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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Ezekiel 37: 12-14**

**Romans 8: 8-11**

**John 11: 25, 26**

Death with hope in resurrection, challenging us to be alive and not spiritually dead by mortal sin, is the central theme today. Jesus challenges us to live in loving relationship with him every day, so that he may raise us up at our death to inherit eternal life with him. Reporting his vision in the first reading, Ezekiel bears witness to the reanimation of the dead Israel in preparation for the return of the exiles to the Promised Land. He assures them that God's life-giving Breath will restore them, His people, will give them new life, and will resettle them in their land. St. Paul, in the second reading, assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution, and us, surrounded by a culture of death, that the same Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us, will raise our mortal bodies to life on the Last Day. Paul considers the Resurrection of Jesus the basis for our Hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection. For John, in today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus, the sixth sign that he is the Deliverer, is a symbolic narrative of his Final Victory over death at the cost of his human life, and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. Thus, Resurrection Hope is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings assure us that our Faith in Jesus, who is "the Resurrection and the Life," promises our participation in his Resurrection and new life.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Annunciation of the Lord</b> When the Virgin Mary was told she was going to be the mother of Jesus conceived by the Holy Spirit nine months before the birth of Our Saviour. <b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> Born 1553 in York to Protestant parents. Married Protestant butcher in the Shambles. Became Catholic 3 years later. Refused to attend Protestant services and her husband paid fines. Imprisoned 3 times. Learnt to read and had a child in prison. Hid priests in their home. Opened school to teach the Catholic faith. Hired houses for celebration of Mass. Lodged priests, in heavy disguise, in Black Swan Inn where priest catchers stayed. Sent stepson to English College abroad to train as a priest. Husband arrested to explain. House searched and priest hole and hidden room for Mass found. Margaret arrested and tortured.. Martyred while pregnant with her third child., Crushed by the door of her house being loaded with heavy weights.
9.30 am	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass for 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prathesh Thomas</b>
First Communion Training from 16:45 to 17:45  6.30 pm	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> St John of Egypt</b> Born 305 in Egypt. Parents were poor. Trained as a carpenter. Aged 25 became a monk under the guidance of an elderly hermit for 10 years. When the old man died he visited various monasteries for 5 years in Egypt but did not like living in a community. Aged 40 he returned to living as a hermit For 5 days of the week he prayed and received no visitors. At weekends people brought him food and water and he preached to the crowds that gathered. He only gave personal advice to men, avoiding seeing women to avoid temptation. He only ate after sunset, a diet of vegetables and dried fruit. Had reputation for prophesy.
10 am	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> St Tutilo</b> Born about 850 in Germany and educated at Benedictine monastery of Saint Gall in what is now Switzerland. Became a monk there. He was very handsome, a strong large man who was an excellent boxer. He had a variety of considerable skills. Quick witted, eloquent orator, a painter, a poet, a sculptor, architect, metalworker, mathematician and astronomer. His main passion was music and played and taught a variety of instruments as head of the Abbey School. The Holy Roman Emperor King Charles III admired him and thought it a pity that such a genius was secluded in a monastery as Tutilo avoided the limelight and appeared in public reluctantly. He could teach and preach in both Latin and Greek. Few of his works survive.
6.30 pm	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> St Rupert of Salzburg</b> Born about 660 of Frankish nobility. Bishop of Worms. Wise and devout. Driven out of city by pagans. Duke Theodo II of Bavaria asked for his help. Missionary work in Bavaria. Given ruined city of Juvavum as his centre. Built Church of St Peter and Benedictine monastery of St Peter. Made Abbot. Founded Benedictine Convent of Nonnberg. Made his niece abbess. Enlarged salt mining, rebuilt the city and old Roman fortress overlooking the renamed city of Salzburg. Made Bishop of Salzburg in 698.
10 am	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> St Leonardo Murialdo</b> Born in Italy in 1828 to a rich and religious family. He studied theology at Turin University. Was ordained in 1851 but did not take up parish work. Continued his study of theology while using his family wealth to minister in a poor area of Turin to poor and abandoned children. Met both Don John Bosco and Don Joseph Cafasso who were working with young people. Made director of an Oratory for 8 years. With Don Bosco met Pope Pius IX who praised their work with young people. Continued his theological studies in Paris. Then appointed in charge of a Boarding School in Turin where young people were

