

# BELIEF IN THE PERSON OF JESUS

In today's Gospel, the death and raising to life of Lazarus, John presents us with a very moving story with a rollercoaster of emotions. The raising of the dead was one of the surest signs that Jesus worked by the power of God, since God is the author of life. The miracle in today's Gospel is not just about Jesus performing the impossible by bringing a man back to physical life. That is a short-term benefit – and consolation to his family and friends – as Lazarus is restored to earthly life only to die again some years later. The real focus of today's Gospel is belief, namely belief in the person of Jesus Christ. It is an attempt by Jesus to lift up Martha and Mary's awareness as to who he really is and what life in him signifies. The raising of Lazarus had a deeper meaning, indicating Jesus as the life-giving word of God.

The Gospel passage confronts us with the ultimate mystery of our existence: 'I am the resurrection and the life...do you believe this?' For us as Christians, it is the moment to place all our hopes in Jesus: 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world'. Union with Jesus in this life prepares us to overcome the barrier of death, so that we may live eternally with Him. Faith in the resurrection of the dead and hope in eternal life opens our eyes to the ultimate meaning of life: we have been created for resurrection and life.



*Lazarus, come out*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop Gregory of Nazianzus (328-389) spoke about the miracle in Bethany that prefigured Jesus' own death and resurrection:

*"He prays, but He hears prayer.*

*He weeps, but He puts an end to tears.*

*He asks where Lazarus was laid, for He was a human being;*

*And He raises Lazarus, for He is God.*

*As a sheep he is led to the slaughter, but He is the Shepherd of Israel and now of the whole world.*

*He is bruised and wounded, but He heals every disease and every infirmity.*

*He is lifted up and nailed to the tree, but by the tree of life He restores us.*

*He lays down his life, but He has power to take it again;*

*And the veil is rent, for the mysterious doors of heaven are opened; the rocks are cleft, the dead rise.*

*He dies, but He gives life, and His death destroys death.*

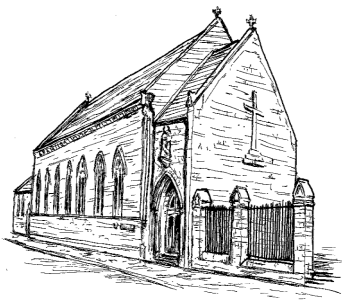
*He is buried, but he rises again."*

*Fr. Paul Leonard*

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. We are told that Lazarus' illness....is for the glory of God. Have you ever experienced the glory of God through personal suffering and pain?
2. 'Unbind him, let him go free' Jesus says. From what must you be unbound from (untied, let go)? Invite Jesus to do so!
3. Jesus implies that we already share in eternal life. In what way have you experienced resurrection, new life?

*Vincent Harvey*



10 APRIL 2011  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF LENT



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ST EDMUND'S

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ALSO INCLUDES  
ST. BONIFACE,  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
& HOLY FAMILY



## TODAY - SUNDAY 10 APRIL

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Easter Flowers.

**ON LENT SUNDAYS** we will be kneeling for the **Penitential Rite** (to emphasise the penitential aspect of Lent); we will be saying the following '**Apostles Creed**' it will help us to reflect on what it is we are professing!)

**THE APOSTLES CREED FOR LENT:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**EASTER DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS** are now available in the porch, adults £1, juniors 50p, infants are free!

**ECUMENICAL FAMILY RAMBLE** meet 2pm at Beaulieu (to Buckler's Hard). Meet outside Montagu Arms in Beaulieu. See Notice Board.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 6 pm St. Edmund's Church.

**GOSPEL CHOIR:** 7pm Mass, *rehearsal at 6pm in St. Edmund's Hall due to Stations of the Cross.*



**RECENTLY DIED:** Mr. E. Burek of Holcroft Road, Southampton. Funeral 3pm Friday 15th April in St. Edmund's Church followed by burial in Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

## THIS WEEK

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet every Tuesday at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

**LENT WEDNESDAYS** an extra Mass at 6.30am in St Edmund's.

**PASTORAL AREA** group to meet 7.45pm Wed 13 Apr in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**SOUP LUNCH:** 1.05pm (after Mass) Thurs 14 Apr in St. Michael's Church. £2 per person, proceeds to Christian Aid & CAFOD. All welcome!

**PARISH PASCHAL MEAL:** 7.30pm on Thurs 14 April in St. Joseph's Church. Tickets £10 available after all Masses.



## **FOR INFO:**

Mon: VH/PL Day Off.

Tues: Clergy meeting: VH/PL;

Lourdes meeting London: VH

Wed: 'City Liaison' meeting: VH

PA Council meeting to discuss Diocese profile

Fri: VG meeting in Bracknell.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**POLISH LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** 5pm Sat 16 Apr in St. Edmund's Church.

