

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6/7 March 2010

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*During Lent: Mass Book users can find the full text of the Gospel Acclamation from the newsletter, as set out below and underlined.*

### Entrance Antiphon:

**My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.**

### Psalms Response:

**The Lord is compassion and love.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**  
**Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

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### Communion Antiphon:

**The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of Hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Sara Scriven, Hannah Lindsey, Basil Hedley, Mary Adcock,  
Mary Carmen Ashby, Gordon Benn, Lucy Barratt,  
Graham Moffat, Fay Higgins, Sophie Brooks,  
George Sturkey and Dennis Wills.

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

*When prayers have been answered, please request that the person's name be taken off the sick list.*

**COUNTING: Monday 8 March:**  
**Freshwater, Arnold & Hicken**

## **Father John Paul Sanderson OCSO**

Bishop Crispian has appointed Fr. John Paul to Hayling Island on a temporary basis while Fr. Andrew Chandler is away. Fr. Paul is a monk of Mount St. Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire.

There will be a Mass to welcome him at St. Patrick's at 7.30 pm on the Feast of the Annunciation Thursday 25 March to which everybody is welcome. After Mass there will be an opportunity for individual confession.

Please keep Fr. Andrew in your prayers.

## Fr Kevin writes...

Today's parable in St. Luke's Gospel has been called the "Parable of the second chance", because it teaches that God indeed offers people "a second chance", as the apostles Peter and Paul could testify. The gardener in the gospel tells the owner of the vineyard that it is necessary to give the fig tree another chance to produce fruit. With nourishment and care, something may come from the life of the tree.

This parable follows two events in the gospel that highlight the need for repentance and starting lives anew. Jesus calls for repentance and assures his listeners that it is never too late to turn around their lives and bear fruit in God's eyes.

When Jesus asks people to repent, he is not simply asking them to do something religious; rather, he is asking them to dare to see differently, to look at God, the world and themselves through a different lens. The time to repent is the time to let go of one way of seeing and thinking in order to embrace the risk of seeing and thinking differently and, therefore, living differently.

In the New Testament the word translated as "repentance" is the Greek word *metanoia*. This word means "a change of mind accompanied by regret and change of conduct". Lent is an opportunity for new beginnings for ourselves, and perhaps we should take the opportunity to give one another a second chance.

## **HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are required for the Triduum days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day (1, 2, 3 & 4 April).

Please PRINT CLEARLY your name alongside the ministry of your choice, on the notice board in Church.

No 'printed rota' will be issued, so where you write your name – that's what you'll be doing!

## **PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE** **CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note that because of the Welcome Mass at Hayling for Father John Paul, our parish penitential service here at Sacred Heart has been rescheduled for: **FRIDAY 26 MARCH @ 7.30PM**

## **EVENTS DURING THIS THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

### **Sunday 7 March:**

Stations of the Cross and Benediction @ 5pm.

### **Monday 8 March:**

Churches Together in Denmead 'Lent Groups'.

At a number of venues throughout the week. Please contact Patrick Binks for details 9226 2912.

### **Tuesday 9 March:**

'Working Together in True Communion'. Reflection on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. St. Peter's School @ 7pm.

Facilitated by Fr. Kevin.

### **Thursday 11 March:**

'Living and Sharing'. Reflections from the Diocesan Stewardship Group on using our God-given gifts and skills.

Sacred Heart Room @ 10am. Facilitated by parishioners.

### **Friday 12 March:**

'Lent Lunches'. All Saints' Church Denmead @ midday. All welcome! Cost £2.50.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** **CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND**

This collection raises funds to help our sick and retired priests when they are in need.

## **FROM THE MANGER TO THE CROSS**

The response for weekend stations:

***"We adore you O Christ and we bless you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	6 Mar 7 Mar	6.15pm Sat 9.30 am 11.00 am <i>5.00 pm</i> 6.30 pm	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Bill Davies RIP Helma Kennedy RIP Thomas Patrick Lane RIP <i>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</i> People of the parish
<b>Monday</b>	8 Mar	9.00 am	Of the Third Week of Lent	Joseph Siou RIP (FM)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 Mar	9.15 am 9.30 am	Year 10 Mass at Oaklands School <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 Mar	9.00 am	Of the Third Week of Lent	Gerry Loxton RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	11 Mar	9.00 am	Of the Third Week of Lent	Union of Catholic Mothers Int
<b>Friday</b>	12 Mar	11.00 am	Funeral Mass (and Mass of the Day)	Josephine Falzon RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	13 Mar	6.15pm	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Pat and Joan Burns Intention
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday @ 5.30pm, Monday @ 9.30am or by appointment with the priest</b>				

### **DIARY OF EVENTS & NOTICES:**

#### **THIS SUNDAY:**

- **First Holy Communion.** SHR after Sunday 9.30am Mass.
- **Traidcraft Stall.** Available after all Masses, back of central aisle.

