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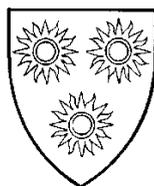
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 21st MARCH 2021

Church Cleaning: Special rota on website

Divine Office: Week 1

SATURDAY Eve of the FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 6 pm.

SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 11 am.

THURSDAY Weekday of Lent

Mass at 10 am.

SATURDAY Eve of the SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass at 6 pm.

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Vincent.

The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Parishioners should not attend Church if they show symptoms of COVID-19, are self-isolating, or shielding. Face coverings are mandatory for those attending Mass, unless you have a legitimate reason for not wearing one. Do not socialise with members of other households in the church or in the porch after Mass. Do not kneel directly behind another parishioner. It is perfectly acceptable to sit, if necessary, during the Eucharistic Prayer. Leave the church promptly at the end of Mass since the volunteer cleaners need to clean the church. Parishioners must book places for any Mass they plan to attend by contacting Christine Martin at calnemass@btinternet.com or 01249 814086. For Saturday or Sunday, book by Friday evening; for Thursday book by Tuesday evening.

MARCH 21st - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

First Reading: Jer 31: 31-34

Psalm Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading: Heb 5: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading: John 12: 20-30

Communion Antiphon: I tell you solemnly; Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.

HOLY WEEK: We need volunteers to help with cleaning after the Holy Week services. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please contact Teresa Quinn **813367** or email teresa.quinn13@btinternet.com ASAP. Thank you.

TUESDAY 23RD MARCH – NATIONAL DAY FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER: Tuesday 23rd March has been designated a National Day for Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown. Our Bishops have asked us to also make this a day of prayer. Please pray and pause to reflect at midday and at 8.00 pm. A suggested prayer is at the foot of the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is now before Wednesday. Please note next week will be two week newsletter to cover Palm Sunday 28th March and Easter Sunday 4th April. Contact details remain unchanged. Thank you.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS: As a result of recent further reductions in the number of school governors of St Edmund's school there is now an urgent need for more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors, Ross Swan, either by email at rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk or by phone on **07906 918373**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be live streamed from St Gregory's, Cheltenham, every Sunday of Lent at 5.00 pm. See <https://stgregorys.org.uk/stations>.

DARE TO DREAM: Bishop Declan invites each one of us to take time during this Lent to reflect on the life of our Diocese as we move forward out of the pandemic. Inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, ‘Dare to Dream’ encourages us to think about God’s invitation to each one of us to shape the future of the Church, particularly in this corner of the world. Each reflection is accompanied by a video which we encourage you to watch before engaging with the scripture offered. This resource can be used by individuals, by families or by already established on-line parish groups. See <https://www.saintedmundscalne.org.uk/news/dare-to-dream>.

TREE AID, the charity we supported last year with our Lenten offerings, has told us our donations helped towards planting 1,982,418 trees, which meant 365,412 new people were helped and that ensured 10,941 new hectares of land were protected. Further information from www.treeaid.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all who are unwell or housebound, especially those members of our parish, including Florence Bampton, Kevin Bewley, Teresa Bowyer, Christopher & Clifford Browne and family, Teresa Collar, Kathleen Drury, Margaret Heard, Michael McNiff, Maggie Murray, Mary O’Brian, Margaret O’Dea, Eileen Tyler, Elizabeth Wilkins, Chris and Jane Drury’s 16yr old granddaughter Millie. Please inform Fr Vincent if you know a parishioner is unwell or housebound.

Prayer and Reflection for 23rd March (Catholic Bishops’ Conference)

We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life.

We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive.

We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.

We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation.

We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whether we are focussing on overcoming family breakdowns, economic recovery, or building political consensus.

We pray with Jesus, in him and through him, for he is the one who carries us, and our prayers, into the embracing presence of his Father. He is our comfort in sorrow, our strength in the face of need, our rejoicing in the gifts we celebrate and our hope in the face of the weighty darkness of death. Amen.