visiting their nearest big church (the Mother Church) on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Young girls and boys 'in service' were only allowed one day to visit their family each year, and this was usually Mothering Sunday. Often the housekeeper or cook would allow the maids to bake a cake to take home for their mother. Sometimes a gift of eggs; or flowers from the garden was allowed. 'Mothering Sunday' does not have the same origins as 'Mother's Day', but it has become a tradition to show our mothers our appreciation on this Sunday. Happy Mothering Sunday!

Exposition

Monday: 10:00am -10:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am-10:00pm

Wednesday: 7:00am-7:00pm

Friday: 11.00am-12 noon

Saturday: 10:00am-12 noon

Rosary

Monday-Friday: 9:10am (term time only)

Meditation Group

Tuesday 9.00am-10.00am

Medjugorje Prayer Group

Thursday: 8:00pm–9:00pm

Scripture Study

Wednesday 2.00pm-3.00pm

Catholic Schools in the

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If you would like to receive the parish newsletter by e-mail, please sign up via the parish website www.cpb.org.uk

Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms for your offering to the parish are available on the website. Please complete and give in to the parish office.

CONFIRMATION

The next session for candidates is Tuesday 20th March at 7.30 pm in the Parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2018

The next children's session is Thursday 15th March at 5.30 pm in the Parish hall.

Any queries, please email cppfhc@gmail.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We are urgently looking for more Adorers at the following times:

MONDAY: 4 - 5 PM

TUESDAY: 3-4 PM

WEDNESDAY: 1 - 2 & 2 - 3 PM

If you are able to help at any of the above, please contact Claudia at cppadoration@gmail.com or advise the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 17th March:

St Patrick's Night Celebration in the parish hall

Sunday 8th April

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 21st April

Soul Supper

24th - 29th June

Week of guided prayer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Saturday morning at 9.15 am The following groups will lead each morning as follows:

17th March: Readers; 24th March: SVP

Holy Hour from 4 - 5 pm each Sunday in Lent

Holy Week (TRIDUUM and Easter)

25th March Palm Sunday.

29th March: 8pm Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Mandatum). Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Adoration, closing with Night Prayer at 11pm.

30th March Good Friday: 10am- Walk of Witness (From St James' church to Monument Green).

3pm- The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

6pm- Stations of the Cross

31st March Holy Saturday: 10am- Morning Prayer

3pm- Swieconka (Polish blessing of foods)

8:30pm- The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

1st April Easter Sunday: 9am, 10:30am and 12noon Mass (NO EVENING MASS)

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & NOTICES

OTHER EVENTS & NOTICES

CWL

Tuesday 13th March, 2pm: The next meeting in the hall for members of the Catholic Women's League. At 3 pm we will watch the DVD "A Journey to the Cross" with prayerful meditations on the Stations of the Cross enhanced by some beautiful colour images painted by the Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey, with music to accompany. All Weybridge parishioners and friends are welcome to join us for the DVD at 3 pm. We hope that Fr Alex will be able to give his talk in April - more details to follow.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT

Saturday 17th March: Celebration in the parish hall. Irish dancers, live music, good food. Tickets available from the parish office. Adults £20, children £8

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Tuesday 20th March, 9.30 am: We are running a small group of Mothers' Prayers for young mothers with small children who would like to continue in their own homes. If you are interested to learn more, meet in the Narthex after the morning Rosary or contact Mary in the parish office.

WHY CAN'T WE ALL BE ONE?

Thursday 12th April, 8pm: You are invited to a wine and cheese evening in the parish hall at which three ministers from different Christian denominations will attempt to answer this question. Whilst it is important to value the gifts we have in common, if we desire an even deeper sense of Christian unity, we need to be honest about some of the deeper issues that divide us; only then can we enter into an even more fruitful dialogue. There will also be an opportunity to pose your own questions to the speakers. Entry is free, but donations will gladly be accepted.

News from Our Lady Queen of Peace, Zarqa

We celebrate news that three families have secured visas to Australia; however more families have arrived seeking shelter, food and a safe place to practice their faith. Jordan continues to welcome refugees despite the strain this places on their infrastructure and limited resources. In these uncertain times we ask for your continued prayers.

One of the refugees in Zarqa makes beautiful candles with the image of Our Lady on the front. He was keen to gift one to our parish as a way of connecting us in prayer. This has been given to the Medjugorje group to light during their prayer meetings. As Pope Francis said, "Prayer brings us hope, and when things become dark, with more prayer there will be more hope."

PARISH NOTICES

REPOSITORY

Do come and see the stock of new Easter cards. We also have a good range of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. We look forward to seeing you.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Pam Packham, Pat Gamba, Michelle Chadwick and Mo Wilson who all managed to turn up to Women's World Day of Prayer, despite the weather last Friday. In spite of the small numbers, it was an inspiring service 'All God's Creation is Very Good' prepared by the women of Suriname and kindly hosted by the URC ladies.