**MONDAY 8 MARCH: Wives Group.** At the home of Mrs. Madeleine Day, 18 Esher Grove, Waterlooville @ 8pm. Speaker Colin Harris "A variety of picture postcards". Fundraising raffle.

#### **WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH:**

- **Mothers Prayers.** 22 Freshfield Gardens @ 9.45am.
- **Journey in Faith Group.** Sacred Heart Room @ 7.30pm.

**THURSDAY 11 MARCH: Parish Pastoral Co.** Presby @ 7.00pm.

**SUNDAY 14 MARCH: Justice & Peace Group.** Sacred Heart Room after 6.30pm Mass.

**APF (RED MISSION) BOXES:** Would all holders of red boxes please bring them in to be counted by Sunday 14 March.

#### **JOSEPHINE FALZON RIP**

Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Josephine Falzon, who has died recently. Josephine's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 12 March at 11am, Sacred Heart Church.

#### **BRIAN PARKER RIP**

Please also remember in your prayers, Brian Parker, who died on Monday 1 March. Details of Brian's Requiem Mass will be announced when known.

### **PARISH DAY OF PRAYER**

On Saturday 20 March the parish will celebrate its Annual Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We will be giving thanks for all that has been achieved so far and for God's blessing on the future.

It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will come to Church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, even if for only a few minutes. As you know the Blessed Sacrament must never be left unattended when exposed for adoration – so please sign the list by the church door to indicate if you can 'cover' a 15 minute period.

### **VISIT OF POPE BENEDICT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The Holy Father's coming to Great Britain, announced during the recent visit of the Bishops of England and Wales to Rome, will probably take place in September 2010.

Sadly there is already opposition to the visit from the Secular Society of Great Britain – and their online petition against the visit has already attracted some 20,000 signatures!

Catholics and other Christians are strongly urged to visit the website below and sign a petition supporting the Holy Father's visit to our country.

[www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html)

### **STUDY DAYS AT THE CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY 13 MARCH:** 'Revelation Revealed' – A study of the Book of the Apocalypse with Fr. Laurence O'Keefe.

**SATURDAY 27 MARCH:** 'With all my heart' – A study Day with music, mime and bible teaching, with Steve Murray.

Full details on notice board.

### **THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS HERE TO HELP**

The establishment of the SVP in our parish is an important development in our pastoral care for the community.

If you, or anyone you know, would like help or a visit from a member of the SVP, please contact the presbytery.

### **WORKING TOGETHER IN TRUE COMMUNION**

As you know from our Lent leaflet, the Havant Pastoral Area is holding a series of discussion and sharing evenings about the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, in the different churches in the area.

This Tuesday 9 March, Waterlooville will be hosting the meeting at St. Peter's School at 7pm. The subject "Liturgy and the Sacraments", will be facilitated by Fr. Kevin and Mr. Tom Wilkinson. All most welcome!

### **OAKLANDS SCHOOL VACANCY FINANCE ASSISTANT**

Required as soon as possible for our busy finance office. Finance Assistant to carry out a wide range of tasks. Experience of SAP, Tucasi within a school environment would be an advantage. The successful candidate will be subject to relevant Safeguarding checks. For further details and an application pack please contact Jill McCall on 023 9225 9214. Closing Date 17/03/10.

### **TRIDUUM CHOIR**

If you would like to join the Triduum Choir for the great liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth White 9226 4042.  
Choir rehearsal Monday 22 March in Church @ 7pm.

### **FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Nite on Saturday 20 February, £175.00 was raised after expenses, for our new Church funds!

#### **SOME FUN FUNDRAISING EVENTS THIS SUMMER:**

- Quiz Nite. Saturday 17 April. Sacred Heart Room @ 7.30pm.
- Weekend of 17/18 April – Launch of our 'Buy a Brick' campaign!
- Quiz Nite. Saturday 22 May. Sacred Heart Room @ 7.30pm.
- Garden Party. Saturday 19 June (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Chiswell) at Denmead, 2pm-5pm.
- 'Blues on the Lawn'. Saturday 10 July (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Hartridge) at Hambledon, 5pm-8.30pm.
- 'Call my wine bluff'. Saturday 25 September. Sacred Heart Room @ 7.30pm.

**HAVE FUN AND RAISE FUNDS!**

**FULL DETAILS SOON!**