	educated and taught a trade. Made director of another Oratory which gave vocational training. Founded <i>Union of Catholic Workers</i> to improve workers rights. Promoted Catholic libraries. Formed <i>Congregation of St Joseph</i> modelled on St Joseph the Worker to support his social action. Founded the <i>Association of the Good Press</i> . Weekly newspaper <i>The Voice of the Worker</i> , later to be called <i>The Voice of the People</i> . He and many of his friends were among the early exponents of <i>Catholic Social Action</i> which helped to inspire in 1891 the papal encyclical <i>Rerum Novarum (Revolutionary Change)</i> by Pope Leo XIII. It defined the rights and duties of capital and workers. Foundational text of <i>Catholic Social Teaching</i> . He proposed schooling to age fourteen and abolition of night work in factories. He died in 1900 aged 71		
<b>6pm: Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> St Guy of Pomposa</b> Born 11 <sup>th</sup> century in Ravenna, Italy. Gave up love of clothes and dressed as a beggar. Went to Rome and received the tonsure. Joined hermit Martin on island in River Po north of Ravenna. Then joined nearby Pomposa Abbey. Due to his holiness was soon elected abbot. Attracted many new monks including his brother and father. Built another monastery. During Lent returned to being a hermit with severe penances. Reputation for sanctity. and many sought his advice. Repelled attack by jealous Archbishop of Ravenna. Died about 1046 on a trip to Holy Roman Emperor Henry III who had travelled to Italy for his advice.		
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Easter Flowers Collection</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April St Hugh of Grenoble</b> Born France 1053. Prayerful, modest and courteous. Intelligent. Well educated. Ordained a priest by Pope Gregory. Bishop of Grenoble at 25. For 2 years struggled against moral laxity of clergy. Gave up and became a Benedictine monk. Superiors made him go back as bishop, this time with great success in reforms. An outstanding preacher on good terms with people, clergy, and monks. As well as spiritual reforms improved the diocese infrastructure with road and bridge maintenance and raised taxes to build hospitals. Started a farmer's market. Worked with St Bruno founder of Carthusian monks. Died aged 79.		
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Flowers Special Collection</b>
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>			

Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Very sad news. Diana Stimson died last Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Countess Mountbatten Hospice.** Diana has been a long standing parishioner of SVP although recently due to mobility issues she was rarely able to attend church. Diana died peacefully on Thursday with members of her family around her. Details of funeral arrangements will be given when they are made..

**Special Collection for flowers for Easter to be taken next weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Please be generous so that Shirley Keates can decorate our church beautifully for our Easter celebrations.

**Readers needed for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and 4 readers for Easter Vigil**  
Please add your name to the reader's rota list in the porch or contact Maria Linnell on 023 8032 4549.

**Stella Marist Seafarers Easter Egg Appeal from ship visitors Charles Stuart and Gregory Hogan.**  
As last year, Easter eggs are being collected to give to seafarers who will be confined to their ships over the Easter period. Parishioners were very generous last year. Also woollen hats were knitted using the pattern given to us by Stella Marist, or Apostleship of the Sea. So far 4 Easter eggs have been donated.

**Diocesan Fund Raising Campaign. The target for SVP is £30,000 of which £10,000 will be kept.**  
Every Thursday after the 10.30am morning Mass until May, one of the team members of the American company running the campaign for the diocese will be available for discussion with parishioners. The company will take 10% of all the money promised. The fund raising programme is for the support of clergy.

**Next SVP Social will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 1 to 3 pm**  
Another opportunity to meet others for refreshments and a chat. Come along and bring your friends.

**8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm**  
The next session will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

### Parish collection for last weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION Clergy Assistance Fund

Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose plate	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£119	£29.75	£173.12	£300.23	£68.13	£690.23	---	£96	£48.95	£835.18

**Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the porch for donations for the next financial year.**

**Any Diocesan job vacancies will be advertised on the notice board in the porch**  
Alternatively you can get details from [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)