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The Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	22 nd	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	23 rd	8.15 am	Jo Murphy RIP
		10.30 am	Darryl Cox RIP
Monday	24 th	9.30 am	Intention of M.M.
Tuesday	25 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	26 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP & Family
Thursday	27 th	9.30 am	NO MASS
Friday	28 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	29 th	6.00 pm	Janice O'Brien RIP
Sunday	30 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Frances Boylan RIP



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

COLLECTIONS: Church: £479 DONA: £153 CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: £737 Thank you for your generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Elaine C, Pope Francis, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, Mirille Byrne, Peter Honiball, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Bernard Nutland, Donna Jackson, Maithe Bennett, William Clarke, Joyce Sims, Therese Mekui, Daisy Kinch, Maureen Sullivan, Raymond Earl, Stephen Paris, Edith De la Bertauche, Lillian Corry, Alice Hudson. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the side of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8th June.

4. DEANERY LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: You are warmly invited to the Worthing Deanery Lenten Service of Reconciliation, with Bishop Richard on Wednesday 26th March at St. Michael's, High Salvington.

5. THE BIG LENT WALK to raise money for CAFOD. The idea is to walk 200 km during Lent – not necessarily all at the same time! You can do this by yourself or join with others but note how far you walk each day and you might be very surprised at just how far that is. Make sure you arrange to be sponsored before you start. For further information contact <https://cafod.org.uk/news/uk-news/dermot-o-leary-supports-cafod-s-big-lent-walk>

6. WHEN DID YOU LAST VISIT THE REPOSITORY? We now have a selection of Mother's Day, St Patrick and Easter cards in the shop together with the beautiful handmaid cards, the money from which, goes to the Parish Project in Kalingalinga.

7. ST PATRICK'S NIGHT HOOLEY: An enjoyable evening was had by all with Carey school of Irish dancing performing, sing- a -long, 3 course meal, ending with Irish coffee and raffle. The amazing sum of £1100 was raised for the parish project. Many thanks to all who helped set up, worked so hard on the evening supported the event, donated money, raffle prizes and delicious desserts etc. It wouldn't have happened without you all.

8. 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

9. JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6th June to Sunday 8th June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our Diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was once one of the four principal shrines in Christendom, along with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Today the Shrine attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season. Walsingham is a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation and a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. To find out more and book your place, please click on: abdioces.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuo

10. HARRISON HOCKET who is one of our MC's at 6.00 pm on Saturdays and a pupil at St. Oscar Romero has slept in a box overnight to raise money for Turning Tides. Harrison will be appealing for sponsorship after all Masses next weekend and hopes that you will support his efforts.

11. EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, [often known as Eucharistic Ministers]. New ministers are required within the parish for this very important ministry, and you are invited to speak to Father Liam about taking on this role. No previous experience is necessary as all training will be given

12. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated

13. TURNING TIDES: SPRING INTO ACTION WISHLIST – Coffee, Sugar, Carton juice - large and small, Brown sauce, Cereals (not porridge oats), Breakfast bars Cooking oil, Combined shampoo and conditioner, Shower gel, Toilet rolls, Washing up liquid, Cleaning wipes and all-purpose sprays, Washing powder, Small bottled water, Snack pots, pot noodles, Pasta-n-sauce Spreads: peanut butter, Marmite, chocolate, Tinned ham, corned beef, tinned fish, Custard Rice pudding. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much needed and appreciated.

Father Liam says: In the Apostles Creed we are constantly reminded that Jesus was put to death on the orders of Pontius Pilate – 'He suffered under Pontius Pilate'. Crucifixion was a Roman form of execution, borrowed from either Greece or Persia, inflicted on rebels against the State. It was such a horrific sentence that Roman Citizens were exempt from it. They were beheaded instead. That is why Paul was not crucified. He was a Roman Citizen, Jesus was not, nor were any of the twelve. Crucifixion was not a Jewish form of punishment. No Jew crucified anyone but the gospels plainly tell us that the leaders of the Jews demanded that Jesus should be crucified.

This year the Gospel on Palm Sunday comes from St Luke's Gospel. In that Gospel we are told that Pilate three times proclaimed the innocence of Jesus, while Peter three times denied that he even knew Jesus. The Gospels suggest that Pilate was well disposed to Jesus at the beginning of the trial but they show that he yielded to pressure through fear of the consequences of an acquittal. History shows him to have been a tyrant with little respect for human life and his regime was notorious for oppression and corruption. Pilate was the highest Roman official in the land. He bore the title 'procurator'. The most outstanding person of all was, of course, the emperor and his stewards or procurators ruled the many provinces of the vast Roman Empire. But it looks almost as if Pilate did not want to try Jesus. When he heard that Jesus was a Galilean he sent him to King Herod Antipas, Ruler of The Galilee, who was living in Jerusalem. When questioned by the King, Jesus was silent. Herod and his soldiers mocked him, dressed him in gaudy apparel and sent him back to Pilate.

Luke begins his account of the Passion of Jesus – as do other evangelists – by emphasizing that it took place at the time of the Jewish Passover. 'Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed'. (Luke 22:7). Jesus himself got ready to celebrate the meal of the Passover with his disciples. He sent Peter and John to make preparations for it. This feast was a magnet to draw many thousands of pilgrims into Jerusalem. It was the annual celebration that commemorated Israel's deliverance from Egypt, centuries before. The feast is the background for the events of the last days in the mortal life of Jesus. Jesus himself is the Passover Lamb. 'For our paschal lamb has been sacrificed' Paul wrote (1Corinthians 5:7). John applied to Jesus an instruction about the sacrifice of the paschal lamb: 'None of his bones shall be broken'. (John 19:36)

Jesus begins the meal with words of encouragement for his disciples: 'With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer' (Luke 22:15) But even at that meal Luke speaks of 'a dispute that arose among those at table about which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest' (22:24) But Luke delights in reporting words of encouragement that Jesus spoke to them. He compliments them that they were the ones who had stood by him in his trials, knowing that their standing was sporadic. He assured them that they would have the reward of eating with him in his Kingdom and judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Throughout his gospel Luke like to emphasize that Jesus is constantly encouraging people. He has come to direct our feet in the ways of peace. His disciples recognize their weakness. They ask Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11) and to increase their faith (17:5). If people who are not Christians know something about the gospels, it is usually what Luke has written. He it is that gives us the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. And it is he who tells us of the good thief to whom Christ promised Paradise – that very day!