**PALM SUNDAY** 17 April. Procession and Blessing of Palms St. Joseph's with St. Michael's, to meet **10.15am at the West Gate, please note change to usual Mass time.** Blessing of Palms in front of St. Edmund's 11am.

**NO FILIPINO CHOIR** at 7pm Mass Sun 17 Apr as they will be celebrating Easter Sunday Mass on 24 Apr.

## NEXT WEEK

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
**Mon. 18 Apr 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church.**

**CANCELLED: 10AM MASS IN ST. EDMUND'S TUESDAY 19 APRIL** due to Chrim Mass at the Cathedral.

**CHRISM MASS 2011:** 11am Tues 19 Apr, St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**SOUTHAMPTON PASSION—12 DAYS TO GO:** Live music from 6pm, the Passion starts 7.30pm Good Friday 22 Apr in the Guildhall Square. Website [www.southamptonpassion.org.uk](http://www.southamptonpassion.org.uk) or Tel. 0751930 3925. All welcome!

## GENERAL ITEMS

**DO YOU NEED SUPPORT IN GETTING A WEBSITE** designed and up and running? Contact Robert on e-mail: [dreamdreams@mac.com](mailto:dreamdreams@mac.com) or Tel. 075 1551 9632.

## PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

**BIG CLEAN** to begin at 2.00pm in St. Edmund's on Tues. 19th April volunteers urgently needed. Please add your names to the list in the porch.

**TRIDUUM JOINT CHOIR REHEARSAL** 7.30pm Wed 20th April in St. Edmund's Church. Volunteers from all choirs are invited to lead the singing over the 3 great celebrations.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** required for the 3 Triduum celebrations, please put your name on the list in the porch at St. Edmund's and St. Joseph's.

**ALTAR SERVERS** First Practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 6.00pm—7.00pm on Tues. 19th April in St. Edmund's. Second practice for Easter Vigil 11.30am Sat. 23rd April. Please sign the form in the sacristy.

**STEWARDS WANTED:** to help with welcoming and stewarding at all the principled celebrations in Holy Week. Please sign the form at the back of the church.

## **EASTER PREPARATIONS OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH**

Wednesday 20th April 10.00am—4.00pm

Thursday 21st April 10.00am—4.00pm

Saturday 23rd April 11.00am—4.00pm

Please sign up for one hour, join the happy group—many hands make light work.

**ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY AFTER MASS** up to 11.30pm. A half hour slot is offered for you to sign up on the form at the back of the church. Watch and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel. Please sign up.



**FUN & FUNDRAISING 'ROYAL BRUNCH'** Sun 1 May after 9am, 10am and 11am Masses, in St. Edmund's Hall. £5 per adult, £3 per child. Tel. Fiona on 077 1753 5221 to book a ticket.

**FR. PAUL'S 100KM ENDURANCE WALK FOR CAFOD:**

Fr. Paul will be undertaking an endurance walk, from April 30 - 1st May over 24 hours, in an attempt to cover 100km, approx. 62 miles. This will take place on an ancient pilgrimage route over the South Downs Way from Arundel to Winchester. For your donations, please log on to the following Just Giving website [www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard2](http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard2) also log on to my blog on [cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2011/03/30/father-pauls-new-challenge/](http://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/2011/03/30/father-pauls-new-challenge/)." Paul Leonard.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:** Mass 3pm Sun. 1 May in St. Peter's Church, Winchester in honour of the Feast, in thanksgiving for the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, Veneration of the Image and praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Followed by refreshments. Please contact Gillian 019 6285 2986 .

**'SCRATCH' CHARITY SPONSORED BIKE RIDE** 10am Sat. 7 May from St. Andrews Church, Dibden Purlieu. Route £5 reg. fee incl. cost of the BBQ at Calshot Beach. Proceeds to SCRATCH. See Notice Board.

**P.O.S.H. RESTAURANT CURRY NIGHT:** in aid of The Mayor's Charities (Sunday Lunch Project & St. Mary's Titanic Memorial Window) 7.30pm for 8pm Sun 8th May £15 per head for a 3 course buffet. Tickets from 023 8083 2433 or 023 8033 3589. Cheques to "The Mayor of Southampton's Charity Fund."

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Baby Ava Evans (7 months), Josie Franklin, Stephen Brooks, Byron Reynolds, Myra Andrade, Anne Brackenbury, Brenda Hibberd, Betty Ashbolt, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Peter Scott, Cecelia Coutinho, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Brian Cunio, Eileen Smedley, Virginia Monteiro, Margaret de Groen, Stella Smith, Sheila Morris, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please call the parish office if you would like to add someone to the list.

**'JUST LISTEN':** 10.30am—3.30pm Sat 14 May in St. Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. Tel. 013 2983 5583—booking required.

**TWO ROOMS TO LET IN STUDENT HOUSE:** 13 Rockstone Place, rent £230 & £260 respectively incl. all bills. Contact the Parish Office on 023 8033 3589.