MANY THANKS also to all those who provided sleeping bags and other items for The Passage for the homeless. These have been delivered and the organisers were delighted to receive them. .

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP : TALK

Wednesday 21st March, 7.30 pm: At Our Lady's Parish Hall, Madeira Road, West Byfleet: talk entitled 'Climate Change - A Christian's Response' with Dr Martin Hodson, Operations Manager of John Ray Initiative, an educational charity which promotes scientific and Christian understanding of the environment. Everyone welcome.

EASTER RETREAT FOR 18-35s AT WORTH ABBEY

Worth Abbey and The Wellspring Community invite young adults (ages 18-35) to celebrate the Easter Triduum (29th March-1st April) with a retreat at Worth Abbey. Over the Easter Triduum young adults from across the UK will be gathering to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The retreat will be centred around participation in the Triduum liturgy from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, with a programme of talks by the monks, discussion, prayer & reflection and fellowship. Leading up to the retreat, you are welcome to be part of a 'Cross Walk'- a group of young adults and monks who will walk to Worth from Arundel, across the beautiful South Downs, carrying the cross. We will begin the walk on Palm Sunday (25th March) and arrive at Worth on Maundy Thursday (29th March). Booking forms are now available. Please contact TOC@worthabbey.net or fcarbone@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. You can also find more information via Facebook.

RE TEACHER TRAINING

Are you a graduate with a strong desire to inspire young people and transform lives through exploring some of life's biggest questions? Have you considered becoming a Secondary RE teacher?

The University of Sussex offers full and part time PGCE and School Direct Courses in Religious Education resulting in qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a PGCE of up to 90 Masters Level Credits For more information including eligibility and entry criteria visit <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/education/ite/pgceandschooldirectsecondary/religiouseducation>

MARIE CURIE 'DAFFODILS'

If you buy a 'daffodil' from the box in the narthex, please put the money in the envelopes provided and either drop through the Priests' House door or put in the weekend offertory basket or in the box for papers and candles, marking the envelope 'Marie Curie'. Thank you.

Adam's books - a nice ending

The reprint of Adam's books will be available after mass this weekend - or you can pick them up in the parish office for those who contacted him. There is a nice ending to this "gluegate" story - if the book was successful, Adam had wanted to fund the sending of copies of these books to the African church through a Catholic charity based in this diocese - they are called Crown of Thorns - the Rosary Charity, and they have supplied millions of rosary cards to Nigeria, and other countries in Africa. As a result of a generous response by the printers, they are not going to pulp the first round of books but 625 books in English will be going to Africa, 775 French books, and 775 Italian books. Perhaps there was a little intervention in this history which produced such a wonderful outcome. If anyone wants to help fund the postage of these books to Africa, you can donate online to <http://www.crownofthorns.org.uk/donate/> or let the parish office know and Mary Lee will give you more details.



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Mass Times, Intentions and Diary for the Week Ahead

| | | MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| SATURDAY 10th March | 10 am 6 pm | Teddy Gomez RIP Janet Tollitt RIP | 9.15 am | Stations of the Cross Retiring collection for The Passage |
| SUNDAY 11th March FOURTH 'LAETARE' SUNDAY IN LENT <i>2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21</i> | 9 am 10.30 am 6 pm | Mavis Openshaw RIP Richard Doyle RIP Teresa Moran RIP | 4 - 5 pm | Retiring collection for The Passage (Gift Aid envelopes available) Holy Hour |
| MONDAY 12th March | 10 am | Funeral Mass of Rosario Giardina RIP | | |
| TUESDAY 13th March | 10 am | Theodora Liwanag RIP | 2 pm | CWL (Hall) |
| WEDNESDAY 14th March | 10 am | Hugh McManus RIP | | |
| THURSDAY 15th March | | No Mass | 9.15 - 11.15 am 5.30 pm 8 pm | Mothers & Toddlers (Hall) First Communion children Medjugorje Prayer Group |
| FRIDAY 16th March | 12 noon | Frank Hughes RIP | | |
| SATURDAY 17th March <i>St Patrick</i> | 10 am 6 pm | Mary Purcell RIP Vocations | 9.15 am 7.15 pm | Stations of the Cross St Patrick' Night Supper & Dance (Hall) |
| SUNDAY 18th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30</i> | 9 am 10.30 am 6 pm | People of the Parish Intentions of Michael Olele Jill Davies RIP | 4 - 5 pm 7 - 8.30pm | Holy Hour Young People's Alpha Group (Hall) |

Recommended Viewing

Exploring Mark - The Gospel of St Mark

The Gospel According to St Mark is the shortest of the four gospels but often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail. The Catholic Church of England and Wales has posted a series of short films on its website, called 'Exploring Mark'. The films aim to bring us a little closer to Mark the Evangelist and his account of Jesus, his life and His ministry. The commentary is provided by the excellent Nicholas King SJ - an eminent author and Bible scholar.

Watch online at www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/Featured/Lent/Exploring-Mark-The-Jesus-of-St-Marks-Gospel