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PARISH SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun	21	9 am	SB	Mass: First Sunday of Lent
		11 am	SM	Mass: First Sunday of Lent
		6 pm	SM	Mass: First Sunday of Lent
Tue	23	10 am	SM	Mass: of the 1st Week of Lent
Wed	24	7.30 pm	SM	Mass: of the 1st Week of Lent
Thu	25	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: of the 1st Week of Lent
Sat	27	10 am	SM	Mass: Lent followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation (11am - 11.30 am)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun	28	9 am	SB	Mass: Second Sunday of Lent
		11 am	SM	Mass: Second Sunday of Lent
		6 pm	SM	Mass: Second Sunday of Lent

THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

The Gospel today has Jesus facing temptation. Indeed it is the Spirit who leads Jesus out into the desert. Symbolically Jesus is reliving the desert experience of Israel but this time doing it right. Before the temptations Jesus was baptized by John. It was then that the Gospels record he had a special experience of God as his Father, of the Spirit descending on him and filling him and his identity being confirmed as beloved Son and Servant. Jesus will have to make choices about how to live and act as God's beloved, because of this he faces temptation and testing. Knowing what Jesus rejects tells us a bit more about what Jesus is for.

But the temptations are never just about Jesus and the devil. (the devil being the mythological name within our own tradition which represents the collective forces of evil, the coalition of negative emotional and psychic energies generated by human alienation). They are about Jesus and how he is going to respond to the society and world that surrounds him. How will he be in the world? Will he use his special relationship to God just to meet his own or other peoples material needs? Will he be seduced by the power, wealth and status of the rulers? Will he try to win over people by dazzling miracles? Basically, will he give people what they want or what God wants to give them? Will he go along with the sin of the world or expose its darkness?

And what is the sin of the world? It is the toxicity or negativity that permeates every dimension and level of human life. Its consequences are all pervasive: pollution & exploitation of the environment, damage to the genetic legacy, the oppression & corruption of inter-personal and social relationships, the unequal distribution of the basic resources of life etc. Evil has no absolute existence but is present in the relative world as an absence of good. Perhaps its origin is inseparably connected to our coming into being, to human evolution and the development of consciousness. Evil is experienced in the human sphere as destructive psychic energies such as anger, hatred, violence etc. The coalescence of these energies gives rise to the experience of a "force of evil" as a quasi-autonomous entity. This negative energy field is personified in ancient mythology as the devil (lit. one who tears apart) or satan (lit. accuser). This force penetrates our own inner psychic & emotional world to the extent that we share the same negative emotional energies which all vibrate at similar frequencies. At a more fundamental level evil arises because human beings, generally speaking, unlike Jesus, do not know their true identity. We are alienated from God, from our true being. So we create our identity out of the passing forms of this world. This is ultimately a futile and desperate project.

One of the ways this alienation manifests itself is through the social mechanism, probably by now, hard-wired into our genetic make up, which brings into being almost every distinct culture or group on the planet. Almost every culture begins by defining itself in opposition to other different cultures or groups. We are the special people because we are not like them over there. The other then automatically becomes the alien, the enemy and the hated. The enemy is always the cause of our problems. They are demonized and declared evil. We project all our evil and negativity onto them. In this way we easily absolve ourselves of guilt and declare ourselves righteous. It is called the scapegoat mechanism. It is universal in its extent. It creates victims through rejection, violence and murder. Religion, politics, business and all levels of society are caught up in this deadly tribal game. People are united in fear and hate much more easily than by compassion and love. The sin of the world then is something very deep rooted in society and in each one of us. The problem is not over there but in here. This is where Jesus has to deal with it. Jesus knows that his being and identity come from God. He is not identified with the world or anything in it and so he can see it clearly. He knows the truth of himself and in this truth he is free. Being free Jesus can bring others to freedom. (DMA)

For the week beginning 14th February we will be offering Masses for: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Ted Harding (RIP Anniv), Golden Weddings of Irene & Merve Francis and Mary & Terry Francis, Phil West RIP
For the week beginning 28th February we will be offering Masses for: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Gabor Marek RIP and John Murphy RIP, Dorothy Horner RIP, Norbert Power RIP, John Fawthorn RIP, Alice Manghan RIP

Roof Fund still to be raised -

£4,597.30

(Target - £13,500,

already raised - £8,902.70)

Thank you all, for your generosity

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Peter Brookes, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Robert Lee, Joan Olden, Leslie Palmer, Bridget Reeves, Eileen Shanley, Lena Westfoot (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)



ST MICHAELS CHOIR: We are in urgent need of new members to join the Choir. No experience necessary, you don't need to be able to read music, just have enthusiasm and enjoy singing. Please contact Irene (80-894860) or Fr David.

