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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 4th May 2025

Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40-41

Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel John 21: 1-19

The first reading presents a pivotal moment in the early Christian Church. The apostles, having been arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin, are charged with disobeying the authorities by continuing to preach about Jesus. The apostle's response to them is one of courage and conviction. Peter speaking for the group declares that they must obey God rather than men. This statement becomes a defining principle for Christian ethics and moral decision-making. The apostles' actions demonstrate their complete trust in God even when obedience leads to suffering and persecution. Their example reminds us that authentic faith often requires making difficult choices that may put us at odds with prevailing cultural norms or authorities. Understanding the Book of Revelation in the second reading can be difficult. When we participate in the Eucharist celebration, we are taking part in a liturgy where heaven intersects with earth. This heavenly worship is described and shows angels and all creatures praising God. This vision gives a glimpse into the heavenly realm where worship is a cosmic event which underscores the theme of redemption and universal praise of God that ensues from Christ's sacrifice, the slain Lamb. In John's Gospel the scene begins at night, considered at the time to be best for fishing. These disciples have returned to their career as fishermen. As the boats glided over the lake, with torches blazing, the disciples are staring into the water looking for fish but are finding none. Jesus calls them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdala, the disciples do not recognise him immediately. The body of Jesus was the resurrected one, not his old body. His appearance was different from when they had known Him before. For example he might not have cast a shadow. When John recognised Him it was Peter who showed his leadership and desire to reach Jesus first remembering how he had denied Him 3 times in front of a charcoal fire. Now Jesus lights another charcoal fire to cook fish for their breakfast and Peter repents and professes his love 3 times, reaffirming his role as shepherd of the Church that he will lead to spread the teaching of Jesus. Malcolm.

Mass times

Feast Days

<p>6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Saturday 3rd St Philip and St James In the 6th century the bodies of St Philip and St James were brought to home from the East and laid to rest in the Basilica of the Holy Apostles. St Philip, fluent in Greek and Aramaic, was one of the first of the 12 apostles called by Jesus the day after He called his first apostles Peter and Andrew. His brother was St Thaddaeus (St Jude). Philip was a married man with children who had been a follower of John the Baptist. He invited his friend Nathanael, also a disciple of John the Baptist, to join them. His reply was "<i>Nazareth, can anything good come from there?</i>" Philip and Nathanael evangelised in Greece and Syria and were both crucified upside down and Philip preached from the cross. After an earthquake Nathanael escaped but Philip stayed and died as a martyr for Christ. St James the Less was a cousin of Jesus as his mother, Mary Cleophas, was the sister of the Virgin Mary. She is called <i>Mary of Clopas</i> in John's Gospel as one of the women at the foot of the cross. James had a similar appearance to Jesus and it is claimed that Mary sometimes had difficulty telling them apart. This is the reason that Judas kissed Jesus to identify him from James when He was arrested before His Passion and crucifixion. James became Bishop of Jerusalem and was in the Church's First Council. Stoned to death as a martyr.</p>
<p>9.30 am Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Easter</p>
<p>6.30pm Mass</p>	<p>Monday 5th St Hilary of Arles Born in 401 in southern France to a pagan high class Roman family. A Christian in his youth. Left his honours and riches to join his relative St Honoratus in Lerins Abbey on an island off the coast which followed the <i>Rule of St Pachomius</i>. Hilary led a very austere life style. St Honoratus was made Archbishop of Arles. Hilary went with him to help him. Unfortunately St Honoratus died 3 years later. Hilary was appointed in his place as Archbishop at the age of 29. Known for his kindness and charity. Eloquent preacher. He presided over two Church Councils. Strengthened the discipline and orthodoxy of the Church</p>
<p>10am Mass</p>	<p>Tuesday 6th St Petronax of Monte Cassino Born in 670 in Italy. Joined the hermits in the ruins of Monte Cassino monastery. Elected the superior of monks. Rebuilt the monastery which Benedict had founded. Pope Gregory II gave him an autographed copy of <i>Rule of St Benedict</i>. Known as <i>Second founder of the Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino</i>. Attracted many notable monks.</p>
<p>SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30pm Mass</p>	<p>Wednesday 7th St John of Beverley Born in Yorkshire in 7th century. Educated in the monastic school in Canterbury. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey double monastery ruled by St Hilda. Made Bishop of Hexham. Retreated at times to the countryside with companions to pray and meditate. Restored speech to dumb boy. Ordained St Bede as a deacon and priest. Appointed Bishop of York. Founded a monastery at Beverley near Hull in Yorkshire. He died on 7th May 721 and was buried there. Tomb became a place of pilgrimage. King Athelstan of the Anglo-Saxons prayed for victory in a battle in 937. King Edward I was a devotee and built a chantry in Beverley Minster in 1295 and later a shrine. In 1415 King Henry V won the Battle of Agincourt after praying to St John.</p>

