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Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday 21st March 2021

Today we enter more deeply into the Passion of Christ that we may share more fully in the joy of resurrection.

Services this week (Fourth Week of Lent):

Today	Parish Mass	Public	10.00am
	Evening Prayer	Streamed	6.30pm
Tues	Mass	Streamed	10.00am
	Compline	Zoom	8.00pm
Wed	Mass	Streamed	10.00am
Thurs	Mass	Streamed	10.00am
Fri	Mass	Streamed	**9.00am**
	Stations of the Cross	Zoom	6.00pm
Sat	Mass	Streamed	10.00am
	Vigil Mass	Public	6.00pm
Sun	Parish Mass	Public	10.00am
	Evening Prayer	Streamed	6.30pm

Please remember in your prayers:

Today	Ryburn Close, Wimourne Close, Kenwyn Close, Bowmont Grove, Waverney Cl;
Monday	Redlake Drive, Amber Mead, Lynor Close, Parrett Mead, Witham Close;
Tuesday	Tyne Park, Marden Grove;
Wednesday	Thames Drive, Barle Close, Banwell Cl;
Thursday	Chelmer Close, Seavington Close, Bourne Grove, Romney Mead, Arun Close, Welland Close, Leadon Grove;
Friday	Calder Crescent, Derwent Grove, Torridge Mead, Irwell Green;
Saturday	Trent Meadow, Trent Court, Medway Close, Kennet Grove;
Sunday	Ambulance and Fire Stations.

Those with long-term sickness or disability:

Names are remembered privately

Those currently poorly or convalescing:

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversaries of death fall this week:

NOTICES



Friday Mass Fr Julian has a dentist's appointment on Friday so that morning's mass will be brought forward by an hour to **9.00am**.



Easter Lilies We cannot obtain sufficient lilies this year, so please take a card from the back of church and write your loved ones' name on if you'd like them remembered; they will be displayed at Easter.



Holy Week Services If you wish to supplement HT's services, prayers, readings and commentaries are available in the tabloid 'Forward', again available at the back of church.

Bishop Peter has sadly had to announce his early retirement on health grounds. We are tremendously grateful for his ministry over the last 7 years, and continue to pray for him and his wife Jane.



Food Parcels Akulah Agbami is once again arranging for food parcels to be given to needy families in the school holidays. Donations (cash only) would be much appreciaced, if you could pass them on through Fr Julian, or leave in the (secure) letter box marked for Akulah's attention. Thank you.



Jigsaw Puzzles Please feel to borrow any jigsaws from the back of church. With-drawals seem to be outstripping returns, so if you can donate any further jigsaws to the library, that'd be much appreciated!

This week's Zoom Groups and Meetings

Sunday Coffee Chat, Sundays 11.30am
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86827221616?pwd=UHJUUWRDbUtpYzhKdTdLTTU3aXc4UT09

Compline Tuesday 8.00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85747905215?pwd=bFlkWGx2MDdlc0VodkxaT054UmQ1UT09

Lent Group Thursdays 7.30pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86975381527?pwd=OWJIMUFOdk04VXd0RFY0TWhvZjdFZz09

Stations of the Cross Fridays 6.00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984787439?pwd=RFBjYm5UVnJ6YlNXVXJBMWV4RmtZZz09

Morning Prayer Tuesday-Saturday 9.00am
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81918152021?pwd=SmFaV1c2eXVUcUdEWmNtdCtEZGtwdz09

Any items for inclusion in next week's notice sheet to be received at the Parish Office by Thursday morning, please.

T O D A Y ' S M A S S

Introductory Sentence
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Collect of the Day:
Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34
I will make a new covenant and never call their sins to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: 119 vv 9-16
Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands.
All Lead me, O Lord in the path of your commands.

How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from
your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.
All Lead me, O Lord …

Blessed are you, O Lord;
Teach me your statutes.
With my lips I declare all the ordinances
of your mouth.
I delight in the way of your decrees
as much as in all riches.
All Lead me, O Lord …

I will meditate on your precepts,
and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.
All Lead me, O Lord

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.5-10
He learnt to obey and became the source of eternal salvation.

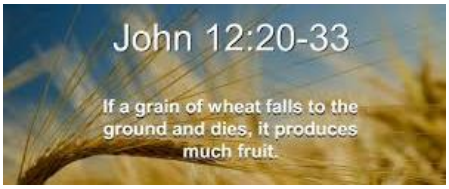
Gospel Acclamation: (Please stand)
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Whoever serves me must follow me,
says the Lord; and where I am,
there also will my servant be.
All **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Prayer over the Offerings:
Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Sentence:
Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Post-Communion Prayer:
Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that
what we do for the least of our brothers
and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.



Evening Prayer today

Psalm 34

Hymn:

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.