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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	21 st	6.00 pm	Yvonne Short RIP
Sunday	22 nd	8.15 am	Deceased Members of the Newman Family
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction
Monday	23 rd	9.30 am	Peter Kersley RIP
Tuesday	24 th	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	25 th	9.30 am	Richard Armitage RIP
Thursday	26 th	9.30 am	Leo Adams RIP
		7.00 pm	Lent Service of Reconciliation
Friday	27 th	9.30 am	Mireille Byrne RIP
		10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	28 th	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	29 th	8.15 am	Kathy Haydon RIP
		10.30 am	Darryl Cox RIP
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour and Benediction



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

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27;66

COLLECTIONS: Church: £546 DONA:135 Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for Flowers for our Church - Please see Note 6

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Derek LeMahieu, Bernard Markham, Ruth Waywell, John, Christopher Williams, Laura Pegg, Olivia (was Bengston-Gear) & family, Marie Davidson, Alice Headon, Shona, Jonathan Waywell, Elaine C, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, David Hall, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, David Lancaster, Camilla Jane, Michelle Dielt, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Tony & Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, 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, Ernest Hare, Cyril Woodgar, George Welch, Mark Zenkteler.

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Anthony Hoppe, Michael McCarthy, 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.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

3. 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.

4. THE LENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place here on Thursday 26th March at 7.00pm. If you will be unable to come there are posters in the porches with details of services being held elsewhere in the Deanery. There will be a choice of confessors.

5. 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 7th June.

6. FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCH: Our church is somewhat subdued during Lent and I am sure we all miss the beauty of the fresh flower arrangements that are there throughout the rest of the year. As with most things, the price of flowers is also rising and you are asked to be generous this weekend when we have a Second Collection for church flowers.

7. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 2nd April - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 8.00 pm
Friday 3rd April - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3.00 pm
Saturday 4th April - The Solemn Vigil of Easter – 8.00 pm
Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday – Mass at 8.15 and 10.30 am



8. ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: A delightful young Indian family with three children under 8 are to relocate from Tewkesbury Gloucestershire to Worthing during April for work reasons. Ideally, they would like to find a three bedroomed house in the area. References from their current landlord and Parish Priest can be provided. If anyone has such a property to let, or knows of anything suitable, please contact the parish office in Tewkesbury 01684 293273 with details which can be passed on.

9. A MARY'S MEALS WALKING PILGRIMAGE: The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral is taking place from 8-9th May. You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for both days. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.org.

10. APPEAL FROM HARRISON, ONE OF OUR ALTAR SERVERS. On 13th March, Harrison took part in a school Sponsored Sleep Out supporting Turning Tides and ANCOP Philippines. Despite the cold and the challenge of sleeping in cardboard boxes, it was a humbling experience. If you are able to sponsor him, any support would be greatly appreciated.

11. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the noticeboard 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

12. TURNING TIDES: THE SPRING WISH LIST: Pot Noodles, Packet Ready Meals, Instant Super Noodles, Tinned Meat - Ham & Corned Beef, Tinned Ready Meals - Meat & Vegetarian, Tinned Fish & Tuna Fray Bentos Pies, Long Life Milk, Alternative Milk, Cooking Oil, Cartons of Juice, Bottled Water, Sugar, Instant Coffee, Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Chocolate Spread, Cereal Bars, Shaving Foams, Razors, Hair Brushes, Feminine Hygiene Products, Sun creams, Toilet Rolls, Lip Balms. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year. It is much appreciated.

Father Liam says: A variety of people were involved in the trial of Christ. Judas Iscariot, Herod Antipas, Annas, Pilate and even Pilate's wife. But the blame for what happened rests on the shoulders of Pilate. Whenever the Apostles Creed is recited, his fateful decision is recalled by the words: 'He suffered under Pontius Pilate.' Pilate was the highest Roman official in the land. He bore the title of Procurator. The most important person of all was the Emperor and his Stewards or Procurators ruled each of the vast portions of the Empire. Normally Procurators were subject to the Governors of the Roman Provinces but the Procurator of Judea was subject only to the emperor.

The Gospels suggest that Pilate was well-disposed to Jesus at the beginning of the trial. But 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. His regime was notorious for oppression and corruption, but it looks almost as if Pilate did not want to try Jesus. When he heard that Jesus was from Galilee he sent him to King Herod Antipas, Ruler of Galilee, who was then living in Jerusalem. When Jesus remained silent, he sent him back to Pilate.

The Gospel writers are anxious to show that Jesus accepted suffering willingly. St John in particular stresses the power of Jesus even when he was at his weakest point. It is John's account of the Passion that is put before us every year in the Liturgy of Good Friday. Jesus is portrayed as going to the Cross like a King to his throne. He quietly fulfills the purpose he came into the world to perform. The liturgy emphasises that Christ achieves victory on the cross precisely through his suffering and death. By his wounds we are healed. John presents Jesus as the one who is in charge of his own destiny. At the beginning of the Passion account, Jesus goes to the soldiers and guards who had come to Gethsemane to arrest him and asks them three times: 'Whom do you seek?' When they reply: 'Jesus of Nazareth' he replies: 'I am he'. Perhaps 'I am he' is a reference to the sacred Name Yahweh given by God to Moses, meaning 'I am' - the name by which God was to be known. When they heard the reply of Jesus the soldiers fell to the ground.

It is surprising that when we begin the Solemn Celebration of the Passion, we do not make the Sign of the Cross. The Church does not regard this as the beginning of our Liturgy. It is a continuation of the Service that began the evening before. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper at the end of which the Blessed Sacrament is brought solemnly to the Altar of Repose as we reflect on how Jesus went with his friends after the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane. That Mass does not end with the dismissal nor does the Good Friday Service begin with a greeting. The three special days – the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil are viewed by the church as a great Celebration. The Good Friday service does not end with a dismissal nor does the Easter Vigil begin with a greeting. They are not three separate celebrations. In fact the three days constitute the season of the Sacred Triduum. They come at the end of Lent and are the great bridge to Easter. And it is Easter that marks us the people we are. We are the Easter People and Alleluia is our song.

We gather around the fire in the dusk of Holy Saturday for the lighting of the Easter Candle which is then carried into the darkened church. The darkness is overcome by the lighted candles we carry. It is an image of our task to bring Christ's joy and peace into our fractured world.