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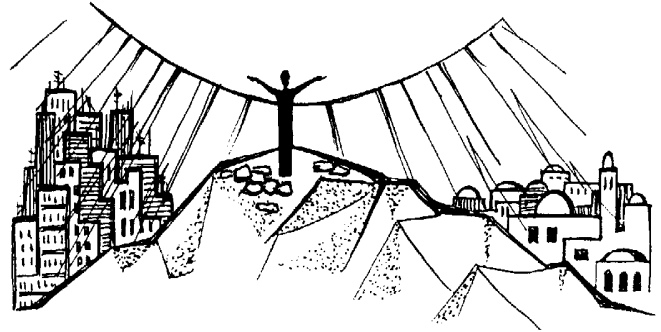
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The First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	4 th	6.00 pm	Joseph & Josephine Burns RIP
Sunday	5 th	8.15 am	John Roe RIP
		10.30 am	John Joseph McMahon RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass
Monday	6 th	9.30 am	The Parish
		10.00 am	<i>Mother's Prayers</i>
		11.00 am	<i>Lent Group</i>
		2.15 pm	<i>Mother's Prayers</i>
Tuesday	7 th	9.30 am	Vincent & Monica Leahy RIP
		7.30 pm	<i>Choir Practice</i>
Wednesday	8 th	9.30 am	Dorri Cooper (90 th Birthday)
		7.00 pm	<i>Divine Mercy Lent Group</i>
Thursday	9 th	7.00 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
		7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	10 th	9.30 am	Seamus Casey RIP
Saturday	11 th	6.00 pm	Charlie Gillespie RIP
Sunday	12 th	8.15 am	Mary Ellis RIP
		10.30 am	Katherine Drohan RIP



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5:45 pm

COLLECTIONS: Church: £606 Thank you for your generosity.

Next Friday is CAFOD Lent Fast Day, a day of special prayer for the hungry and needy of the world. Please take a special envelope and return it, enclosing your donation, at the second collection next Sunday, remembering to fill in the attached Gift Aid form if you are a tax-payer. When you give up something on Fast Day and share what you have, you prove that poverty is not inevitable

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Molly Simmonds, Deacon Pat Moloney, Roy Pritchard, Marie Davidson, Yvonne Carter, Monica Nichols, Lottie-Mae, Gearoid McNamara, Gordon & Ann Milne, Finlay, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Krissie White, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Paula de Mello, Bill Hogg, Andrew Kennedy, Ted O'Brien, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Ann Wesley, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Joan Jacobs, Kerry McStravick, Gerry Potter, Lydia Van Melsen, Donald MacDonald, Edna Catley

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: EILEEN GODFREY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Michael O'Rourke, Brian Jackson, David Davies, Margaret Sullivan, Kathleen Shortt, John Gomez, Rosina Curtis, Maurice Brunet, Mary Ellis, Rene McGrath, Anne Soper, Charlie Gillespie

3. ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT 'HOOLEY' in aid of our Parish Project, will take place on Saturday 18th March at 7.00 pm in the Barn. Irish Step Dancers, three course traditional Irish Supper – Bacon & Cabbage - Home made desserts, Irish Coffee, Bar, a Sing-a-long and Raffle,. Come and enjoy an evening of fun, good food music and dance. Donations of Raffle prizes would be appreciated. Tickets on sale after all Masses **this** weekend: Adults £7.50, Children £4.00

4. CHOIR PRACTICES will in future be held on Tuesday evenings (7.30 – 8.45 pm) For more information please contact Margaret on 01903 504316

5. GIFT AID New boxes of envelopes are now available in the porch for those who currently use them for church contributions. Please remember to take yours when you leave. All adults who pay income tax are asked to consider the church Gift Aid scheme. Every £1 contribution is increased by 25p by the Inland Revenue at no extra cost to the donor. Further information may be obtained from –Jim Simpson 01903 240684

6. WHICH ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP WILL YOU BE JOINING?: Further information in both porches

7. THE LENTEN ALMS BOX is in the front porch next to the main door. The proceeds are sent to the Contemplative Orders of Women in the Diocese

8. MINISTERS DAY OF RECOLLECTION is **next** Saturday. A reminder to all Ministers of the Eucharist that you have undertaken to attend one Day of Recollection each year. Please leave a message on the Parish Office phone – 242624 – to confirm you are coming

