

The Parish Church of St Faith Great Crosby

Notes and News 18th March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday

Liturgy: Lent Booklets

Setting: Plainsong

A warm welcome to all

Today's Hymns

- 117 Praise to the Holiest
- 59 Sing my tongue the glorious battle
- 124 O love divine, how sweet thou art
- 67 When I survey the wondrous cross



Notices

Tonight at 6.30pm: Compline.

Lent at St. Faith's. To aid us in our Lenten journey on Thursdays at the 12 noon Eucharist there will be readings from Bishop Stephen Cottrell's book "The Nail – being part of the passion" Asking the questions; will you accept the nail that crucified Christ? Will you recognise your role in the drama of the cross?

Sundays at 6.30 pm Compline; Tuesdays at 7pm Eucharist

Today, something new: A two course lunch (soup, crusty bread, & apple Pie and cream) will be served at the back of church after the service. There is no need to book, and donations will be welcome!

20th Anniversary Saturday Concert Series: begin on 7th April with Concert Pianist Jill Crossland. The series will run until 11th August, with a special Variety Concert in June. Further details will be confirmed soon.

Catering for Saturday Concerts. We are looking for help in manning the refreshment table for the above concerts. If you can help, even in a small way, please put your name on the list (on the Events Board or table).

There will be an Extraordinary Annual parish meeting on Sunday the 25th March after the Palm Sunday Service to elect one Church Warden. Nomination forms are available at the back of Church. If you are interested and would like to know more about what being a Church Warden involves speak to Brenda Cottarel or Fr. John.

This Week's Services

Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday: Morning Prayer, 9am.

Tuesday 20th March: Holy Eucharist, 7pm

Thursday 22nd March: Eucharist, 12 noon.

Sunday 25th March: Palm Sunday, Eucharist with Procession at 11am celebrated by Fr. John, Fr. Dennis and Rev. Denise. Readings are: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 321: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1-end of 15.

6.30pm: Compline.

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese of Liverpool.

Parish: Myers Road East, Myers Road West, Crosby Road North, Belvidere Road, College Avenue, College Road.

The World: for an end to the war in Syria.

For: Nazanin Zhagari-Ratcliffe in captivity in Iran.

With Christian Aid: for all working to combat the growing food crisis.

Those who are sick: Charleen Arbon, Ruth Capper, Jackie Dale, Avis Port, Gill Prescott, Olive Russell, Stephen Seneviratne, Victoria Taylor, Julie Whittaker, Joe Williams, Peggy Mattison, Sinead Figgis, David Smith, Joan McKortel, Mike Waring, Br Raymond Christian, Fr Bob Bell, John Pierce, Dominic Sime, Anne More, Tessa Power, Allison, John Crooke, Margaret Bell, Fr. Ken Miller, Tony McWean, John Gresham, Maude Williams, Eunice Little, Tom Nye.

Those who have died recently

Year's Mind: Frank Bromilow, Emmanuel Dzantenge, Susan Kirkham, Wholly Thomas Pickup, Zylpha Kelly, John Shaw, Eleanor Jane Turner, Tom Miller, Hilda Phillips, Roddy Thomas, Elsie Kelley, Gerald McCombie, Her Majesty Queen Mary, Lorna Houghton, May Morris, George Harrison, Cyril Seneviratne.

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51

Sung by choir

Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a

grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**