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**Link for vacancies throughout the Diocese** <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs> **Pauline Clarke**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Volunteers needed to help in Holy Week as readers and for feet washing on Maundy Thursday**

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**Genesis 9: 8-15**

**1 Peter 3: 18-22**

**Mark 1: 12-15**

Last Wednesday, with the penitential rite of the ashes of last year's palms, we began our Lenten journey. This weekend, the first of the liturgical season, the Word of God shows us the path to living fruitfully the 40 days that lead to the annual celebration of Easter. It is a road Jesus travelled before he started his preaching when he went into the desert for 40 days. In the first reading from Genesis God establishes a covenant with Noah in chapter 9. Earlier in chapter 6 we are told of the wickedness of the people of the world and God's decision to destroy them with the Great Flood. God now agrees a covenant with Noah that he will never destroy the world again by a flood of water with no strings attached. As a sign of this agreement between God "*and every living creature for all generations*" He gives us the rainbow in the sky.

In the first letter of St Peter he refers back to Noah building the Ark which only saved a small group of 8 people from the flood and compares this to a type of baptism by water to wash away sin. "*Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God*". So by baptism we are saved through Christ's death and resurrection.

In Mark's gospel Jesus withdrew to the desert for 40 days to prepare for his ministry and preaching where he was tempted by Satan. The number 40 is significant as it recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt and 40 days and nights that the prophet Elijah journeyed in the desert making his way to Horeb, the mountains of God, where he was attended to by an angel of the Lord. We now have the 40 days of Lent to be led by the Holy Spirit to renew the vows of our baptism when we promised to reject sin and to increase our efforts to follow Jesus.

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Lisamma Joseph</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> St Finian of Lindisfarne</b> Born at beginning of 7 <sup>th</sup> century in Ireland. Monk on the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. Second Bishop of Lindisfarne in 651. Well educated and eloquent he was gentle persuasive in converting pagans. Three kings converted by him. King Oswy of Northumbria, King Sigebert of Essex and King Peada of Mercia. Appointed bishops for Essex and Mercia. Built churches including a cathedral at Lindisfarne according to Celtic customs in wood covered by sea-grass. Founded religious centres including Whitby Abbey
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Navin Nazareth RIP</b>
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> St Boniface of Lausanne</b> Born in Belgium in 1196. Educated by nuns in Brussels. Then at Paris University. Was a popular lecturer in Paris from 1222. Ordained in Paris. After bitter dispute at Paris College, lectured in Cologne. Appointed Bishop of Lausanne in Switzerland. Criticised corruption of clergy and King Fredrick II. Was badly assaulted. Resigned as Bishop and returned to Belgium. In Brussels he retired to a Cistercian monastery. Died there 1265.
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> St Wulfric of Haselberg</b> Born in Compton Martin south of Bristol in about 1080 to a noble Anglo-Saxon family. As a nobleman lived a careless life even when he was ordained a priest with an addiction to hunting with hawks and hounds. A meeting with a beggar changed his life style and he turned to God. First ministry was near Warminster. Moved back to Compton Martin as parish priest. Attempting to get closer to God became a hermit beside a church. Had a reputation as a holy anchorite who gave advice to many including King Henry I and King Stephen. King Henry I was a just king with his guidance. King Stephen agreed a treaty to gain peace in England under his advice. Wulfric lived a very austere life style with fasting and strict penance. Healer of body, mind and spirit. Had skills in prophesy. One of the most influential hermit priests in medieval England.
<b>SVP Social</b> <b>1 pm to 3 pm</b>  <b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> St Robert Southwell</b> Born in Norfolk in 1561. Sent away to English College in Douai, France. Then joined Jesuits in Paris. Ordained in 1584. Returned to England in 1586 with Fr Henry Garnet on the third Jesuit English mission to serve Catholic community, an act of treason under Queen Elizabeth I. Mixed with Protestant society, mostly in London, under the name Cotton. After 3 years became domestic chaplain to Countess of Arundel, Anne Howard and her husband St Philip Howard who was in prison in the Tower of London. Stayed with the countess at Arundel House on The Strand in London. Contacted Earl of Southampton, patron of Shakespeare. After 6 years he was arrested by the infamous Robert Topcliffe, the chief priest hunter in Harrow visiting Richard Bellamy. Topcliffe had tortured and raped Richard's daughter to find him. Then Robert was tortured. After three years was found guilty of treason. Executed at Tyburn on 21 <sup>st</sup> February 1595.

