

Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints Wardour Castle

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Father Robert says Holy Mass each day at 9.00a.m. within Sacred Heart, Tisbury

Live stream from St Osmund's: CELEBRATION OF MASS WILL OCCUR WITHOUT A PUBLIC CONGREGATION

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May

10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Diocesan prayer league: The Abbey Church, Downside

with St Benedict, Stratton-on-the-Fosse

10.00 MASS 12.00 Ordinariate MASS 18.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

11 Monday FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10.00 and 19.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

12 Tuesday

10.00 and 19.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

All day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18.40 Benediction

13 Wednesday

10.00 and 19.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

14 Thursday FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

10.00 and 19.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

All day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

18.40 Benediction

15 Friday

10.00 and 19.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

16 Saturday

10.00 MASS **St Osmund's**

17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Diocesan prayer league: St Stanislaus, Dulverton,

Sacred Heart, Minehead with Watchet

PRAYERS: for all those suffering; for the wonderful helpers in all sorts of areas of our lives; for the lonely, for all those who are unwell. Please pray for the souls of Martin Morland, Patricia Talbot and Jim Bell, RIP who have died recently

Volunteers/help needed? For any sort of assistance, ranging from a telephone call to help with food shopping and delivering, Michael Hodges is co-ordinating a group of volunteers in the Parish. Contact him on: 01747 870254 and email michael.jeremyhodges@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS: We know some of our parishioners are recovering from the virus and we pray they have a speedy convalescence. We all know of some dear one who is suffering and keep all in our prayers. Welcome to Jo, our 6.30pm sacristan who is now on the list of email addresses. It is good to know that some who don't have emails are getting printed copies- welcome Teresa and Anita!

THANK YOU to Fr Anthony at St Osmund's and also to Tony Peters-Ennis who has set up our Parish link on St Osmund's website.

Pope Francis' Month of May prayer intentions for Deacons (see article at the end of this newsletter)

Deacon Michael has written a 'homilette' for us:

"Then Jesus told them a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart" (Luke 18:1)

VE day was this Friday May 8th.

Our country fought, sometimes alone, against the mighty war machine of the Germans. Though there were always voices saying it was futile to continue to resist, we went on fighting. We endured. After years of struggle, we, with our American and other allies, liberated the peoples of Europe and stopped the genocide of the concentration camps.

We give thanks for those who fought, for those who were damaged and those who died, and for those who endured the rigours of wartime Britain. To bring about this victory over evil, Britain spent everything she had.

And now our country is again spending everything we have to overcome another enemy, the COVID virus. And once again, with continual prayer and stout hearts, we will be given grace to overcome.

The trouble is that after the war, somewhere in the years of rationing and poverty, and then the years of consumerist plenty, Christendom largely forgot God, forgot how to pray. Everyone marvelled at the cleverness of scientists and the technological advances of machines and computers. We knew everything, we had mastered the earth, and had no further need of God.

Recently we have learned two things. First: that we are fast destroying the planet on which we live: and seem unwilling to change our ways in order to preserve it. Second, that for all our cleverness, hundreds of thousands are dying and our economies are destroyed. We are powerless before something as small and insignificant as this miniscule virus, something similar to the common cold.

What we need to do is pray continually and never lose heart. Yet there are so few of us now who know anything of Jesus and His power to save: so few who ever pray. For us Christians, now is the time not only to redouble our prayers, but to encourage our families and friends to pray – perhaps at meals, perhaps on the 'phone.

And because God loves ALL his children, our prayers **will** be heard, and the world that comes after we have defeated the virus, will be one where the rich take better care of the poor, where justice protects the weak, and we all work to save this beautiful Earth that God has entrusted to us.

How joyous will be that day when that new, better Britain gives thanks to Almighty God for our deliverance from the results of mankind's folly and pride.

Deacon Michael Hughes

Re-opening Churches

The Archbishops wish to make it clear that planning is underway for the re-opening of Catholic churches when restrictions are eased and that discussions with the statutory public health agencies and Government representatives are ongoing.

"As the Government's restrictions are relaxed step by step, we look forward to opening our churches and resuming our liturgical, spiritual, catechetical and pastoral life step by step. This will also be of service to those beyond the Catholic Church who depend on our charitable activity and outreach through which much goodness is shared by so many volunteers from our communities...

"Together with Catholics across England and Wales, we desire the opening of our churches and access to the sacraments. Until then, we are continuing to pray and prepare." *The Metropolitan Archbishops are those of the Archdioceses of Westminster, Liverpool, Birmingham, Cardiff and Southwark.*

The Alice Combes Trust supported by The Lord Arundell of Wardour Charitable Trust have created a special fund to distribute to people who are currently suffering financial hardship as a direct result of Covid-19. Sean Moran: 01747 871258 or email alicecombestrust@gmail.com

Carer seeks live-in, long-term employment. Clean driving licence, linguist. Contact either Fr Robert (01747 870228) or Katie Page (830834/830278) katiepage@btconnect.com

Tisbury FOCUS may be found on this free link:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/c7f43ed0-01b0-4d15-9053-196a69e8bdb1>

Each Thursday there is a live streamed Mass for NHS, Social Care workers, those who are sick and for their families. Mass on 14th May comes from St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tyne and should be available on this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC12EvW0Egg-cFTh5i2y_EQw

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. *Amen.*

Vatican museum art: super website link <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-03/vatican-museum-beauty-art-spirituality-comfort-faith-pope.html>

Alone Together: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/prayer-and-worship-at-home/alone-together/>

Useful Prayers: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/prayers-at-mass/>

Prayers for the Pandemic: for a household in lockdown

God of the indoors,
who knew the confines of domestic space
at a time of little comfort,
help us in this time of confinement,
help us to see it as an act of love, in solidarity
with those who care for us and put their own lives
on the line for the sake of others.

