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SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY
(Mothering Sunday)

Welcome especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

Several Gospel stories tell of the anxiety of losing things, a coin, a lost sheep etc., personally I always try St Anthony though I have never lost a sheep! But today's Gospel is I think a good choice for Mothering Sunday as it mirrors the joy that God must experience when one of His children returns 'home'. Surely many families suffer the misery when siblings fall out and usually it is the mother who bears the brunt of this unhappiness and who is left to heal the rift, in her impartial love for each of her children. Such was the joy of the father in this story to see his beloved child come home and his effort to bring the brothers together again. Such also is God's love that, even when we hurt Him He always welcomes us back into the fold of His love.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains (or should contain!) a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect. We sing the Introit hymn:*

1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your
love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
*O, Master, grant that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me
bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and
where there's sadness, ever joy.
*O, Master, grant that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life
*O, Master, grant that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Sebastian Temple
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Priest	+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All	Amen
Priest	The Lord be with you.
All	And with your Spirit.

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,
 and, striking their breast, all say
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Following confession, with the priest we say the Kyrie, this is an ancient part of the mass and is frequently said in Greek, one of the three sacred languages of Christianity (Latin and Hebrew being the other two), these languages are considered sacred because they are the three languages used on the notice placed with Christ on the Cross and so are considered to be deeply connected to our salvation.

Priest	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.
All	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.
Priest	Christ, have mercy.	or	Christe eleison.
All	Christ, have mercy.	or	Christe eleison.
Priest	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.
All	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.

As Lent is a season of penance and preparation we don't sing the Gloria as we would normally do, this reminds us that this is a less celebratory time of year.

*The priest prays the Collect which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we **sit** for the readings, which come from the Old Testament (the ancient Jewish Scriptures that Jesus would have known), followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles (Letters) of Paul, Peter, or John &c. (the early writings of the church that helped shape and develop it) and finally a Gospel passage (a reading from the lives and teachings of Jesus).*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 33(34):2-7

The Response is:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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| 1 I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R | 2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. R |
| 3 Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. R | |

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

*We **stand** as the Gospel is heralded*

Priest Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against
heaven and against you.'
All **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**
Priest + A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

The text of the Gospel is omitted in order that you may listen to it more attentively

At the end:

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father, and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We remain standing for the prayers.

The Universal Prayers

These prayers are short ones in which we ask God to hear our petitions for particular people and situations. If you have something or someone you would like praying for in the week at mass or next Sunday please let us know and we'll be happy to include it. It is normal to pray for the Church, the world, the local community, those who are sick or in need, and those who have died.

Intercessor	Lord, in your mercy,	or	Lord, hear us
All	Hear our prayer		Lord, graciously hear us.

Towards the end the intercessor introduces the Hail Mary, the hymn of praise of Jesus' Mother. It is composed from the Angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, and words spoken to her by her cousin Elizabeth in the first sentence; the second reflects the belief and hope that those who are in heaven, and especially Mary, are our friends and family can pray for us as we pray now for our friends around us here on earth.

**All Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

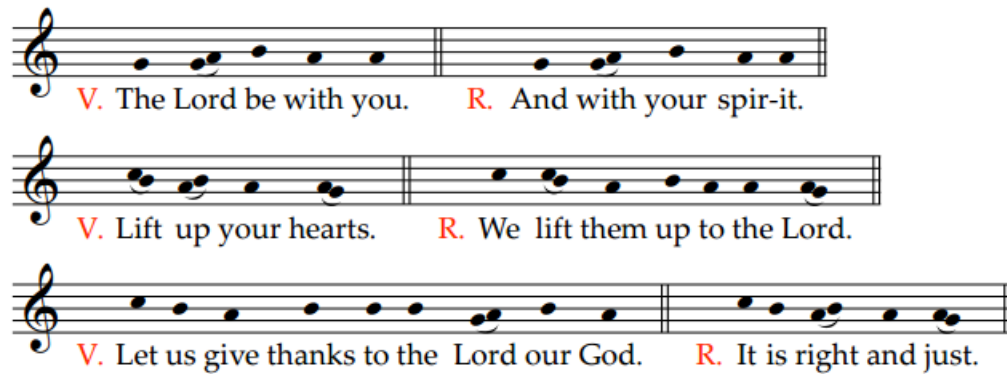
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times).

*After the priest has said the offertory prayers and censed the gifts, he too is censed and then the congregation, when the server bows to us we **stand and bow** in return. The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him:*

Priest	Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All	May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:



The priest goes on to say or sing the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of the Last Supper certainly, but most especially it is the re-presenting of Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

*All **kneel or sit** and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.*

Priest **The Mystery of Faith**
All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*All **stand** and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer*

The Communion Rite

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest **Deliver us, Lord, we pray...**

All **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through a word or gesture rather than through anything physical.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest **Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion. If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist or The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection?** Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**
Priest May Almighty God bless +you...
All **Amen**
Priest Go forth the mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

*We **remain standing** and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass as we sing the Recessional hymn:*

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| 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice. | 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high. |
| 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One. | 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore! |

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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Notices

Refugees

As the war in Ukraine continues, and as many of us continue to be horrified by it please do consider whether you are able to put yourselves forward for the Government scheme to offer space in your homes to those fleeing the carnage. Hospitality and welcome are basic tenets of the Faith, especially towards the outcast, the widow, and the orphan, whilst today's refugees are Ukrainian, tomorrow's could be your family or loved ones.

Civic Prayer Breakfast

LAST CALL - The Civic Prayer Breakfast returns to the calendar again this year. In the past this has been a great event and an opportunity to meet with other Christians from a range of traditions to be encouraged and supported and to pray together for our city. The prayer breakfast takes place on Friday at the King's Hall in Stoke, doors open at 7am for a prompt 7.30am start. Tickets are still £10 for a cooked breakfast, please see Fr Andrew for more details.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

It would be really good to be able to book our pilgrimage to Walsingham for this year, if you could sign up on the sheets at the back we'll be able to finalise costs and make bookings.

Prayer List

As we are returning to public worship now seems to be the ideal time to update the list of the sick particularly. If you would like particular names included let Fr Andrew know. Names on the pewsheets will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheets are for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick And Those In Need

Amanda, Ben, Malcolm Wood, James, Keith, Shirley, June, Barbara, and Phil

The Recently Departed

Lilly Keeling

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let the clergy know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – clergy may be many things but psychic, they are not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with Fr Glen or one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to the clergy about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that Fr Andrew's day of rest is a Saturday and Fr Glen's is a Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them on their respective rest days.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY - FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
Sunday Year C – Weekday Lectionary Year II – Psalter Week 4

Monday 28th March

Lent Feria (P)

(for paediatricians)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer *followed by Stations of the Cross* (SS)

Tuesday 29th March

Lent Feria (P)

(for physiotherapists)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 30th March

Lent Feria (P)

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

12noon Mass *followed by Lent Lunch* (SS) – How Can I Have Faith?

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

6.20pm Rosary (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 31st March

Lent Feria (P)

(for a willingness to study Scripture)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

7.00pm Lent Group (SS)

Friday 1st April

Lent Feria (P)

(for courageous witness to the Gospel)

9.00am **NO** Morning Prayer (HT)

11.20am Rosary (HT)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer *followed by Stations of the Cross* (HT)

Saturday 2nd April

Lent Feria (P)

(for a Team Vicar and the growth of our congregations)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW) *followed by Stations of the Cross*

10.00am Mass (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Sunday 3rd April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (P)
(PASSION SUNDAY)

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (SW)

10.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (HT)

11.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (SS)