

Father Kevin writes...

The great promise of life and hope, which is the desire of every human heart, was the clear concern of the people who crowded around the house where Jesus was staying in Capernaum as we hear in this week's Gospel. People wanted to listen to him. What he said was inspiring. He was not preaching revolution against authorities, or the fight for greater prosperity. It was something deeper than that. He got to their heart. He made them think. He challenged them about their lives. And he had a power of healing. No wonder people came to him.

When the paralysed man was lowered through the roof, it showed how determined people were to get to Jesus. The sick man must have come with tremendous hope in his heart. The paralysed man can be a symbol of us all. We can be paralysed by our sins – made helpless to grow to our full potential as human beings!

That is why the forgiving of sins is so important. Our wrongdoing brings hurt into human hearts, and guilt, and resentment, and hostility and bitterness. Mercy is the healing balm that brings us back to life, and God is merciful. God truly loves each one of us. When Jesus speaks to the paralysed man, he is telling him and us how much God wants to heal us.

This message of God's merciful love for all of us is precisely the message of the Season of Lent which we enter this Wednesday. This season is one of joy, not misery, for it gives us the opportunity to grow closer to the Lord and to each other. Lent prepares us for the celebration of the Easter Mysteries – when Christ endures his Passion and the triumph of his Resurrection to bring us God's forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. I pray that we will all use Lent to grow and deepen our faith.

LENT PROGRAMME FOR 2012

Full details of our parish Lent programme are available. Do take a copy. "Walk with Me" – A Lenten Journey of Prayer booklet is for sale price £1. and the **Calendar for Lent** price 50pence – both from the shop.

ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Masses @ 7.30am, 9am and 7.30pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

PARISH PROGRAMME FOR THE FIRST DAYS OF LENT

Thursday 23rd February: God So Loved the World: Responding with Passion. Parish Centre @ 10am. (See Lent Programme for full details.) Led by Tom and Philip.

Friday 24th February: Lent Lunches @ All Saints' Church Hall, Denmead 12.30-1.30pm. All welcome!

MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

This Sunday 19 February the Children's Liturgy Group will be helping us celebrate the 10am Mass. The children of our parish are a precious and very important part of our worshipping community, and their full participation in the Mass this week is an important development in our parish life.

CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

(Formerly the Catholic Children's Society)

Cabrini provides support and care to some of the most vulnerable children and young people in the community. You are invited to support their work, please place any donations in the basket provided, envelopes are available from the narthex should you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

Copies of the Lent Pastoral Letter from Bishop Crispian are available this weekend in the entrance foyer.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

18/19 February 2012

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Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My Heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Psalm Response:

Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Sara Scriven, Mary Adcock, Mary Carmen Ashby, Gordon (Ken) Benn, Lucy Barratt, Alice Chase, Pete Johnstone, Don Notley, Madeline Lennon, Mireille Bowyer, Hetty Penny, Mario Oakes, Camilla, Julie Beach, Alan Neilson, Theresa Dougal, Josefina Miller, Brian Beverley-Smith and Lyndsey Pratt.

For all the housebound, for those in nursing homes or hospital and all in The Rowans Hospice.

COUNTING: Monday 20 February

E. White, Bone and Hoar

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2012

PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 27th March

HOLY WEEK BEGINS:

Sunday 1 April

EASTER SUNDAY:

Sunday 8 April

ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

Weekend 19/20 May

PENTECOST:

Weekend 26/27 May

**COMMEMORATION OF
QUEEN'S JUBILEE:**

Sunday 3 June

CORPUS CHRISTI:

Weekend 9/10 June

SACRED HEART:

Friday 15 June

**DEDICATION DAY
CELEBRATION:**

Weekend 30 June/1 July

Saturday	18 Feb	6.15pm	Vigil: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter Day RIP
SUNDAY	19 Feb	10am 6.30pm	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter & Shirley Harrington RIP Eileen Gallagher
Monday	20 Feb	9am	Feria of the 7 th Week of Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
Tuesday	21 Feb	7pm	Feria of the 7 th Week of Ordinary Time	The grace to keep a good Lent
Wednesday	22 Feb	7.30am 9am 7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	People of the Parish Owen Hegarty RIP Holy Souls
Thursday	23 Feb	9am	After Ash Wednesday	UCM Intentions
Friday	24 Feb	11.30am	Funeral Mass (and Mass of the Day)	Bill Blackwell RIP
Saturday	25 Feb	6.15pm	Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Peter Day RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Monday @ 9.30am, or by appointment with the priest

NOTICES & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BILL BLACKWELL RIP: Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Bill. Funeral Mass Friday 24 February at 11.30am.

