

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke which recounts the story of the woman caught in adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.

Taken from The Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 7 April

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If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her

Sat 6	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 7	10:00 am	Dec. Mbrs. of Carr & Sadler Family
Mon 8	of the 5th week of Lent 10:00 am	- Mass
Tues 9	of the 5th week of Lent 10:00 am	- Mass
Wed 10	of the 5th week of Lent 10:00 am	- Mass
Thur 11	of the 5th week of Lent 10:00 am	Mary Rose Murphy RIP
Fri 12	of the 5th week of Lent 10:00 am	Walter Wallace RIP 7:00 pm Penitential Service at St Joseph's Basingstoke
Sat 13	of the 5th week of Lent 10:00 am	- Mass

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord - 14 April

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Sat 13	6:00 pm	Martha Rattos RIP
Sun 14	10:00 am	Jack Fèvre RIP

The
Season
of
Lent



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.

Every Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

Every Tuesday in Lent

7:30 pm Essential Training for Catechists in the Church

Every Friday in Lent

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

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, Timothy Walsh & Charles Paice

PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24, response v 2

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6 -11

Gospel: Luke 22: 1-49

EASTER SERVICES

To all Ministers of the Word please sign the sheet in the porch if you are able to read at any of the Easter Services. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Church porch for anyone willing to take part in the **Washing of Feet** at the Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

RETIRING COLLECTION—EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a retiring collection next weekend for the Easter flowers. Please note that we take up a collection twice a year, Easter and Christmas. The money is used to finance the flowers for the whole year. The flower arrangers do a fantastic job. Please be generous.

PASTORAL AREA LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Lenten Penitential Service for the whole Pastoral Area will be on Friday 12th April at 7:00 pm in St Joseph's Church in Basingstoke. All are welcome.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for the coming year are available in the porch. Please take yours.

If you think you should have a box and there is not one there or if you no longer need the envelopes, please let Jan in the office know. Thank you.

WALK OF WITNESS

There is a Walk of Witness on Good Friday at 12 noon starting at St John's CofE Church. All are welcome.

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th April** at 7:30 pm in the Hall. All are welcome.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS': A YEAR OF THE WORD

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has designated 2020 as '**The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word** to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin. Therefore, 2020 will be a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word, through a range of events, activities and resources, available nationally and in our Diocese of Portsmouth. Where does the Bible fit into your daily life? Ahead of 2020 Year of the Word, we would like to hear how people currently make use of Holy Scripture. The information, which is submitted anonymously, will help us to plan events and resources that will help you and those you meet to hear more effectively God who speaks to us through his word. Please take part in our '**The God who Speaks' survey**, and pass it around to the Catholics you know: Thank you for taking part in our survey.

You can access the survey via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LDGRCYM>

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

– Saturday 27th April 11.00am - 4.00pm

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15pm *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30pm *Talk "Praying for the Power of the Holy Spirit."* – Geoff and Gina Poulter; 3.30pm *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4.00pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809. *Next month's meeting 18th May: "Prayer for Healing and Deliverance"*

LIVING SIMPLY AND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

Do you want to put your faith into action? Do you want to be a parish that looks outwards and helps those in need? This joint conference from CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth will show you practical ways of doing exactly that. By learning more about CAFOD's Living Simply award and Caritas's social action projects you can help your parish or community group to become more outward looking. So come along to St. Peters in Winchester on Saturday 4th May for the Living Simply and in Solidarity with the Poor conference and learn how to truly put your faith into living action

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from conclusion of Mass until Midnight

Good Friday

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday

EASTER VIGIL 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

MASS 10:00 am