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SUNDAY 14th February 2021 **THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Welcome to St Saviour's, 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

"Here begins the wonderful story of Jesus, The Messiah, the Son of God "
This is how my Bible introduces Mark's Gospel, which I find intriguing.
Mark is the shortest Gospel but its narrative is described as "Urgent, spare and driven "
It is also said to contain 'The Messianic Secret' which suggests that Jesus, while always ready to respond to the needy, almost seems to turn aside attempts to identify him as The Messiah. However, Mark clearly shows us 'Jesus the man,' emphasising his human qualities of compassion, pity, anger, hunger etc., through the miracles which are described in great detail. Yet above all Jesus is always identified as a person of 'authority,' someone who knew his destiny, truly the long-awaited Messiah.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

As you will doubtless appreciate this coming Lent will again be different to normal. We hope that a Lent Group will still be possible in some form (almost certainly online but perhaps using a means other than zoom for those reluctant to use that platform).

We will consider the best way to approach other devotions, such as the Stations of the Cross and let you know shortly.

Inquisitive Children

The first of our online sessions for inquisitive (sounds better than curious!) children will be next Sunday afternoon at 3pm. A link will be posted on the Facebook pages in the coming week

Conqueror Challenge – The Camino

On Ash Wednesday, with the beginning of Lent, Fr Andrew and Fr Glen will also begin their virtual pilgrimage along the fabled Camino, the road to Santiago De Compostela. They are doing this for a variety of reasons, partly a spiritual discipline for Lent, partly a means of keeping active and healthy in lockdown (and encouraging other to do the same), partly to be seen more out and about in the parish, and partly to raise money. The money raised will primarily go towards supporting the work, mission, and administration of the Team Ministry centrally, but a proportion will also be donated to the local charity Ruff and Ruby which seeks to support young people and especially to raise aspirations. The pilgrimage will require the clergy to cover the equivalent of 480miles or 772km, and it is their hope and aim to “reach” Santiago in time for Pentecost. Ever since the Middle Ages this has been a famous and popular pilgrimage route and has been the inspiration for art, film, and television for a long time, we would dearly love to make the journey physically but for now this will have to do. We very much hope you will support us and sponsor us as we make this journey through Lent and Easter and we shall keep you up to date with our progress in church and online.

Lent Devotions

The full programme of Lent devotions will begin next week and details will be published in next week’s sheet.

Fr Andrew will be available to hear confessions in the half hour preceding each weekday mass throughout Lent and at other times by appointment.

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 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.*

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**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Together we sing the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
✠ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

*The priest then 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 Hebrew Bible Jesus would have known), followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

Psalm 31 (32): 1-2, 5, 11

The Response is:

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation

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| 1 | Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. R. | 2 | But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: "I will confess
my offence to the Lord."
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin R. |
| | 3 | Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. R. | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

At the end:

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

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

Priest Alleluia, alleluia.
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
 so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
All **Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Priest ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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.

Following the Creed we sit.

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)

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 as we stand:

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:

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with your Spirit.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right and just.**

The priest goes on to say 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 us. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of both the Last Supper, and 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 hosts.**
 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 this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

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.*

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

Jack, John, Darren, Terry, Pamela, Fr Chris, Fr Ron, Audrey, Wilki, Mike and Amina Monir

The Recently Departed

Pauline Wowra, Toni Cooper, Tim, and June Jones

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 Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is 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 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 Fr Andrew 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 usual day of rest is Saturday and Fr Glen's is Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them as they take some down time

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Lectionary Cycle - Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year I

Monday 15th February *Feria (G)*

(for the members of Deanery Synod)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Tuesday 16th February *Feria (G) – commonly called Shrove Tuesday*

(for a desire to put God above all things)

10.00am Mass (HT)

10.30am Confessions (HT)

12noon Confessions (SW)

7.00pm Confessions (SS)

Wednesday 17th February **ASH WEDNESDAY (P)**

(for the sick and those in need)

10.00am MASS WITH SPRINKLING OF ASHES (HT)

12noon MASS WITH SPRINKLING OF ASHES (SS)

7.00pm MASS WITH SPRINKLING OF ASHES (SW)

Thursday 18th February *Thursday after Ash Wednesday (P)*

(for the Shrine at Lourdes)

10.00am Mass (SS)

Friday 19th February *Friday after Ash Wednesday (P)*

(for the NHS)

12noon Mass (HT)

Saturday 20th February *Saturday after Ash Wednesday (P)*

(for the hungry and those who need foodbanks)

10.00am Holy Communion (SW)

Sunday 21st February **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (P)**

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SW)

10.30am SAID PARISH MASS (HT)

11.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SS)

3.00pm Inquisitive Children (online)

7.00pm Compline (Zoom)

Morning and Evening Prayer will be celebrated publicly Monday to Friday as usual at 9.00am and 6.00pm respectively. Monday (SS – both) Tuesday (HT – both) Wednesday (SW – both) Thursday (Morning Prayer – SS, Evening Prayer – SW) Friday (Morning Prayer – SW, Evening Prayer – HT)