

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

13/14 March 2010

Parish Mass Book Texts (Year C Page 78)

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:

Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Psalms Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon:

My son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.

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 Stukey, Dennis Wills and Aldo Beschizza.

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 15 March:
Hicken, Bridger and Maloney**

Copies of the new Counting Rota are available at the Presbytery. If you would like a copy emailed to you contact the parish secretary.

PARISH DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 20 March

- Before the Blessed Sacrament (9.30am – 4pm).
- Come and give 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.
- 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.**

Fr Kevin writes...

At the beginning of today's Gospel we find Jesus sitting with the tax collectors and sinners. We also heard that this group is being watched by the Pharisees and the scribes. The parable that Jesus tells is addressed to both these groups; and there is a message for each.

The parable of the 'prodigal son' – or the 'forgiving father' appears as one of a number of episodes in Luke's Gospel where the Pharisees and scribes give Jesus a hard time. Each time Jesus calmly and gently offers them the opportunity to repent and be reconciled with him, while at the same time firmly showing them that their continued words and actions against him alienate them from the God they so proudly claim to devote their lives to.

In today's parable, the Pharisees and scribes are like the elder brother who sees his younger brother return, but instead of joy feels only jealousy and hurt. The parable finishes leaving the Pharisees and scribes with a choice – to join in rejoicing at the Good News of forgiveness and reconciliation that Jesus brings.

Christ himself, in the ultimate gesture of loving kindness, asks his Father for the forgiveness of those who have brought about his suffering and death even as he hangs dying on the cross.

As Lent continues towards Passiontide and Holy Week, our need for personal reconciliation with the Lord and with one another becomes an important imperative. I hope many of you will make use of the opportunities for reconciliation in the coming weeks, including our Parish Penitential Service on Friday 27 March at 7.30pm.

HOLY WEEK MASSES AND LITURGIES

Available this week full details of all our Masses and Liturgies for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

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 FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday 14 March:

Stations of the Cross and Benediction @ 5pm.

Monday 15 March:

Churches Together in Denmead 'Lent Groups'. At a number of venues throughout the week. Please contact Patrick Binks for details 9226 2912.

Tuesday 16 March:

'Living and Sharing'. Reflections from the Diocesan Stewardship Group on using our God-given gifts and skills. Sacred Heart Room after 7pm Mass. Facilitated by Fr. Kevin.

Thursday 18 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.

• 'Working Together in True Communion'. Reflection on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. St. Michael's Leigh Park @ 7pm.

Friday 19 March:

'Lent Lunches'. All Saints' Church Denmead @ 12.30. All welcome! Cost £2.50.

SUNDAY	13 Mar 14 Mar	6.15pm Sat 9.30 am 11.00 am <i>5.00 pm</i> 6.30 pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Pat and Joan Burns Intention People of the parish Peter Higgs RIP <i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i> Margaret McEntee RIP
Monday	15 Mar	9.00 am	Of the Fourth Week of Lent	Damian Whitfield RIP
Tuesday	16 Mar	9.15 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Year 8 Mass at Oaklands School <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Of the Fourth Week of Lent	Wellbeing of Oaklands School Brian Parker RIP
Wednesday	17 Mar	9.00 am	ST. PATRICK, Bishop, <i>feast</i>	Victor and Pauline Galdes RIP
Thursday	18 Mar	9.00 am	Of the Fourth Week of Lent	Adelaide Debattista RIP
Friday	19 Mar	10.00 am	Funeral Mass (and Mass of the Day)	Mary Caulfield RIP
Saturday	20 Mar	9.00 am 6.15pm	Of the Fourth Week of Lent FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	God's blessing on the parish Shirley Harrington & Peter Harrington RIP
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday @ 5.30pm, Monday @ 9.30am or by appointment with the priest				

DIARY OF EVENTS & NOTICES:

THIS SUNDAY:

- **First Holy Communion.** SHR after Sunday 9.30am Mass.
- **Justice & Peace Group.** SHR after Sunday 6.30pm Mass.

TUESDAY 16 MARCH: Art & Liturgical Furniture Meeting.
Presbytery @ 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH:

- **APF Counting.** Presbytery @ 9.30am.
- **Union of Catholic Mothers.** Sacred Heart Room @ 2pm.
- **Journey in Faith Group.** Sacred Heart Room @ 7.30pm.

SUNDAY 21 MARCH: Coffee Morning. St. Michael's Convent following 9.30am and 11am Masses. Proceeds to new Church and Lourdes Fund.

SATURDAY 27 MARCH: 'With all my heart' – A study Day with music, mime and bible teaching, with Steve Murray at the Catholic Bible School, Nutbourne. Full details on notice board.

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

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

MILK BOTTLE TOPS FOR 'LIFE'

We have just received our first cheque for £25 from the recycling company who, would you believe, use them to make boots and garden furniture!! So far we have collected 500kg of milk bottle tops!!

Please continue supporting this initiative – the more we collect, the faster we will make our next £25!!

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.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Help to beautify the Church for the celebration of Easter. Flowers are going to be expensive this Easter due to the bad weather earlier this year. Please place donations in the 'flower box' in the Church porch. Thank you.

MARY CAULFIELD RIP

Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Mary who has died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday 19 March at 10am.

BRIAN PARKER RIP

Please also remember in your prayers, Brian Parker, who died on Monday 1 March. His Requiem Mass will be at the Cathedral on Friday 19 March at 12noon.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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."*

Profession of Brother Gabriel

On Saturday 20 March Brother Gabriel (Steve Wilson) will be making his Profession to the Benedictine religious life at Douai Abbey near Newbury. The whole parish sends him its prayers and best wishes on this joyful and special occasion.

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tsunami Concert

On Tuesday 30th March, Oaklands Sixth Form students will be hosting a concert at the school to raise funds for their annual 'Changing Worlds' gap year programme, helping those orphaned by the 2004 tsunami and HIV/AIDs. The concert will start at 7.30pm, with a minimum donation of £2 on the door. Raffle and refreshments available.

Vacancy for 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.

PALM SUNDAY – 28 MARCH

Please remember that the first Sunday morning Mass of the day will begin at **9am** (not 9.30am), with the outdoor procession of palms.