

SACRED HEART OF JESUS & ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Book: Year C, Volume 1, page 153

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Psalm Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer for March: Act of charity. O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

The Power and Message of the Cross



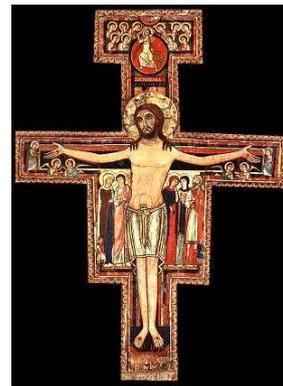
For some years now an internationally renowned artist in metal has been working to produce a standing crucifix for our sanctuary. We hope this will be ready by Easter. As a way introducing it, I will be preaching on the power and message of the cross each Sunday during Lent using examples of different styles of crucifix which have historical or personal significance. These will be accompanied by a newsletter note on the artistic interpretation of these crosses and a post-communion meditation.

Illustration: The crozier of Pope St John Paul II

The Power and Message of the Cross

The Cross of St. Francis

Art enhances the physical environment of churches and enriches the liturgy. However, it must do much more to be worthy of inclusion in a catholic church. It must communicate information about our faith, become a bridge to religious experiences and enable a closer relationship with God. High ideals indeed. St Francis' experience of hearing the San Damiano crucifix is a tangible account of the power of liturgical art.



Under the first Christian Emperor Constantine in the 4th century artists began to develop a visual language or canon for Christian art. It developed into what we recognise today as the art of the Eastern Orthodox Church and is evident in St Francis' crucifix.

It is easy to take only a glance at the crucifix. It is familiar and beautiful in its ornate and colourful surface but it is only in considered reflection that such a work can 'speak' to us.

Each of the colours according to the canon has its own complex symbolism. Their placement in the crucifix is not arbitrary. In the figures and shapes behind Christ the red and blue remind us of both the human and divine nature of Christ and his white robe his glory. His feet rest on a black ledge and behind his arms we see a black rectangle representing the empty tomb symbolising his power over and defeat of death. Our final colour is Gold. It attracts our attention, indicates the status of the object and ultimately God's glory.

Christ is the dominant figure. His size and pale colour set him apart from and above the rest. He appears rather rigid and emotionless but this draws our attention to another convention of the canon his enlarged eyes. They have a penetrating gaze to draw us into his presence. This is a crucifix designed to instruct about the theology of the church, contemplate the glory of the cross but also take us directly into God's presence.

By the time of St Francis the symbolism used in church art and the rules which regulated how images should be drawn was an established tradition and understood by the whole congregation. In today's world accessing a crucifix like that of San Damiano can present us with a problem. Without a knowledge of the rules how easy is it to accurately 'read' the many layers of meaning?

We could quickly dismiss this crucifix as merely a beautiful reminder of the crucifixion. However, we need to remember that artists make considered choices. Even when it seems difficult to decipher a work due to a challenging style or complex canon, we have to spend time looking and reflecting if we are to share something of the experience of St. Francis.

Frances Peel, Art & Liturgical Furniture Committee

How do we mark Lent in the Church?

At SUNDAY MASS, the entrance procession is silent, we kneel for the Penitential Rite, there is no Gloria, no Alleluias, the Mass prayers are recited on a monotone, the Apostles' Creed substitutes the usual Nicene Creed, one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation is used, there is an extra Prayer Over the People after Communion.



On WEEKDAYS, there is an extra Mass at 7.30 am Monday to Friday at which there are no intercessions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are celebrated on Sunday afternoons at 5pm with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

There are no floral arrangements during Lent as it is a penitential season. There are no Baptisms as it is a season of preparation for Baptism.

There are weekly Lent groups in Waterlooville and Denmead (see the Lent leaflet available in the welcome area for details)

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY (FRIDAY 15 MARCH)

Lent Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On 15th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to those in need. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this weekend and give whatever you can. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

John O'Neill, Myrna Coleman, Maria Carmen Martin,
Chris Hyson, George O'Shaunessy, Thomas Andrew (TJ),
Pat Moffatt, Geoffrey Tompkins, Anne Littlefield,
Damien Haughan, Betty Groves, Carole Higton, Matthew,
Marion Greeham, Charlotte West, Elizabeth Evelyn,
Ian Cuthbert, Teresa Richardson, Ron Littlefield,
Beryl Treloar, Paul Evelyn, Agnes Smith & Mary Ling.

For the housebound, lonely, homeless, bereaved,
those in nursing homes, hospital and the Rowans Hospice.

DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 9 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Thérèse Johnson RIP
SUNDAY 10 Mar	10.30am 5pm 6.30pm	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i> FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Deceased members of the White Family People of the Parish
Monday 11 Mar	7.30am 12noon	Feria of the 1st Week of Lent	Bill & Eileen Rapson RIP Mary Mitchell's Intention
Tuesday 12 Mar	7.30am 9am	Feria of the 1st Week of Lent	Holy Souls Amanda Elizabeth Pace RIP (FM) Jane Rapson RIP
Weds 13 Mar	7.30am 9.30-9.50am 10am	Feria of the 1st Week of Lent <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Feria of the 1st Week of Lent	Sara James RIP
Thursday 14 Mar	7.30am 7pm	Feria of the 1st Week of Lent	Deceased members of the Darling Family Cressy, Felicity & Ann Rear RIP
Friday 15 Mar	7.30am 7pm	Feria of the 1st Week of Lent [Lenten Fast Day] Patronal Feast at St. Patrick's, Hayling Island – ALL WELCOME!	Janette Stedman RIP
Saturday 16 Mar	5.30pm 6.15pm	<i>Confessions</i> Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Maurice & Catherine Cremin RIP

Notices & Information...