Parish Ecumenical Pancakes and Praise raised £146.80 (£80 on the FOCUS AFRICA map and £66.80 on drinks and donations for CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal.) Many thanks to all who helped and supported it.

CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Collection taken on 14th February. Many thanks to all of those who supported this collection - £234.56 was collected.

COFFEE MORNING - Thursday 25th Feb 10.30 at Brenda Atkinson's House, Forestside, Exbury Road, Blackfield, Donations to CAFOD. All Welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Special Collection on Sunday 21st February. Please use one of the CAFOD envelopes ONLY and complete tax declaration if you pay tax. (Do not use parish envelopes.)

FR PETER WILKIE'S 80th BIRTHDAY: Please use the yellow envelopes to contribute towards a gift for Fr Peter. Clearly mark the envelopes "For Fr Peter" and put them in the collection basket. We would like to have the gift ready in time for Sunday 28th Feb when Fr Peter will be with us.

St Dominic's Priory: Lent reflections and prayer on Monday evenings from 7.15 pm to 9 pm. Mondays 22nd February; 1st March; 8th March; 15th March; 22nd March - donation: £2.50. Also **Day of Recollection 13th March:** "The Season of Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation" – 10.00am-4.00pm - bring your packed lunch - donation: £6. The day will include a couple of talks, opportunity for confession, Holy Mass and prayer. See posters at the back of the churches.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: We are hosting this service this year. It will take place at **St Michael's at 2pm on Friday, 5th March.** Please support the service (men welcome too!). We also need small cakes to serve with tea & coffee after the service. If you can help please see Peggy Kirwan or Eileen Kenny.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH SHOP: thinking of buying a gift for a new baby, birthday or anniversary? Then why not visit 'Faith, Hope & Charity' - the parish shop. They sell a wide selection of new gifts for all occasions & they are value for money. Also when you have a spring clean don't forget to take all your unwanted clothes, gifts & bric-a-brac for re-sale to the 2nd hand section of the shop. Any clothing NOT suitable for resale can be recycled by the shop for cash. Please bag any clothing separately & label appropriately: "FOR RE-SALE" or "FOR RECYCLING". Thank you.

THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH": This campaign is to raise funds so that the Diocese can continue: 1) vocations work for priesthood & diaconate; 2) the training of students for the priesthood; 3) the work of adult formation and training for lay ministry; 4) the provision of financial support for parishes. The campaign has been running very successfully in other parishes. During the first part of this process Fr David will be gathering a campaign team together. The team will be invited to a meeting details of which will follow.

FISH & CHIPS & BINGO This will take place at St Bernard's Hall on Sat. 27th Feb at 7.30pm. Please pay for your tickets (£7.50p, a family ticket: 2 adults plus 2 children under 11yrs—£20.00) and write down on the sheet at the back of the church whether you want fish, chicken or sausage with your chips. 21st Feb is the last day for orders as the food has to be ordered and paid for in advance. Thank you. **Any donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Lenten Reconciliation Service at St Michaels on Tuesday, 23rd March at 7.30pm; **CAFOD Stations of the Cross** at St Bernard's Church, Holbury on Friday, 26th March at 2pm. There will be tea afterwards to commemorate the founding ladies of CAFOD.

Concert in St Michaels, on Saturday, 27th March at 7.30pm given by the Woodside Singers—various classical choral pieces suitable for Lent. £3.00—pay at the door. Light refreshments during the interval. After costs have been met surplus monies will be donated to CAFOD.

PASTORAL AREA EVENTS: (see notice board for other services during Lent)

Day of Reflection for Ministers of Holy Communion: on Saturday, 8th May 2010, from 10 for 10.30am until 3.45pm at St Joseph's, Ashurst, led by Fr Ronnie Mitchell SMM. Tea/Coffee provided bring packed lunch, opportunity for Reconciliation & Mass. We will join together with parishioners from Totton & Lyndhurst.

PLANT SALE: will be held in May this year and organised by Veronica Chadwick. So all you gardeners please get busy. Precise date to follow.