10am Mass	Thursday 8th St Pope Boniface IV Born around 550 in Italy. Benedictine monk. Appointed treasurer by Pope Gregory I. Elected Pope in 608 after 2 short term papacies. Problems of famine, plague, wars and natural disasters. Converted Roman Pantheon into Christian Church. Hosted Church Council to restore monastic discipline attended by Bishop of London. He still lived as a Benedictine monk and converted his home in Rome into a monastery. Died in 615 aged 65				
NO MASS	Friday 9th St Pachomius the Great Born in 292 in Egypt into a wealthy pagan family. Was forced into the Roman army. Galley slave on the River Nile. Met Christians in port who gave help to the troops. Became a Christian. 7 years a hermit with Paloemom who taught him building skills. Unlike the hermits of St Antony of Egypt his monks lived in community in large settlements. Developed the first real monasteries with a strict <i>Rule</i> which defined monastic life. When he died in 348 aged 56 there were 9 monasteries for men and 2 for women. His <i>Rule</i> influenced St Benedict in the West and St Basil in the East and later St Hilary of Arles in France during the 5 th century.				
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 10th St John of Avila Born 1499 in Spain to wealthy and pious parents. Sent to study law but changed to philosophy and theology. Both parents died. Ordained a priest. First Mass at the church where his parents were buried. Always wanted to be a missionary to Mexico. Archbishop of Seville asked him to be a missionary in Spain in land recently regained from the Moors. Very successful preacher. Attracted large crowds and many converts. Strongly criticised the rich and powerful which caused him to be imprisoned and tried by the Spanish Inquisition for a year. Acquitted to the delight of his many followers. Wrote <i>Audia Filia (Listen, Daughter)</i> . Among his disciples were St Teresa of Ávila, St John of God, St Francis Borgia and Ven. Louis of Granada. Poor health in the last 15 years. Died in 1569 aged 70 and was buried in the Jesuit Church in Montilla in southern Spain. Although so many of his disciples were canonised quite quickly, Fr John was not canonised until 31 st May 1970 by Pope Paul VI, possibly due to not being recommended by any Religious Order.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 11th May		Fourth Sunday of Easter		
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION					
Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Mary Light	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next SVP Social this Wednesday 7th May – 1pm to 3 pm

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

The funeral of Jo Kyte is on Thursday 8th May at St Joseph’s Catholic Church in Romsey

Some parishioners involved in the parish for many years should remember Jo who was very supportive of the parish. She died on Thursday 3rd April aged 96.

Sad news of the death of Edna Spiteri, devoted wife of the late Fred Spiteri

Edna died on Maundy Thursday 17th April, the beloved mother of sons Dino and Mario. Pat Pennal’s daughter is in contact with the two sons and will inform us concerning the funeral details.

Special “Thank You” from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Red Box donations

Last year in 2024 the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul raised £582.26 through their Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The donors in St Vincent de Paul are part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. The continual support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Glen MHM, working with a rural community in Tompong, Cambodia, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the life of the whole community. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more. Anyone wanting a Red Box please contact Graham Churchill.

Postponing appeal for donations towards buying more new Mass books

We have now collected over £1,225 towards the new Mass books of which over £725 has come from the raffle. Sometime after Easter we will resume the appeal to buy the other four books in a slightly different way

50 year celebration on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 28th September this year at 9.30am Mass.

We wish to share 50 years of memories of the parish beginning with a celebration Mass followed by a breakfast buffet. All parishioners past and present are invited to attend. For the event we hope to put together a booklet of quotes and memories. Please email any memory to lizchalland@btinternet.com . Just a couple of sentences for each memory please. More details of the event and Mass to follow in Spring.

Parish collection for last weekend 26th and 27th April

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	
£57	£14.25	£134.53	£242.54	£51.98	£500.30		----	----	£500.30