WELCOME TO ANY NEW PARISHIONERS! It would be helpful if you could provide us with some basic contact information. Please complete one of the 'New Parishioner Preliminary Information' cards (on the table in the narthex) and hand it to Fr. Jeremy.

PETER TRELOAR RIP. Please pray for the rest and peace of the soul of Peter who has died recently. Please keep Peter's wife Beryl and his family in your prayers in this difficult time for them. His Funeral Service will be at Portchester Crematorium on Friday 15 March @ 3.15pm. All welcome.

GREEN GIFT AID ENVELOPES are ready for collection from the narthex.

FOR VOCATIONS... "The priest shall receive the panner from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God." Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of the Lord? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869. The Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly (on the first Friday) at Sacred Heart, Fareham, for food, prayer, reflection and friendship. Again, for more details please contact Fr. John Cooke.

JESUS YOUTH invites you to be a part of 'Awakening', a 100 days Eucharistic Adoration initiative happening all across the UK and Europe, and now it's our turn at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville on: **12noon on Monday 18th March until 12noon on Tuesday 19th March.**

Come join us as one family in prayer as we pray for our mother Church, intentions of Holy Father, stronger family and marriage bonds, for peace in the world and for Jesus youth and all other movements within the catholic church.

Anyone interested should sign up to come and sit before the Eucharistic Lord, in the 'sign-up sheets' on the notice board in the narthex. Also, please pick up a prayer card/leaflet for more information on Awakening.

WIVES GROUP – NOW TO BE KNOWN AS 'WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING GROUP': Meet on Monday 18 March in the parish centre @ 7.30pm. Rear entrance please. Speaker Paul Murray. 'Financial Scams, How savvy are you?' The group has recently sent donations to Osteoporosis Society, Cancer Research, Damien Fund, World Vision, Over the Wall, Church flowers and 1st Steps to Peru. Not been before – just come along and bring a friend, you will be more than welcome. Bring £1 for the raffle and 40p for refreshments. More information from Elizabeth on 07791 753545.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS. Meet on Wednesday 20 March @ 2pm in the parish centre. The ladies are always happy to welcome new recruits. Anyone interested should contact Jean Hartnell, Foundation President on 023 9259 9875.

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) – Rights and Confidentiality. Talk and discussion led by Dr. Michael White on Wednesday 20 March @ 7.30pm in St. John's Cathedral Hall, Portsmouth. Booking email to tingoulder@btinternet.com

LOST PROPERTY. Please check the table in the narthex for lost property found in church and the parish centre.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Whole school worship this week centred on just one line of the weekly Gospel, "Can a blind man lead a blind man? No! Both of them will fall into a ditch.". The power of following one who has sight was show with an unfair slalom race between two pairs of pupils in a conga line, where only 3 of the 4 children were blindfolded. Needless to say, the team led by the sighted person won! This led the children to seeing Lent as an opportunity to follow the one who gives us true vision in life, and to embrace the season as a chance for daily actions to make a difference in their lives and in our world. If you need a bit of wind-down time before bed this week, check out the school website for Bedtime Stories in the Blogs section. A series of rich and vibrant stories read by staff to mark World Book Day will delight children young and old alike.

- Each year, St Peter's Catholic Primary School makes available an additional 4 pupil places for children entering the start of Year 3 in September. Do you have, or know of people who have, a child who is currently in Year 2 and would like to apply for a place to start Key Stage 2 (Year 3) at St Peter's in September 2019? Please contact the school on 02392 262599 or via adminoffice@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk to arrange to meet the Headteacher Mr. Cunningham and have a personal tour of the school.

THE TUESDAY CLUB is open to everyone on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at 2pm in the parish centre. You can expect a warm welcome plus fun, friendship, card games, scrabble etc. along with a cup of tea or coffee & cake. For more information please contact Trish on 07947 611699.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH HAYLING ISLAND: There will be 2 identical sessions on the first Thursday (@ 7.30pm) and Friday (@ 11am) of each month, to enable access to all. Everyone welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT. Cowplain Funeralcare will be holding a bereavement support group once a month to be held on the last Tuesday of each month. This is open to everyone for a chat and refreshments, regardless of whether or not you have used their services. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 26 February @ 4pm at Cowplain Funeralcare, 41-43 London Road, Cowplain PO8 8DF.

This year the **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WILL BE LED BY BISHOP PHILIP** assisted in many aspects by young people from throughout the Diocese who will lead music, catechesis, social activities, help pilgrims with their mobility by offering a steady hand or pushing a wheelchair. All pilgrims will stay at the Hotel La Solitude (bedrooms are air-conditioned, and there is a swimming pool) which is quite close to the Shrine on a full board basis. Young pilgrims (those that will be assisting when in Lourdes) will travel there by overnight coach. All other pilgrims will travel by plane, flying from Southampton airport. If there are any young people who would like to take part in this pilgrimage as part of the group supporting pilgrims please contact Tom, our Diocesan Youth Co-Ordinator, at youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. We are taking a few aged 14-16, but most will be 16/18+ For more information please contact Sue Field, Project Assistant to Fr. PJ Smith on 07780 221686 or Lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Sue's hours in the Portsmouth office are few but she regularly checks both the phone and the email account.

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE: Please see the notice board in the welcome area or visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies

LAST WEEKEND'S GIVING.

Offertory: Loose cash: £473.89, Direct Debits: £1,007.40, Gift Aid: £195.58. Total: £1,676.87.