Help us to 'make room' for each other, even if room is scarce,
help us to find reserves of patience we never knew we had,
to take offence less easily, to find in our hearts
an easy apology when we're petulant.
Help us to be attentive, careful, and thoughtful.
May we draw deeply from the well
of our most loving times.

Raymond Friel

Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service:

<https://www.csas.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Guidance-Supporting-people-who-may-be-experiencing-domestic-violence.pdf>

Helpline numbers:

Woman's Aid - National Domestic Violence Helpline – 0808 2000 247

The mix – Advice for the under 25yrs. – 0808 808 4994

Advice for Male Victims of Domestic Violence - 0808 8801 0327

Childline – Deals with a vast variety of children concerns including Domestic Violence. 0800 111

A spiritual exercise, excerpt taken from Talking about Jesus £4.95
Redemptorist Publications

We encourage you to sit in stillness for ten to fifteen minutes and open your heart to receive God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

This spiritual exercise will deepen your awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your heart and give you confidence that the Spirit will be with you in everything you do to make Christ known.

1. Centre yourself; sit upright, two feet firmly on the floor; breathe rhythmically with deep breaths, in and out, from the abdomen; clear your mind of all preoccupations.
2. Bring yourself to bodily stillness.
3. Now welcome in your heart this gift that Jesus has for you: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"* (John 14:27).
4. Quietly repeat those words of Jesus and hand over to him all worries or trouble.
5. You may find it helpful if you name to God a specific area where you need healing or forgiveness.
6. Now be still for some time in the presence of God as you welcome the Holy Spirit into your heart.
7. As you are about to finish your time of prayer, focus again on your breathing while you relax in God's presence.
8. Bring yourself gently back to your daily concerns.

May you receive that peace of Christ each day.

The new Pope Video has just been published, to make known the prayer intention that the Holy Father has entrusted to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This month, it is about

deacons, "the guardians of service in the Church" and of a renewed apostolate in today's world. Pope Francis exhorts us to pray for them, that they may be "an invigorating symbol for the entire Church."

The ecclesiastical ministry, which is the ministry of men dedicated to God's service, includes three degrees of the sacrament of Orders: bishops, priests, and deacons. "Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way. The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an imprint ('character') which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the 'deacon' or servant of all." They are ordained ministers and a sign, in the heart of the Church, of Christ the Servant. In fact, the Greek word *diakonía* means service, and this is the spirit that defines their function: they help through the service to the Word, service of the liturgy, and service to the poorest and most disadvantaged. In the Pope's words, "They are dedicated to the service of the poor, who carry within them the face of the suffering Christ."

Not everyone knows that priests are ordained deacons for service to the community; it's even less known that permanent deacons, who also live according to the charism and vocation of service to others, are married and live "their vocation in and with their family." Today, there are more than 46,000 permanent deacons throughout the world.

Fr Frédéric Fornos SJ, International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (which includes the Eucharistic Youth Movement-EYM), comments that "Jesus, in his last hours with his disciples, revealed himself as the servant of God par excellence. His last words became actions when he washed his disciples' feet, as recorded in the Gospel according to Saint John. It was his testament. He is revealed as the Suffering Servant (see Is 52:13-53:12). All of his life was service: service to the poorest and most vulnerable. This is how Jesus understood his own life, as Saint Matthew tells us: 'The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mt 20:17-28). In the Church, we should all incarnate this attitude of service. Deacons, symbols in the Church of Christ the Servant, remind us of this. As Francis tells us, they are 'an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.' The Church needs them."

Speaking from the UK office of the Pope's Prayer Network in St Ignatius, Stamford Hill, National Director Fr David Stewart SJ said: "as we're seeing during these difficult days so many examples of service of others, especially those less able to look after themselves, it's good to be reminded by this Pope Video of the essential sacredness of service; it's at the heart of the priesthood that all the baptised share".

In point 104 of the Final Document of the Synod of Bishops on the Amazon, the pope says: "Today's diaconate should also promote integral ecology, human development, social pastoral work, and service to those in situations of vulnerability and poverty; modelled on Christ the Servant and becoming a merciful, Samaritan, solidarity and diaconal Church." Let us pray, as Pope Francis invites us in The Pope Video, that all deacons, "faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church."

Watch the May 2020 Pope Video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuG99HD1LaY

Easier still- look at <https://salisburycatholics.org/pope-francis>