9. AN OPEN PARISH PASTORAL MEETING will take place on Friday 31st March in The Barn at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Hope you can come so that we as a parish can plan ahead

10. WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE : The Chichester group of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham is arranging a pilgrimage to Walsingham from Tues 23rd to Thurs 25th May (2 nights stay in Walsingham). They would like members of English Martyrs to join them. Travel is by air-conditioned coach. The coach will pick up near to church in Goring. Application forms, with details and instructions for their return can be found in both porches

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Toothpaste, Flannels Soap and Blue and Black Biros. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

12. WORTHING CHURCHES HOMELESS PROJECTS: Urgently needed this month: Men's jeans and underwear - Specifically sizes small and medium, jeans size 32 and below. Kitchen utensils, especially, wooden spoons, spatulas, and veg peelers. Coffee, Sugar, Squash, Fruit juices, Biscuits, Any cleaning products, especially Washing powder, Toilet Rolls. Many thanks to all those who are so generous in their donations

FATHER LIAM SAYS: The Academy Awards Ceremony last weekend caused quite a stir when the true winner of the Best Picture Oscar turned out to be 'Moonlight' rather than 'La La Land.' What pleased me most about the event was that the award for the best Short Documentary went to 'White Helmets'.

The 'White Helmets' are the true heroes of Syria's devastating conflict. Their proper name is the Syrian Civil Defence and they have about 2,600 volunteers in their ranks, among them bakers, tailors, carpenters and students. It is thought that they have saved more than 70,000 lives. They are known as the 'White Helmets' because white is the colour of the hard hats that these volunteer rescue workers wear when they rush through the streets of Syrian cities to the scene of yet another devastating airstrike. They often wrestle people from the wreckage left behind after the fighter jets of Syrian President Assad or his Russian allies pour destruction on residential areas. The White Helmets recently pulled five year old Omran Daqueesh from the rubble in Aleppo. The image of Omran's dazed and bloodied face as he later sat in an ambulance went all round the world.

Founded four years ago the White Helmets have quietly gone about their emergency humanitarian work but they have been gaining more and more international attention. There is a campaign to have them awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. They have recently accused the Assad regime and its allies of deliberately targeting their facilities and personnel in Aleppo. Three of its four facilities in eastern Aleppo were hit in a wave of early morning air raids. They have lost over 130 of their volunteers over the past three years. They are usually the first – or only – people to respond to an air strike. The regime forces often bomb the same location again knowing that the White Helmets and locals stream there to rescue people.

This war is now in its fifth year with no end in sight. The White Helmets have no political affiliation and their aim is to rescue people from all sides of a vicious conflict. More than 400,000 lives have been lost and millions of Syrians have been driven from their devastated homes. They were recently among the winners of the Right Livelihood Award – sometimes known as Sweden's alternative Nobel Prize. But obviously what they want most of all is an end to the fighting when they can help to rebuild the country from the ruins.

Last Saturday the Worthing Deanery Refugee Day was well attended. Representatives from the various parishes of our Deanery were keen to learn how we can respond to this massive Refugee Crisis. Aiden Cantwell, the Diocesan Justice and Peace/Social Action advisor explained that the Diocesan policy is to encourage parishes to work through bodies that are operating at local level. Bishop Richard feels that this is far more feasible and effective than setting up a separate initiative. At our local level there are two very involved groups – Voices in Exile based in Brighton and Refugees4Worthing. There is also a group called Sanctuary at work in Chichester. It is envisaged that our efforts will be mainly directed through Refugees4Worthing group..

As a group of churches and people of goodwill Worthing4Refugees wishes that the Worthing area should be a place where refugees and displaced peoples – especially those from Syria – can find welcome, safety and justice and integration into the local community. It draws its inspiration and motivation from the Christian faith, remembering that Jesus himself was a refugee who says that we will be judged by our response to those in need of food and shelter, clothing and support.

'This is the time of mercy. Each day of our journey is marked by God's presence. He guides our steps with the power of the grace that the Spirit pours into our hearts to make them capable of loving. It is the time of mercy for each and all, since no one can think that he or she is cut off from God's closeness and the power of his tender love. It is the time of mercy because those who are weak and vulnerable, distant and alone, ought to feel the presence of brothers and sisters who can help them in their need. It is the time of mercy because the poor should feel that they are regarded with respect and concern by others who have overcome indifference and discovered what is essential in life.' (*Misericordia et Misera*, 21) Pope Francis