**DETACHED COTTAGE TO RENT** 2 bedrooms, Bracken Lane, 6 months lease. Imm. occupation. Rent £695pm excl. bills. Tel. James/Adrienne 023 8071 0402.

**NEW WELCOMER'S ROTAS** for 11am Mass Welcomers now available in the Sacristy, please pick up your copy.

**'SCRATCH' OFFICE RECEPTIONIST NEEDED:** Part-time 9.30am—5pm Mondays and 9.30am—1pm Thursdays and Fridays £8.94 ph. Closing date Wed. 20 Apr. See Notice Board for skill requirements and duties. Tel. 023 8077 3132 or email [reception@scratchcharity.co.uk](mailto:reception@scratchcharity.co.uk) for an application pack.

**200 CLUB GIFT VOUCHERS** now available for £12, perhaps as alternative to an Easter egg for family / friends. They would have the opportunity of winning £35 or £15 every month for a year. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

**SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANELS: Volunteers are required to become panel members** for schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth. These panels enable parents to exercise their right to appeal when their application for a school place for their child has been turned down. Panels must contain a mixture of people involved in education and lay people. Panel members must have no connection with the school for which appeals are being heard. A training course for those interested will take place at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke on 11 and 12 May. Contact Maureen Simmons, Tel:01329835363, Email: [schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)./Notice Board

**PARISH ROAST LUNCH:** Thanks to Karen, Fiona and the Team for an excellent lunch last Sunday. Thanks also to all who supported it.....we raised £191.63 net for parish funds . Don't forget the **'Parish Brunch'** after the 9 & 11 am Masses on the 1st May in St Edmund's Hall..... maybe it is a 'Wedding Brunch'!!

**ST JOSEPH'S LEPROSY PATIENTS SOCIETY** are looking for sponsors to help buy note books, uniforms, and food and to support school fees (all of children affected by leprosy.....either they or their families). If you would like to know more please email: [johnsecretary@rediff.com](mailto:johnsecretary@rediff.com)

**A BEACON OF HOPE** (a prayer in preparation for Holy Week Penitential Service): God of light, spark in us the desire for an end to poverty and injustice, and let our actions shine like a beacon of hope as we reach out in solidarity to others around the world. Help us to bring about a world where all people have the opportunity to be creative, use their skills and work in dignity, growing in confidence, and transforming lives. And may all our work reflect your glory and you unending love. Amen

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Marcus Anthony Massiah & Tsitsi Arikana Mufunde are to marry in July 2011.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** 19-28 Aug. For people of all ages and abilities. Young helpers (aged 17+) are welcome to help fellow pilgrims who require assistance. **Brochures available in the porch.**

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**CONFESSION : St. Edmund's Sat. 11.30am**  
**St. Joseph's Sat. 5.45pm & Thurs 11.45am**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2011

SAT	VIGIL MASS 9 APRIL		6.15PM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF LA SAINTE UNION 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	10 APRIL	<b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.00AM SE SHEILA O'BRIEN RIP (GP) 10.00AM SJ JAMES MACLEOD RIP (DMcK) 11.00AM SE BJ DAVIES RIP (MD) 7.00PM SE JOHN WADE RIP (LG)
TUES	12 APRIL	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	10.00AM SE B.J. DAVIES RIP (MD)
WED	13 APRIL	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	6.30AM SE HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO RIP (MRC) 7.00PM SE DOMINIC GARDNER RIP (LG)
THURS	14 APRIL	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	12.15PM SJ GERALD KAVANAGH RIP (MK)
FRI	15 APRIL	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	7.00PM SE OSCAR SOHNA SOHNA RIP (F)
SAT	16 APRIL	OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT	11.00AM SE DECEASED & LIVING MEMBERS OF THE WEBBER FAMILY (F) 6.15PM SJ NORA HUNTER RIP (MH) 7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	17 APRIL	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	9.00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONSALVES RIP (MG) 10.00AM SJ HELEN RIP (BM) 11.00AM SE SHEENA IAMSON INTENTION (MD) 7.00PM SE REG FARRINGTON RIP (F)

**PASTORAL AREA PARISHES - MASS TIMES:** Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; Holy day 19:00. St. Boniface, Shirley Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun. 08:30; 10:30. Holy day 10:00; 20:00. St. Vincent de Paul Sun 09:15; 11:30 in Polish; Holy Day 10:00.

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### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
 whoever believes in Me will never die.

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### Prayer of the Church week 1

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 17 APRIL PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

1st reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd reading: Romans Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27, 66

<b><u>2ND COLLECTION TODAY</u></b>	<b><u>2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK</u></b>
EASTER FLOWERS	CATHOLIC CARE

	1st Collection	2nd Coll. Clergy Asst Fund
<b>3/4/2011</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2329.06</b>	<b>£544.25</b>
Cash	989.02	276.75
S / O	1046.91	267.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	293.13	—

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**Our Catholic Schools:** Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954;  
 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603