Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B 16th – 17th March 2024





LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This year a combined Penitential Service will be held at Sacred Heart, Henley on Friday 22nd March @ 7pm. Fr Joe will be there and the service will include individual confessions.

Children's Liturgy Good Friday Session

Join us in church at 10am on Friday 7th April for a special Good Friday session. There'll be a variety of crafts and activities, followed by refreshments. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 23-24th March Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10am as usual

Maundy Thursday 28th March Mass of the Last Supper 7.30pm

Night prayer 11.45

Good Friday 29th March Childrens Liturgy 10am

Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Easter Vigil 30th March Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter 8pm

Easter Sunday 31st March Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord 10am

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Confirmation Preparation 2024

There will be a meeting for all families Confirmation interested in preparation, after the 10am Mass on Sunday 24th March. Meet Cathy at the back of church. Contact the parish Cathy orcmfreddi@talktalk.net if you plan to come.

Second collection this weekend

A collection to contribute to the upkeep of the St Chad's cathedral will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



We will be serving **Hot Cross Buns** after the 10am Palm Sunday Mass 24th March in

the cenacle. £1 each, proceeds to the Church Building Fund. We hope you can join us.

Tuesday Tea & Coffee



Why not come and have a chat and a cuppa at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning in the Cenacle?

Invite a friend. Everybody welcome.

Dates for your Diary

- ➤ 17th March Youth group
- ➤ 22nd March Penitential Service, Sacred Heart, Henley
- ➤ 27th March Big Easter Clean
- > 31st March Easter Sunday

WEEKLY INCOME 9th-10th March

C'less:	£	133.00
Loose plate	£	328.46
c'less flowers	$\mathfrak L$	15.00
Candles	$\mathfrak L$	30.11
200 Club	-	400.00
Lent 4 flowers	£	107.20
Shop	$\mathfrak L$	97.50
Weekly S Orders:	${\mathfrak L}$	835.00

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Statement



The food bank donations have supported over 50 local families with essential provisions. We thank you for your continued donations.

A very successful Curry Night was held. The money raised was spent on basic mobile phones for essential communications with very vulnerable homeless individuals.

We held a cake sale in the Cenacle, all donations were spent on school uniforms, equipment and travel costs for 10 Indian children. This enabled them to attend school and gain an education.

An Afternoon Tea was organised for all parishioners. We had a lovely time. All funds raised were spent on clothing for the homeless. We provided men's underwear, socks and donated toiletries.

Berkshire Women's Aid Our work with this charity enabled us to support a domestic abuse

victim with furniture and household equipment.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST ANNE ➤ We held a Pie and Pea supper recently. Money raised from this event will be used to support families that are financially struggling at St Anne's Primary School.

> The weekly Lenten soup lunches have once again been popular. All donations will be used to support charities in our community.



> We are Twinned with two Indian Conferences and

sponsor two students in further education. This three year sponsorship allows them to gain a fulfilled education and subsequently find skilled work.

Piety Stall on a Saturday evening

We would love to have a regular presentation of piety stall products at the Saturday evening mass and I'm looking to have a team of 4 people on a rota.

If you would like to know more and have a little Del Boy charm I'd love to have a chat with you. Please call me Margaret 07789776327 Thank you



CTC Champions Holiday Club

29th July – 2nd August, 10am-3pm in St Anne's school. For youngsters 5-11yrs. Bookings now open at https://buytickets.at/churchestogetherincavershamholidayclub £27 for a whole week of fun if booked before 1st May.

just one world outstanding £966.40, excluding Gift aid, beating last year's total! The power of eating simply. This absolutely will reach people in need and will make a difference. Thank you very much for your generosity. "Aspire not to have more but to be more" Saint Oscar Romero

Reading Parishes Big Lent walk: Try not to fall off your pew but together we raised an outstanding £3184.09 total with gift aid! It was a wonderful day of joy, giving and fellowship. Thanks to all that came and all those who donated.

"Works of love directed to one's neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit" Pope Francis



The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

Mass intentions for Fifth Week of Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent			Year B	
Saturday	16 th March	<i>4.30pm</i> 5.30pm	Confessions James O'Brien RIP	
Sunday	17 th March	10.00am	People of the parish	
•	18 th March e fifth week of Lent	9.15am	Joseph Lawrence RIP	
Tuesday	19 th March e fifth week of Lent	No Mass		
Wednesday	20 th March	6.30pm	Anita Cher RIP	
Thursday	the fifth week of Lent 21 st March he fifth week of Lent	9.15am	Thaddeus Groojin RIP	
Friday Friday of the f	22 nd March ifth week of Lent	9.15am	Kathleen Robertson RIP	
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		Year B		
Saturday	23 rd March	<i>4.30pm</i> 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> People of the parish	

Please note, all weekend Masses are now booked up to mid August.

10.00am

Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Sat Mass, approx. 4.45pm. Everybody is welcome.

Sunday

24th March



OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

Mrs Anna O'Rourke RIP

Pat Wells RIP
Please remember her in your
prayers.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.