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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Yr A)

Sunday 29th March 2020

Weekday Readings: Year II

Divine Office: Week 1

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday	29th March	(Int. <i>The Parish</i>)
Tuesday	31st March	(Int. <i>Julia and Robert Wescomb RIP</i>)
Wednesday	1st April	(Int. <i>In honour of St Joseph</i>)
Thursday	2nd April	(Int. <i>All those suffering from the Coronavirus</i>)
Friday	3rd April	(Int. <i>Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i>)
Saturday	4th April	(Int. <i>Eric Coupe RIP</i>)
Palm Sunday	5th April	(Int. <i>Josephine Powell RIP</i>)

MASS INTENTION - Donors

Tues 31st Mar - Paddy Wellington Wed. 1st April Veronica Nicholls Sat 4th Tricia and Tony Greet Sun 5th April Maureen Goodall .

If anybody has any particular Mass Intentions they would like offered then please give me the details by email: frmichaelbrandon22@gmail.com

FROM FR MICHAEL

Parish Masses are now on Youtube and Facebook. There are direct links from our Website: www.augustineofhippo.com

Facebook page: St Augustine of Hippo R C Church

Youtube: Saint Augustine of Hippo St Austell

If you wish to make an Act of Spiritual Communion Bishop Mark offers this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

WEEKLY DONATIONS - Message from the Treasurer

Dear Parishioner , with the suspension of Mass during the current coronavirus epidemic this is potentially going to have a significant impact on our Parish Finances. As you will appreciate the costs in running our Parish will still continue; but , without the weekly giving from parishioners who use donation envelopes or through the loose collection our costs will be much higher than our income . Currently around 30% of our weekly giving is from parishioners who pay by standing order from their banks , I am therefore asking all remaining parishioners who give on a regular basis to kindly consider using a standing order so that we can help maintain the income needed to sustain our church financially through the coming weeks and months . Please note that you can stop or change the standing order at any time, the parish cannot stop or change it on your behalf. If you would like to set up a standing order then either call the Parish Office and speak to Fr.Michael on 01726 73838 or contact me, Rob Kendall on 01726 844417, please leave a message if I am out. If you have any outstanding giving envelopes please keep them safe at home until we all meet again in God's good time. Thank you and take care. ***Rob Kendall***

THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers those in the parish who are sick especially, *Pauline Abdey, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Maura Bennett, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, Paul Briscoe, James & Margaret Clapp, Joanne Clarkson, Maureen Coles, Sue Dugmore, Pat Giles, Elaine Gladwin, Nick Haskins, Suzi Hill, Teresita Hill, Cynthia Longthorp, Elizabeth McKie, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, June Parsons, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Sylvia Ryan, Lydia Stephens, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson.*

A REFLECTION FROM FR. MICHAEL FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“ This sickness will not end in death but in God’s glory.”

Are you “unspiritual” or “spiritual”? Is “his Spirit living in you”?

Do we start off like Martha in today’s Gospel? If God was really in control this virus would never had happened. Nobody would be sick. Nobody would have died.

Okay, so those who are sick might get better again and those who have died “will rise again at the resurrection on the Last Day”. But why did you let it all happen in the first place?

“If you O Lord should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?” Is it because we have been particularly bad, immoral or amoral, greedy or selfish? Is that why we have been struck down by fire flood and pestilence?

“I am the resurrection and the life” says the Lord. Jesus doesn’t just forgive us our sins. Jesus doesn’t just assure us that one day we will go to heaven. Jesus **is** forgiveness, “fullness of redemption”, mercy incarnate, “The resurrection and the life”. Life in the spirit starts now, the discovery of that overflowing love deep within.

Spend some time with Lazarus this week, bound up hand and foot in the tomb. Pray with him the *De Profundis* “out of the depths I cry to you O Lord.” But then hear the words of Jesus: “Lazarus here! Come out!” Feel those bands of stuff and cloth being removed from your body and soul. Be unbound...go free. “I am the resurrection and the life.”

This is the glory in which our sickness will end.”

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