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Fr. Paul Leonard
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the heart of our Christian life is the understanding that each of us is called by God. We recall the words of Christ who said "You did not choose me, no I chose you". Not only does Christ choose, he calls us and knows us by name. Both of these are encapsulated in the Rite of Election which is celebrated in Catholic cathedrals throughout our countries at the beginning of Lent each year.

The Rite of Election is a significant step for those who want to be received into the Catholic Church - preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter. After the candidates have completed their formation in the Catholic faith, the Rite of Election is celebrated by the local Bishop who chooses them and elects them in the name of the Lord and of the local Church to which they belong.

Election in our contemporary culture often signifies a contest or our choosing something or somebody. The Rite of Election is not about the candidates choosing the Sacraments of Initiation, rather, as in scriptural tradition, it is about God's choice of the person. For Christians this is the call to embrace the mission of Jesus, the mission of God's Kingdom.

The call, the election, of the Church embodies in human voice the call of God to which the candidates have already responded.

They are then asked to express their response here and now in the presence of the Church "Do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist?" They respond "We do."

The candidates then inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect. This signifies that they have heard God call their name and wish to respond to his call.

As a parish, we are blessed to have five candidates – Marcel Kozma, Jan Hughes, Brita Coleman, Nuriye Arslantas and Laura Hutchinson - who have been listening to, discerning and responding to God's call in their lives and will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers during this time.

Fr. Paul

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 March

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A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

Sat 2	6:00 pm	Int. of Jerry Gilmore
Sun 3	10:00 am	Toni Harper RIP
Mon 4	<i>St Casimir or Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass
Tues 5	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc RIP
		BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT
Wed 6	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10:00 am	- Mass
	7:30 pm	- Mass
Thur 7	<i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	
	10:00 am	Int. of Jesse Chapman
Fri 8	<i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass
Sat 9	<i>after Ash Wednesday</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass

First Sunday of Lent - 10 March

Sat 9	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 10	10:00 am	John Burns RIP
		Florence Xavier RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Joan Coleman, Jean Williams, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen,
Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15 response v 15
Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13.
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass and distribution of Ashes
Wednesday 6th March 10 am and 7:30 pm in the Church
Ash Wednesday like Good Friday is a day when fasting is binding on all Catholics aged 18—60 yrs old, and abstinence is binding on all Catholics aged 14+. To fast is to noticeably reduce our food and drink intake; to abstain is to freely give up a particular food or entertainment.

THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

We recently started a Fraternity of blessed Charles de Foucauld in our parish. We get together once a month for couple of hours at convenient day and time for all. We start with the exposition of the blessed sacrament in the church. We also read the Sunday's gospel reading and contemplate on the reading and share our views. We also discuss the life and writings of blessed Charles de Foucauld. The next meeting is in **Monday 11th March at 2.15 pm**, in the Convent.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a glorious way to enter into the abundant Mercy of God. Please join us on Friday afternoons from 2:30—3:00 in the Church.
To pray for the Mercy of God on us and on the whole world.

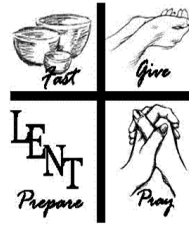
SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11 am.**

If you would like to come, please fill in the form on the Diocesan website, www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient, or please contact the Parish Office for the form.

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

It is always good to celebrate Significant Anniversaries. This year Mgr Harvey is celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, and we are marking this milestone with Mgr Vincent presiding at Mass at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 6th April at 10 am. All are invited.



LENT 2019

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

During Lent we do not sing or say either the Gloria or the Alleluia, flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

LENT 2019

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much" *'Mother Teresa'*

Every Friday in Lent

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

Every Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 7th March** at 7:30 pm in the Hall. This will be an open session All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART

We are delighted to welcome Sr. Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sisters of Sway, New Forest, to our parish over a 5 week period, also during the Lenten season. These 5 sessions will be held weekly, on a Tuesday evening in the church from 7.30-9 pm, the first beginning on 12th March. The sessions are entitled, 'Essential Training for Catechists', but, once again, I would like to invite anyone to those sessions who wants to know more about the treasure of their faith and who would like to be equipped with 'tools' to help share their faith. Please see the flyer that Sr. Hyacinthe has prepared for us in the porch. Please note that these sessions need to be booked, please let Jan in the office know if you would like to book a place.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Monday 4th March - Charity evening at Hook Tandoori for Children with Cancer UK and The National Autistic Society
Andrea Waldram and Jackie Harrison are running the London Marathon for these Charities. Tickets are £20 per person which includes Poppadum, Starter and Main Course with Naan Bread. Numbers are limited so book your tickets ASAP. Contact Jackie 07881620701 or Andrea 07823449333. There will be a raffle so any contributions will be welcome.

CAFOD

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15th March can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your Fast Day envelope from Church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>

THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.