

The United Benefice of Henley-on-Thames with Remenham
THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
Registered Charity

The Sunday next before Lent
March 3rd 2019

Welcome to this ancient Parish Church. If you are a visitor or a new member of the congregation, you will find the order of service in the booklets. The hymns are not announced - they can be found on this sheet. The crèche is available throughout the service for toddlers and parents; Junior Church also takes place in the Chantry House. Tea & coffee are served in the Chantry House after the service: please join us and make yourself known.

Mass: A New People's Mass *Dom Gregory Murray*

Entrance Hymn: 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies (tune ii)

The Opening Prayer:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Exodus 34:29-end *The Shining Face of Moses*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99

R/ The Lord our God is holy.

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.
Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy.

R/

Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

R/

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

R/

You answered them, O Lord our God; you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

R/

The Gospel Acclamation:

V/ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36 *The Transfiguration*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn: **178** 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

A Communion Hymn may be sung: **276** *Bread of heaven (tune ii)*

The Anthem: Panis Angelicus *Camille Saint-Saens*

The Final Hymn: **440** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (omit*)

The Organ Voluntary: Introduction and Passacaglia in D Minor *Max Reger*

Today's Sung Eucharist:

Sidesmen	Athley Cowling and Alison Shelley
Lesson	Carol Brook-Partridge
Intercessions	Joan Edwards
Servers	Sheila Croton and Norman Topsom
Acolytes	Clare Croton and Tania Tindall
Chalice	Carol Brook-Partridge and Stuart Crippen
Coffee	Cleone Augur and Lavinia Southern

Please replace the kneelers on your pew before leaving. Thank you!

Today

12.15pm Baptism (SN)
6pm-7.30pm Youth Club (CH)

This Week

Mon 4	
Tues 5	Julian Group 7.45pm for 8.00pm (Forge Cottage, Hart St)
Ash Wednesday	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 10.00am (SM) Holy Communion (BCP) with Imposition of Ashes 12noon (SN) Aliquando Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH) Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 8.00pm (SM)
Thurs 7	Eucharist (CW Trd) 10am (SM) Choir Practice 7.15pm (CH)
Fri 8	Praying Together 9.30am (CH) Bible Study 10.15am (CH) Stations of the Cross 11.00am (SM) Eucharist 12noon (SM) Lent Reading Group 8.00pm (CH)
Sat 9	

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am and Evening Prayer usually at 5pm at St Mary's on weekdays

Sunday March 10 ~ The First Sunday of Lent

8.00am Eucharist (SM)
9.30am Sung Eucharist, Junior Church & Creche (SM)
11.15am Sung Holy Communion (SN)
12.30pm Interment of ashes (SM)
6pm-7.30pm Youth Club (CH)

***Please pray for
The Church:***

The Iglesia Anglicana de Chile The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz Bishop of Santiago & Primate

The sick:

Nicola, Neil, Helen, Stella, Maria, Jennifer, Henry, Barbara, Colin

The departed:

Vera Collins, John Bedford, Nicola Kaye

Those whose year's minds falls this week:

Robert Butler (4), Anne Edwards (7), Keith Barker, Peter Sly, Henri Goodwin (9)

Those to be baptised today:

Eve Duckworth

Notices for the week beginning 3 March

Fr Jeremy is leading a Lent Reading Group on Fridays at 8pm in the Chantry House. Our Lent Book: *The Catholic Jesus: Knowing Christ through the Church he founded*, by the Revd Dr Thomas Plant. "Mary gave birth to a boy, not a book. Jesus never wrote a word, because he was God's Word. It is only through the Church which Jesus founded that God breathed the words of the Bible, and so it is only through the Church that we can really come to learn who Jesus is." A priest in the Church of England and a doctor of Cambridge University, Fr Thomas Plant summarises the recent work of respected biblical scholars in a short and readable form, to help Catholic Christians understand and defend the authentic tradition of Jesus which the Church has faithfully guarded and proclaimed through the centuries. If anyone has trouble tracking down a copy, please let Fr Jeremy know and he will place an order for you.

The Julian Group meet this Tuesday at 7.45pm for 8.00pm at Forge Cottage, Hart Street. There will be no meeting in April.

The Lent lunchtime services at Christ Church, Reading Road, will focus on the unique accounts of Christ's Passion in Luke's Gospel. Thursday March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11. Starting at 12 noon, followed by a simple lunch at 12.30pm. All welcome.

Fr Jeremy will be leading a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 August. It will include an optional day visit to the Shrine of Julian of Norwich, which, as one would expect, is in Norwich, just over an hour's drive from Walsingham. Further information will follow, but as space will be limited Fr Jeremy would welcome early expressions of interest in joining the pilgrimage.

2019 sees the preparation of a new church electoral roll. This takes place once in every six years. All who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment. Application forms can be found at the back of church, to be completed and returned to the parish office please.

The Henley Food Bank Box can be found by the crèche. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings - toiletry items, tinned veg, tinned fruit, savoury biscuits, tinned meat, long lasting milk, cereal, crisps, biscuits, squash, pasta sauce.

***Parish Office ~ Mon, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm : Wed, Fri, 9.30am-4.30pm tel: 577340
email: office.hwr@lineone.net rector.hwr@btinternet.com Fr Jeremy is always happy to talk to parishioners about any subject, please call the parish office to make an appointment. Saturday is his day off and Friday is his study day. Fr Jeremy would appreciate being spared calls on these days except in an emergency.***