

Masses and Intentions Fifth Week of Lent

Saturday <i>Lent feria</i>	6 th April	10:00	Health/blsgs Alojzja & Jan Grestiakova
Fifth Sunday of Lent			
Saturday	6 th April	17:30	Peter Lennon RIP
Sunday	7 th April	10:00 18:30	Kathleen Singleton RIP People of the parish
Monday <i>Lent feria</i>	8 th April	09.15	Rest of Holy Souls
Tuesday <i>Lent feria</i>	9 th April	09:15	Sr Sheila (b/day)
Wednesday <i>Lent feria</i>	10 th April	09.15	Seamus Sammin
Thursday <i>Lent feria</i>	11 th April	08:00	Moran, Mooney & Larson families
Friday <i>Lent feria</i>	12 th April	12.00 12:30	Stations of the Cross Martin Joseph Ward
Saturday <i>Lent feria</i>	13 th April	10:00	Evin Daly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	14 th April	17:30	Chris Gaughan RIP
Sunday	15 th April	10:00 18:30	Chris Carter & family People of the parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, 7 April 2019

“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
‘No one, sir,’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said
Jesus ‘go away and don’t sin any more.’

John 8, 11

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45

THE SEASON OF LENT

The parish Lent Course on The Creed continues on Monday 8 April at 19.30hrs in the Cenacle with an exploration of the Jesus entered into glory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 12 noon.

HOLY WEEK

Full details of services during Holy Week will be published next weekend.

LOCAL PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thu 11th April 7.30pm St Anne's

Sat 13th April 11.00am EM

Mon 15th April 7.30pm St James

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Sonning Common.

EASTER SPRING CLEAN

Meet in the church at 10.00hrs on Wednesday 17th April. Everybody welcome - even if you are not a 'regular'.

EASTER FLOWER FUND

There is a box at the back of the church throughout Lent to gather contributions for the Easter flower fund. Many thanks in advance for your support.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

10am on Good Friday morning followed by refreshments in the Cenacle.

Last week's collection

Gift Aid	£113.57	Loose	£570.07
Standing Orders			£484.00

EASTER EGG HUNT

Children aged 7 (school year 3) and up, together with a responsible adult, are invited to join us for an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Monday (22nd April). Meet in the cenacle at 6pm. For further details please contact :
simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com.

HOT CROSS BUNS & FILTER COFFEE

Please join us for fresh filter coffee and hot cross buns in the Cenacle after 10am Mass on Palm Sunday (14th April). All profits to go to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

COULD YOU BE A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

The Federation of St Martin's and St Anne's primary schools seeks applications for the role of Clerk to the Governors. Please see our advert at www.st-annes.reading.sch.uk

COFFEE MORNING

Sat 27 April in the Cenacle from 11.30 'til 14.00 in aid of St. Vincent de Paul Society to celebrate our Founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam's Birthday.

SERVICE OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Service will be held on Sun 19 MAY at 15.00 in the Church followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Should anyone require transport to/from the Service, please let Ed-die Moran (958 2069) or any member of the Society know.

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C – Luke): “No need to recall the past” is the jubilant cry from the prophet in the first reading as he tells his people to look around them and discover that God is as concerned with saving them as he was with saving their ancestors in Egypt. Paul too, from his prison cell, is able to speak words that resound with hope and this is because through Jesus he has become aware of the presence of God with him in all the circumstances of his life. He can also say, ‘I forget the past’ because he knows that each new day offers an opportunity to come to know the love of God, a love which always triumphs over suffering and death. The woman in the gospel also discovers that she can leave the past behind because the encounter with Christ has brought her to a new day. As we draw close to Holy Week, we are invited to recognise that in the saving mystery of Easter God is always doing something new.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 43, 16 – 21: For centuries the faith of the people of Israel was rooted in the experience of the exodus when God had led them out of slavery, through the wilderness and into the Promised Land. After the catastrophic events of 587 BC, when the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and its temple and then carried the citizens off into exile, the people wondered where is our great God now? The answer to their question came through the prophet of today's reading. He tells the people that the God who acted to save them in the past is now going to do a new thing. Yet again he will make a road for them in the wilderness and guide them home. They will learn to sing once more the praises of their God. His words were fulfilled in 540 BC when the Persian emperor Cyrus told the Israelites in Babylon that they were free to go home and, not only that, but he would help them to rebuild their temple. The people learned anew that their God was to be known not only through remembering the past but also in the experience of today.

Second Reading (NT): Philippians 3, 8 – 14: Paul wrote to the Christians of Philippi while in prison. It is not certain exactly when but it can be deduced from the letter that he thought he was facing execution. This was indeed the fate that awaited him in Rome around 63 AD so the letter offers us valuable insights into his views on his life and what lay ahead of him. As always, Paul is concerned to help the communities he is writing for and in this extract he is encouraging them to be faithful even in the midst of their sufferings. He does this by reflecting on his own life and the fact that coming to faith in Christ meant for him the loss of everything that he had previously considered important. All he cares about now is coming to know Jesus and sharing in the power of his resurrection.

Gospel: John 8, 1 – 11: Last week's parable told an imaginary story about forgiveness. Today John's gospel relates a true story from the life of Jesus in which those with a narrow view of the mercy of God wish to use the misery of the woman at the centre of the story as an opportunity for scoring points against Jesus. In highlighting the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, Jesus calls them to repentance, while also calling the woman to new life, reminding her of the love of God for her.