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The Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	16 th	6.00 pm	George Johnson RIP
Sunday	17 th	8.15 am	Sivyer Family Past & present
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	18 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	19 th	9.30 am	Peter Baldwin RIP
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	20 th	9.30 am	Father Philip Mathias RIP
Thursday	21 st	7.30 pm	Donald MacDonald RIP
		8.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday	22 nd	9.30 am	Father Colin Murphy RIP
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	23 rd	6.00 pm	Tom & Kathleen Corrigan RIP
Sunday	24 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Darryl Cox RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13: 1-9

COLLECTIONS: Church: £578 Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

(Special Gift Aid Envelopes available in both porches)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Brian Dunne, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Veronica Johnstone, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Peggy Gallagher, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Bernard Bandy, Deacon Pat Moloney, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now Kate Rowe, Michael Conway, Joyce Whaling, Marjorie Leach, Stanley Hanson, Michael Hancox, Mary Wilds, Darryl Cox, Anthony Hoppe, Michael McCarthy

3. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our fourteen First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the back of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June.

4 PRAY WITH THE HEART – LENT 2019 is a new course for the Worthing Deanery, designed to help us grow in our relationship with God through the gift of prayer. Each Monday evening through Lent 'Pray with the Heart' will focus on a different element of prayer, with quality talks from guest speakers. The course will be held at St Michael's in High Salvington, Worthing. If you would like a lift to St Michael's please contact Mary on 01903 506599

5. THE DIVINE MERCY LENT GROUP will be held every Wednesday at 7.00 pm during Lent in the Good Shepherd Chapel. Everyone is welcome

6. GORING FRIENDSHIP CENTRE in the Methodist Church Hall every Wednesday at 12.30pm, regularly welcomes 60 elderly diners, many of whom live on their own and who enjoy the three-course cooked meal and fellowship with others. There is a chef and thirty volunteers who take it in turns to care for the guests. This is an ecumenical venture that has been running for more than 40 years. They are looking for two people who would be prepared to take on the organisation of the gathering or a group of people who might, on a rota basis, take turns in having responsibility for the lunch time meeting. To find out more please go along on a Wednesday morning to meet the current organisers, John and Catherine.

7. DO YOU HAVE A WOOD BURNING STOVE? The church has two unwanted wooden pallets which are free to a good home! New owner collects.

8. HAND-MADE MOTHER'S DAY CARDS are now available in the Repository. All proceeds go to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga. St Patrick Day cards etc are also available.

9. 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

10. BOXES FOR PRAYER PETITIONS: The prayer group will be placing a box in each of the porches for your Prayer Petitions. These will be offered up by the prayer group when they meet on alternate Friday evenings.

11. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of A5 Notebooks/Reporters Pads, Toothpaste, Pencil Cases and Crayons/Colouring Pencils. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

12. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects): Items they currently need: Cooking sauces, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Salad cream, Cooking oil, Squashes, Tea and Coffee, Boxer Shorts, Ladies Undies 12/14, Washing powder, Cereal bowls, Washing up brushes, Dishwasher Tablets, Toilet bleach, Shampoo, Shower gel, Floor cleaner. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year.

Father Liam says: In his 1995 Encyclical Letter on Ecumenism (That all may be one) Pope John Paul II had this to say about the Papacy: 'The Catholic Church's conviction that in the ministry of the Bishop of Rome she has preserved... the visible sign and guarantor of unity, constitutes a difficulty for most Christians whose memory is marked by painful recollections. To the extent that we are responsible for these, I join my predecessor Paul VI in asking forgiveness.

St Pope John Paul II plainly admits that there have been painful things in the Catholic Church which have wounded unity among Christians and that the Popes must accept some responsibility for. He goes on to ask leaders of other churches to work with him in finding ways in which the Ministry of Peter could be exercised in a more fruitful way. 'I insistently pray the Holy Spirit to shine his light upon us, enlightening all the pastors and theologians of our churches that we may seek – together, of course, - the forms in which this ministry may accomplish a service of love recognised by all concerned. This is an immense task, which we cannot refuse and which I cannot carry out by myself. Could not the real but imperfect communion existing between us pervade the church leaders and their theologians to engage with me in a patient and fraternal dialogue in which, leaving useless controversies behind, we could listen to one another, keeping before us only the will of Christ for his Church?'

The object of the dialogue that the Pope was asking for was in his words 'to find a way of exercising the primacy, which while in no way removing what is essential to its mission, is nonetheless open to a new situation.' The Pope distinguishes between the substance of the papal office 'what is essential to its mission' and the forms in which it has been historically exercised. We often assume that the way in which Popes exercise their office today is roughly speaking how Popes operated down the centuries. For instance in modern times the Pope has the ultimate say in appointing all the bishops of the Catholic Church in the West. Of course in Eastern Churches that are in full communion with Rome, the Pope has no say in who is appointed bishops. The Eastern Church has always had its own way of doing things – they have their own Canon Law and their own distinctive Liturgy and have had always the celibate and married clergy. But it is instructive to be aware of the fact that in the West until roughly 1800 Rome very rarely intervened in the appointment of bishops in dioceses outside the Papal States. Only in the territories where the Pope was the temporal ruler did they appoint bishops. At the death of Pope Leo XII in 1829 there were 646 diocesan bishops in the Latin Church. Of this number, excluding those in the Papal States, only 24 were directly appointed by Rome. The present practice therefore is relatively recent. In the chaos created in Europe by the French Revolution and the fall of Napoleon and the change in Italy when the Papal States fell from Papal rule that Italy was politically united the Vatican was confronted with the need to provide bishops for hundreds of dioceses. But is it prudent or necessary to indefinitely continue to do the appointing? The Roman Curia, which over time has accumulated such power and influence existed in some form since the 6th century but it goes back in a form such as it has today to Pope Sixtus V in 1588.

Ten years ago when the New Translation of the Missal came about we had the situation when the Bishops of the English speaking world gave in to pressure from the Roman Curia to set aside the translation that had been laboured over for years and which they had approved in favour of the translation imposed upon them. The German and Italian bishops were not so compliant. Several years before that, in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, a new Catechism of the Catholic Church came into being. Bishops from various parts of the world were involved in preparing the Catechism. An English translation was prepared which was agreed on by the English-speaking body charged with its preparation. But objections to the translation were raised and as a result, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith halted publication, rejected the proposed translation and called for a completely new translations. The majority of the active English speaking Cardinals of the world supported the original translation and opposed any new translation. Yet they allowed themselves to be over-ridden.

These events suggest that in the view of the Roman Curia the bishops of English speaking countries were not competent as teachers of the faith to judge the appropriateness or accuracy of the Catechism or Missal in their own language. One of the most important teachings of the Second Vatican Council concerned the Collegiality of the Bishops. It was emphasised that in union with the Bishop of Rome they share in the teaching office of Christ. In practice scant respect has been paid to this in the recent past. The Curia acts as if it has a higher authority than the College of Bishops whereas its task is to assist the Bishop of Rome and the other bishops in serving the needs of the people of God. This is why Pope Francis is constantly attempting to reform the Curia and why many in the Curia seek to neutralise his efforts. He certainly needs all the support and prayers he can get from his fellow bishops and all of us.