SHEILA O'SULLIVAN RIP: Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Sheila. Funeral Service at Portchester Crematorium on Wednesday 29 February at 2pm.

GEORGE STUCKEY RIP: Please pray for George who has died recently. Please pray also for his family at this time. No funeral details known at the moment.

HOLY BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church Lexie Sophie Britton who will be baptised at the 6.15pm Mass this Saturday and Ayva Oldland, who will be baptised at 11.30am on Sunday.

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY: Pancake Paradise. Invitation from the Tuesday Club to join them for yummy pancakes @ 2.00pm. For more details contact Trish on 07947611699

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY: Union of Catholic Mothers @ 2pm.

SATURDAY 10 MARCH: The Rowans Hospice 'Spring Fair'. St. George's Church Hall @ 9.30am. If you have any unwanted gifts or small knick-knacks for our stall, please leave them in the Church marked 'Jean Cable' or 'Elizabeth White'. Thank you.

SATURDAY 17 MARCH: St. Patrick's Day 'Ceili'. Irish music, professional caller - Adults £6, children £3, bar. Tickets available now!

Oaklands Catholic School

Staff Vacancy: Required for Sept. 2012 a full time teacher of Religious Education to join a team of **enthusiastic and committed Catholic colleagues in a department which has an outstanding record of excellence.**

Closing date Friday 2nd March. For an information pack, please contact Mrs Kay Hopkins at the school on 023 9224 8043 or email headteacher@oaklands.hants.sch.uk. *(The successful candidate will be subject to Criminal Records Bureau and other relevant checks.)*

JUSTICE AND PEACE INFORMATION MORNING **SATURDAY 10 MARCH @ 11AM**

Our Justice and Peace group have arranged for Mr. Paul Farmer, a member of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel, to come to the parish and share information about his experiences of working for peace and justice in the occupied Palestinian territories. More details later.

WINTERSHALL LIFE OF CHRIST

This annual dramatisation of the life of Christ takes place in the grounds of Wintershall Manor, near Guildford. The Havant Pastoral Area is planning to run a coach to the event on **Saturday 23 June 2012. Adults £23/Children £16** (includes return coach fare and entrance).

For full details see the notice on our notice board or to book a place please contact Sandra Haggan Sandra@u-need-us.biz or 9245 5161, Chris Peacock chris@mjpeacock.co.uk 9246 5713 or Fr. Tom Grufferty tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com 9248 4520.

WHO INVENTED THE MASS??

Fr. Kevin invites everyone to a series of short information sharing sessions, about the significance of the Mass, which will be held in the Parish Centre during Lent.

These will be especially helpful for those who are intending to begin the Journey in Faith Programme, next September, and for anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Mass.

Wednesday 29th February. 7th and 21st March at 7.30pm.



LENT FAST DAY

Please support CAFOD's Lent Fast Day on **Friday 2 March.**

Envelopes will be available on the weekend 25/26 February and the theme is water and sanitation.

This year, under the UK Aid Match scheme, the UK government will be **matching pound for pound** all donations made to CAFOD's Lenten appeal from 17 February until 17 May – which will include the Fast Day collection. This is a unique and unmissable opportunity to help thousands of people living in poverty throughout the world, so please support the appeal if you can. Thank you for your support and prayers.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 2 March @ 2pm - here at Sacred Heart

The service this year is prepared by the women of Malaysia. The Churches of Cowplain, Waterlooville, Purbrook, Widley and Lovedean are joining together for this annual service taking place in our new church. All welcome. Refreshments after in the parish centre.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY PRESENTATION

Parents! If you would like your children to be involved in the Good Friday presentation of the Passion, please register your interest with Felicity or a member of the Children's Liturgy team. Thank you.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School **VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered. Those seeking to become a Parent Foundation Governor will have a child currently registered at the school.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the head teacher and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the Governing Body, the Foundation Governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Lack of experience should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church. Appropriate training is available. Application packs are available from the Parish Office.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 28 February 2012