<b>10 am Mass Mario Dias RIP</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Chair of St Peter</b> The Chair of St Peter is in the great Basilica of St Peter's in the Vatican City in Rome and its occupant is Pope Francis. It is a celebration of the authority and unity that Jesus created for His Church on earth exercised by our Pope Francis.				
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> St Polycarp</b> Born in 69 to a Greek family in Asia Minor, now Turkey. Disciple of the youngest apostle John the Evangelist and influenced by St Paul. Was a great preacher and evangelist who converted many. Appointed Bishop of Smyrna in Turkey. Obeyed Eastern customs of Christianity. Martyred during the persecution of Christians by fire and the sword.				
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Mark Herbich RIP</b>	<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> St King Ethelbert of Kent</b> Born 550 as a pagan. Married to Christian daughter of the King of the Franks in France, Bertha. As King of Kent was the first Anglo-Saxon king to be converted to Christianity by St Augustine and his missionary monks who he then supported. Made sure Christianity was not forced on his subjects as was requested by Pope Gregory. He restored and built churches. Founded St Pauls in London. Created fair and just laws in his kingdom.				
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Hilary Sendall RIP</b>		
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>					
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Roy Perry	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Volunteers needed for Holy Week

12 parishioners are required to participate in the feet washing on Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the 7.30 pm Mass. Also readers are needed for the 9.30 am Mass on Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March (4 readers), the 7.30 pm Mass on Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (2 readers), the 3 pm Mass on Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March (4 readers), the 8 pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March (5 readers) and the 9.30 am Mass on Easter Sunday (2 readers). Maria Linnell has put a list of these requirements in the porch so that parishioners can put their name to the relevant ministry. Please volunteer so that we can properly celebrate Holy Week.

#### SVP Social this Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 1pm to 3 pm

There is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

#### URGENT: For those gift aiding donations to the parish it is necessary to complete a new declaration form

Due to change of name it is now necessary for all parishioners who gift aid their donations to complete a new declaration form. Margaretta emailed out a copy of the form and there are a number of copies in the porch. Using CAPITAL LETTERS, please complete the form manually. Place the completed form in the box in the porch or scan it and send it by email to Margaretta. ”.

#### Charity chosen by Fr Michael and Fr Thomas to support during Lent. Reaching the Unreached

Reaching the Unreached was set up in Tamil Nadu in south east India in 1978 by De La Salle Brother James Kimpton. It was originally started to care for an orphaned family and he engaged a local widow to look after them. So started the “Children’s Village” concept of caring for orphaned and abandoned children in small family houses with a foster mother. There are now four Children’s Villages, 10 Hostels to give greater independence to older children so that around 1,000 children are in care. The first Primary School was opened in 1986. Now there are 8 Nursery Schools, 3 Primary Schools and a Secondary School for children in their care , as well as children from the most disadvantaged families locally. Other ventures include house building, nearly 9,000 built ; bore well drilling, around 2,500 wells; Self Help Groups to empower rural women; affordable loans to start small businesses or borrow money for emergencies such as medical care so avoiding the high interest rates of money lenders. **Please donate generously in Lent. There will be baskets in the church porch. Graham Churchill is the parish contact.**

#### Sick and housebound parishioners who require Holy Communion taken to them

If you or if you know of a “sick or housebound” parishioner who would like to be taken Holy communion please email the Parish Administrator on [svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) who will organise for a visiting Eucharistic Minister or Father Thomas. If you are not able to use email, ring office mobile 07887452313 in office hours shown at the top of the newsletter.

**Lenten programme for the next few weeks** Strove Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Mass at 10 am. Pancakes served after Mass

Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: Masses at 10 am and 6.30 pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Parish Retreat led by Dominican Sisters, 12 noon: Mass with Father Thomas. See below

Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Mass at 9.30 am Holy Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Reconciliation Service at 5.30 pm. Mass at 6 pm.

Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Washing of the Feet Service at 7.30 pm

Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> March: Stations of the Cross at 2.30 pm followed by Good Friday Service at 3 pm.

Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Vigil Mass at 8 pm Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Mass at 9.30 pm

#### All invited to Lenten Retreat for St Vincent de Paul on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10 am to 4 pm

The day will include talks, Mass, the Rosary and Adoration. Hot drinks and biscuits will be served during breaks. Participants should bring a packed lunch.. Donations of £10 per person should be made before the event to secure your place.

To book your place and for payment details please contact [svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

#### Parish collection for last weekend 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February

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Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Lenten Retreat	Envelopes		Loose plate
£134	£33.50	£113.30	£242.54	£51.98	£575.32	£50	£67	£33.05	<b>£725.37</b>