



Prayer for the Faithful

The Sick: Pope Francis, Sandra, Juliet, Simon, Doug, Glyn, Ron; and children Sebastian; Pryia and Vinnie and babies Lily and Ivy-Mae.

The Recently Departed

Pat Cooper and Colin Mephram

Anniversaries of Death

8th Alice Green; Ella Triance;

9th William Smart; Robin Paul; James Beeching;

11th Joan Shepherd; William Pemble; Alan Titmuss; Roger Lee;

12th Clare Orchard; Gladys Carr.

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Jesus said... 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.'

John 8.7

Sunday 6th April 2025 - 10.00am

Parish Mass

WELCOME TO THE PARISH MASS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PASSIONTIDE

Lent is a challenging season - and it's supposed to be.

In fact, being a Christian is a challenging vocation, and always has been. The appearance of the eternal, uncreated God in the flesh - in time and space, and in a particular place boggles the mind.

It upsets all that makes for balance in the world by joining together two realities that are so very different. This is demonstrated in the Gospel passage we hear today.

What we think of as justice doesn't track with God's mercy.

What we think gives us life, in fact leads us to dry riverbeds rather than running streams of clear, clean water with which we might quench our thirst. Lent is a time to remind ourselves that things aren't always as they seem, those who might seem to come first here in this world may indeed be last, and those who seem the least or even worthless may in fact be the greatest in that coming Kingdom for which we wait. (Continued)

Gospel - John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them.

The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?'

This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

Second Reading - St Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Continuation)

This last stretch of Lent, let us pray that God would give us a deeper insight into His will for us, both as a community and as individual members of it. May He also give us a sense of peace as we strive to do His will, trusting that however impossible it might seem, His will will be done, for nothing is impossible with God.

Fr Ian

Hymns

(Celebration Hymnal for Everyone)

Processional Hymn

- 606 Praise to the holiest in the height

Offertory

- 602 Praise my soul the King of heaven

Post Communion

- 209 Freely freely (God forgave my sin)

Recessional Hymn

- 487 Meekness and majesty

First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
'Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.'

Psalm 126.1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R 3

Response (R) - What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the Lord worked for them!'
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. **R**

Bring back our exiles, O Lord,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. **R**