

Entrance Antiphon:

O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Responsorial Psalm – Response:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: According to Mark 1:29-39

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Mass Times

Sunday 5 February 2012 – Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8.00am -	Mr Dennis Hooben	Private Intention
9.30am -	Bereaved Parents & Grandparents	Private Intention
11.30am -	James Harte	R.I.P
7.00pm -	Moirra Magee	R.I.P

Monday 6 Feb – St Paul Miki & Companions

Mass 9.00am

Tuesday 7 Feb Feria

No Mass in Abingdon

Wednesday 8 Feb – Feria

Mass 7.00pm

Thursday 9 Feb – Feria

Mass 9.30am

Friday 10 Feb – St Scholastica

Mass 7.00pm - Kathleen & James Ring R.I.P

Saturday 11 Feb - Feria

Mass 9.00am - Geoffrey Joseph Allen R.I.P

Confessions in the Church 6.00pm until 6.30pm

Counters M Allen, N Cairns, B Malone & D McNichol

Cleaning P Shephard, P Halifax & L Goodall



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5th Week Of Ordinary Time – Year B

The same Christ who prayed in lonely places said: "When you pray go into your room and pray to your Father in secret". We should not imagine that the lonely place is necessarily a place far away, or that by room he means four walls that separate us physically from others. The room is the room within ourselves. It is the room of our innermost heart, where our plans are hatched, where our hopes reside, where our true self is to be found. The room is with us at all times. We should make it a place where we can retreat, a home where we find rest and spiritual recovery, when "the world" is too much with us. Then we will make a discovery: that the inner room is not empty after all, but is occupied by the God of love who dwells in us all

Notices

Obligatory Collection – Today Sunday 5 February, for Catholic Education Service.

Lenten Reflection – ‘God So Loved The World’ – Responding To God

During Lent you are invited to weekly reflections based on the Sunday Gospels we will be using. Two chances are on offer to cater for preferred slots, afternoon or evening. We will begin the first session on 22 February 2012, Ash Wednesday, at 1.30pm until 2.45pm (repeated on Monday 7.00pm until 8.15pm) then each Wednesday and Friday following. This is a wonderful chance to deepen our Faith and share with others. The sessions will be led by Fr. Jamie.

Confirmation Classes – Begin today Sunday 5 February in the Parish Centre, 3.00pm until 6.00pm.

Parish Lunch - There will be a lunch on Wednesday 8 February at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like transport, please contact Mary Mulqueen

Come Bless the Lord - Charismatic Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 8 February: We invite you to an informal time of praise & worship, scripture, intercession, fellowship, and prayers for healing. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 7.45 - 9pm in the Church. All welcome, do come and join us in giving praise to Jesus and receiving His love!

Cabrini Children's Society - On Sunday 19 February 2012 the Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society will take place. Cabrini provides support and care to some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. This includes providing extended schools clubs; nursery care; counselling in schools; residential care for adults with learning disabilities and catechetical programmes for children and young people with special needs. 2012 is Cabrini's 125th anniversary so help Cabrini to continue its fantastic work in your diocese for a further 125 years by supporting this appeal. Please donate what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve and don't forget to complete one of Cabrini's gift aid envelopes if you are able.

Parish Centre Keys - If you are in possession of a key to the Parish Centre please let the office know, so that an up to date record may be kept. This is absolutely crucial in order for us to comply with the terms of our insurance policy as we must limit the number of keys in circulation. Many thanks. Fr. Jamie.

LENT 2012 - This Promise is for You - A series of six videos on the life-changing power of the holy spirit - Presented by Michelle Moran & Charles Whitehead. In the Parish Centre for six weeks during Lent, starting Thurs 23 February & Friday 24 February: Thursdays 8 – 9:30 pm, with refreshments provided. Repeated Fridays 1:15– 2:30 pm with a light lunch beforehand, at 12:30pm. All welcome; no charge - there will be a voluntary collection towards the Parish Lent Project. For more details see www.ccr.org.uk/sted/p4u/poster.pdf

Women's World Day Of Prayer - At Trinity Church Abingdon on Friday 2 March 2012 at 10.30am and 7.00pm.

Pastoral Care – If you or anyone you know need help with shopping, transport to Hospital or just a friendly visit to chat, please contact Sylvia Nelson

CAFOD Supporters Meeting - Saturday 11 February, 10am-1.15pm, St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters in our diocese to get together and to find out more about CAFOD's work and our Lenten resources focusing on water. We will be joined by Katy Harris, Campaigns Communications Manager, who will be talking about her recent trip to Zimbabwe. Refreshments provided. Booking ESSENTIAL, please book a place by 31/1 – contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk . **Is anyone able to go from our parish as a representative? If so, please contact Anne Dodd.**

Church in Abingdon (CiA) - Will be holding their AGM on Thursday 23 February 2012 at St Helen's Church Centre at 7.45 pm. All are welcome. The end of year accounts will be discussed at this meeting and the budget finalised for 2012.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Grand Prize - Every month for a year we are giving away one weeks free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word pilgrim followed by your name and county to 53030 in Ireland and 60777 in N.I and UK or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Contact us for details of our 2012 pilgrimages and €280 package deals. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com N.I. and UK: 028 82241888 Ireland: 048 82241888

Discovering the Gospel of Thomas – Saturday 18 February, 10.00am - 4.30 pm. St Ethelwold's House, 30 East St Helen's Street, Abingdon. The Gospel of Thomas is a collection of sayings attributed to Jesus, many of which are not found in the traditional Bible and may predate the better-known gospels. For 1,600 years it was thought lost. Now rediscovered, it gives us a picture of Jesus the Mystic, a teacher of the inner path to union with God. It uses a mixture of simple parables, enigmatic images and Zen-like statements to break open the mind to the divine presence. £10 suggested donation. Bring and Share lunch. Please book in advance. Please book in advance on 01235 555486 or ethelwoldhouse@btinternet.com

Notice - Anyone wishing for a visit from Fr. Aldo Tapparo or Deacon Chris Blackman whilst in J.R Hospital phone 01865 221732.

Parish Safeguarding Team – 07817 237746

Thought – ‘A journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step’