



Sunday 10th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

Parish Eucharist

10.15am

President

The Vicar

Preacher

Tom Otley, Reader

Holy Communion is given by intinction by the Priest into the *palm* of the hand of each communicant only, who should remain standing.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wed 13 Mar	12 noon Eucharist
Fri 15 Mar	9.30am Eucharist
Sat 16 Mar	9.30am Eucharist

A very warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. Please make yourselves known to the clergy and sidespeople on duty. To receive our weekly email newsletter, please sign up using the online subscription link on the homepage of the church website: www.stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk

Offerings will be received in the plate during services. Contactless giving may be made at the back of church.

**To use our loop system,
set hearing aids to 'T'**



Weekly notices

Today is Mothering Sunday Join us as we celebrate the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives. Our thanks to the Mothers' Union for the gifts of today's posies and cards.

Tuesday Recital March 12th, 1.00pm when we welcome Holly Redshaw and Andy Mellor, (bassoon and clarinet), who will be giving our recital. Free to attend, with a retiring collection, suggested donation £5.

The funeral Mass of John Long will take place at St Paul's on Friday 15th March at 12 noon, followed by committal at Norse Road Crematorium, Bedford, at 1.45pm. All are invited to attend.

Sunday March 17th Passion Sunday Parish Eucharist will be followed by the Blessing of the River Great Ouse. Join us in Riverside Square for a brief Ceremony and Blessing led by the Vicar.

Outward Giving Frugal Lent Lunch Friday 22nd March at 12 noon. Join us for a meal of soup, rolls, fruit, tea and coffee. £7.00 donation, payable on the day, with proceeds to the work of the Swaziland Schools Project. Sign up sheet at the back of church.

Christian Aid boxes can now be collected from the table in the south aisle. Please return to church over the Easter weekend.

To park in the church car park you need to be on church business. Permits expire on 31st March. Forms for new permits can be collected from the church office and should be completed and returned as soon as possible. Permits are issued at our discretion.

Spaces available to join our Enquirers Group starting after Easter to answer questions of faith., Please chat to Fr Kevin or Fr Anthony who will be pleased to answer questions and give more information.

Collect for the Day

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 1:7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.



Gospel

John 19: 25b-27

19:25b Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 19:26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 19:27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Readings for MOTHERING SUNDAY

New Testament

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 1:4 who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 1:5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 1:6 If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure



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HOLY WEEK AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH



Palm Sunday - March 24th

Procession from St Mary's Gardens @ 9.55am

Sung Eucharist @ 10.15am

Stations of the Cross @ 5.30pm

Mon 25th, Tues 26th, Weds 27th March

Devotionals @ 7.00pm

Maundy Thursday - March 28th @ 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist, Washing of Feet & Vigil to Midnight

Good Friday - March 29th

Liturgy of the Cross @ 1.30pm

Holy Saturday - March 30th

Confessions in Trinity Chapel @ 10am

Lighting of the Easter Fire, Paschal Vigil and

Eucharist @ 8.00pm

Easter Day Sunday - March 31st

Festival Sung Eucharist @ 10.15am



Our thanks to organist John Wearmouth for playing at our Sunday Eucharist.

NB Hymns from the New English Hymnal

Processional Hymn	NEH 285 285 For the beauty of the earth	<i>t.NEH47 Dix</i>
Gradual Hymn	NEH 186 Tell out, my soul	<i>Woodlands</i>
Offertory Hymn	NEH 188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus	<i>Daily, daily</i>
Communion Hymn	NEH 187 Virgin born, we bow before thee	<i>t.NEH 387</i>
		<i>Quem pastores</i>
Recessional Hymn	NEH CP 413 Now thank we all our God	<i>Nun danket</i>

Weekly Prayers for the Parish

- 10 Greyfriars, Beckett Street, Roise St and Hassett Street
- 11 All Hallows, Brace Street and Gwyn Street
- 12 Greenhill Street, Thurlow Street and Saffron Street
- 13 Harpur Street, St Loyes Street and Dane Street
- 14 River Street, James Street and Church Square
- 15 St Paul's Square, Horne Lane and Batt's Ford
- 16 Lime Street and Silver Street



NEXT SUNDAY 17th March
PASSION SUNDAY
Parish Eucharist
& Blessing of the River
10.15am

President
The Vicar

Preacher
Fr Anthony Davis, Assistant Curate

For your prayers

Daily: Elizabeth-Ann
Joseph
Judith James
Gordon Mitchell
Michael Bartlett
Deborah Mills
Charlie Swann

Mon: Robin James
Tue: Sue
Wed: Heather Posnett
Thurs: Joe McLelland
Fri: Mark Dowson
Sat:

RIP

Sarah Chatwin
John Gaisford
Peter Harris, Priest
John Long

Year's Mind:

Bianco Valento	12th
Vi Snelling	15th

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer at 9.00am
Monday to Saturday, via Zoom.
After clicking through to Zoom input
the meeting ID (98213650148) and
the password (3GQ8s7).

Income

Organ Recital 10th February £156.00
Tuesday Recital 27th February £314.75

Thank You