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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th February, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY

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Sunday	FIFTH SUNDAY
8.00am	People of the Parish
10.15am	Elfi Ip, (<i>Raimont</i>)
6.30pm	Special Intention
Monday	Feria
9.30am	John Forer, RIP (<i>Forer</i>)
Tuesday	Feria
9.30am	Philip Kilbride (<i>Kilbride</i>)
Wednesday	Feria
9.30am	Holy Souls (<i>Walford</i>)
Thursday	Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe
9.30am	No intention
Friday	Feria
9.30am	Fareham & Stubbington
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday
9.30am	NO MASS
Sunday	SIXTH SUNDAY
8.00am	In Thanksgiving (<i>Calleya</i>)
10.15am	People of the Parish
6.30pm	No intention

*Confessions: After Saturday Morning Mass.
By request or appointment at any time.*

Fifth Sunday

Entrance Antiphon;

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm;

My lips will tell of your help.

Gospel Acclamation;

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS:

Monday, Genesis 1:1-19; **Tuesday**, Genesis 1:20-2:4;
Wednesday, Genesis 2:4-17; **Thursday**, Acts 13:46-49;
Friday, Genesis 3:1-8; **Saturday**, Genesis 3:9-24;

The Holy Father's Intentions (February)

For Victims

For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.



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We hear the call of the prophet Isaiah this week. This introduces the Gospel, where we

see Jesus calling the first of his disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus', there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so", give us an example of Christian discipleship:

we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

"They left everything and followed him."

A POPE'S REFLECTION

In today's liturgy, the Gospel according to Luke presents the story of the call of the first disciples, with an original version that differs from that of the other two Synoptic Gospels, Matthew and Mark. The call, in fact, was preceded by the teaching of Jesus to the crowd and a miraculous catch of fish, carried out by the will of the Lord. In fact, while the crowd rushes to the shore of Lake Gennesaret to hear Jesus, he sees Simon who is discouraged because he has caught nothing all night. First Jesus asks to get into Simon's boat in order to preach to the people standing a short distance from the shore; then, having finished preaching, he commands Simon to go out into the deep with his friends and cast their nets. Simon obeys, and they catch an incredible amount of fish. In this way, the evangelist shows how the first disciples followed Jesus, trusting him, relying on his Word, all the while accompanied by miraculous signs. We note that, before this sign, Simon addresses Jesus, calling him "Master", while afterwards he addresses him as "Lord". This is the pedagogy of God's call, which does not consider the quality of those who are chosen so much as their faith, like that of Simon that says: "At your word, I will let down the nets". The image of the fish refers to the Church's mission. St Augustine says in this regard, "Twice the disciples went out to fish at the Lord's command: once before the Passion and the other time after the Resurrection. In the two scenes of fishing, the entire Church is depicted: the Church as it is now and as it will be after the resurrection of the dead. For now it gathers together a multitude, impossible to number, comprising the good and the bad; after the resurrection, it will include only the good". The experience of Peter, certainly unique, is nonetheless representative of the call of every apostle of the Gospel, who must never be discouraged in proclaiming Christ to all men, even to the ends of the world. However, today's text is really a reflection on the vocation to the priesthood and the consecrated life. It is the work of God. The human person is not the author of his own vocation but responds to the divine call. Human weakness should not be afraid if God calls. It is necessary to have confidence in his strength, which acts in our poverty; we must rely more and more on the power of his mercy, which transforms and renews.

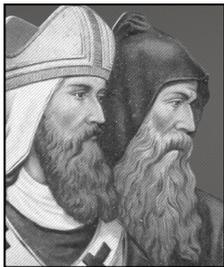
Dear brothers and sisters, may this Word of God revive in us and in our Christian communities courage, confidence and enthusiasm in proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel. Do not let failures and difficulties lead to discouragement: it is our task to cast our nets in faith — the Lord will do the rest. We must trust, too, in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Apostles. Well aware of her own smallness, she answered the Lord's call with total confidence: "Here I am". With her maternal help, let us renew our willingness to follow Jesus, Master and Lord.

Pope Benedict XVI



Saints of the week

February 14th, Saints Cyril & Methodius (d. 869, 884)



Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples. After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk

after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. It was Pope John VIII who secured his release.

Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical, and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croats, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe (with St. Benedict).

Reflection: Holiness means reacting to human life with God's love: human life as it is, crisscrossed with the political and the cultural, the beautiful and the ugly, the selfish and the saintly. For Cyril and Methodius much of their daily cross had to do with the language of the liturgy. They are not saints because they got the liturgy into Slavonic, but because they did so with the courage and humility of Christ.



Teach me dear Lord frequently and attentively to consider this truth: that if I gain the whole world and lose thee, in the end I have lost everything: whereas if I lose the whole world and gain thee, in the end I have lost nothing."

Cardinal Blessed John Henry Newman

EVENTS

March 1st - Quiz Night, Back by popular demand £5. ONLY b.y.o.b - teams of 6-8. Tickets on sale after all masses. For further details contact FR team.

March 30th - has been reserved for the Lenten Lunch

CONFIRMATION 2020



If your child is in year 8 or 9 and has yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are looking to run a new confirmation programme from Eastertide 2019 to Eastertide 2020. Please use the online form on the website, found under Sacraments, to register your child's interest so we can ascertain viability. Thank you.

The form can also be viewed at this address:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4651304>

Women's World Day of Prayer

written by the ladies of SLOVENIA.

1.30pm on Friday 1st March at St John's Locks Heath
more info from Marguerite on margieboulter@aol.com

Day of Prayer for the Sick

Mon 11th Feb. Immaculate Conception, Stubbington
2pm Confessions, 3pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
4pm Refreshments in the Hall

Eileen Holmes would like to thank everybody for their kind words and prayers. She is now recovering at home.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

25th - 29th July 2019 4 nights £649 per person sharing
Return flights from Southampton Airport to Bordeaux
Staying at the Hotel La Solitude,
Breakfast, lunch and dinner served daily

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

24th - 30th July 2019 7 days £475 per person sharing
Private coach travel to Lourdes and return
Staying at the Hotel La Solitude 4 nights,
Breakfast, lunch and dinner served daily
Guided walking tour of Lourdes visiting places
associated to St. Bernadette.

To Book: Please contact Fr PJ Smith; T: 07780221686

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Brochures available in the porch.

Engaged Couples Encounter



The Bishop wishes to make contact with any engaged couples who are under instruction preparing for marriage in church in 2019. As last year, he would like to invite them to a special Engaged Couples Breakfast and blessing at the Cathedral on **Saturday 16th February 2019**, beginning at 9.15 am and finishing at 11.45 am. This is a chance to meet with him and hear a short presentation. There will then be a short Service of Blessing, in which each couple will be blessed individually and also their engagement rings. Everyone is welcome - as long as they are engaged!

Please remember in your prayers

Eileen Holmes, Mary Salter, Helen Worstmann, Aileen Hopkins, Jim Brown, Oliver Russell, Irene Hollywood, Pat Juke, Joseph Dolan, Siobhan Jefferies, Irene Otter, Marion Celand, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Josie Cutcliffe, Eileen Parsons, Maria & John Marvao, Michelle Gray, Kol Thelis, Thomas McCartney, Pat Elward, Mamie Allen, Netta Tracy, June Paris, John Kinneavy, Susan Bolton, Natalie Mahon, Jeanne Key, Kazy Madeley, Joseph Chisholm, Anne-Marie Mooney, Joyce Redding.

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR THEM