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### **Fifth Sunday of Lent - 29th March 2020**

The Passiontide veiling begins this Sunday. Sadly you might not actually see it in the Church or you may through the live streaming. These purple clothes which veil the crucifix, images of Our Lord, Our Lady and all the Saints are sometimes called 'shrouds of separation'. This Passiontide takes on a very different meaning this year, and as your Priest it has been hard to think of Passiontide and the Sacred Triduum without you physically present at each stage of the Pascal Mystery. It is heart breaking and yet this is where we find ourselves. God uses every moment in our life to call us to a deeper faith and witness for Him. Our sign is the veil. For He asks of us to go deeper, for much of our Christian experience is easy and visible. God wants us to stop seeing it on a human level and know from his side to behold the power of His Son's Passion and Resurrection. The sacrifice of Our Lord was once and for all, but through the power of God we are unable to walk through it in a mystical way which unites us to it and little by little the veils are taken off to show again the glory of God.

Which is His plan of salvation for each of us. The veil makes us stop in our tracks to ponder the simple fact that nothing separates us from the love of Christ but ourselves and sin.

William Durandus wrote in 1286 the *Rationale Divinorum Officiorum* which contains eight books containing the laws, ceremonies, customs, and mystical interpretation of the Roman Rite. He writes 'The crosses are veiled because Christ during this time no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. Hence in the papal chapel the veiling formerly took place at the words of the Gospel: "Jesus autem abscondebatur se." Another reason is added by Durandus, namely that Christ's divinity was hidden when He arrived at the time of His suffering and death. The images of the saints are also covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden (Nilles, "Kal.", II, 188).

In a sense we have experienced a veiling already this Lent. Our hearts long for a return to normality, and especially for a return to the sacraments. May this time offer us an opportunity to hunger more fervently for Christ, so that when (please God) we may return to public worship, we might appreciate more completely the gift of His grace.

In Jesus and Mary. ....Fr Gerard

## Parish Office

Please note that emails to the [knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk) and phone messages left at the Office (01483 472404), will be answered as normal so that you can have access to Parish Office or Fr Gerard and leave your Prayer and Mass Intentions.

Also note that the return of the completed **Parish Census Form** to the Office is extended to **5th April**. This can be done either at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sthughcensus> or by emailing completed form to the Parish Office [knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Sunday 29th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm: 129

Psalm Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1- 45

### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Father will be saying all the Masses with their Intentions on Sundays and weekdays at 11.00am. Parishioners will be able to watch on the live stream through Facebook.

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent - 29th March 2020 - Cycle A**

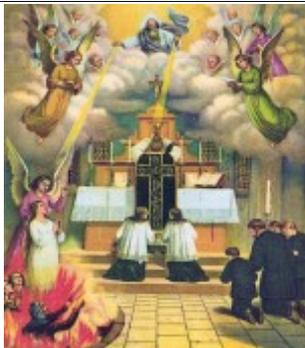
Sat 28	Vigil Mass	Andy Higgins RIP
Sun 29	Morning Mass	Madeleine Furnell RIP
	Morning Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 30	5th Week in Lent	Alice Ledgard RIP
Tue 31	5th Week in Lent	Suzie & Geoff Lintell RIP
Thu 02	Extraordinary Form Latin Mass	Ailin RIP
Fri 03	5th Week in Lent	Intentions of Lilian Marks
Sat 04	5th Week in Lent	Henryk Zofia Adamczyk RIP

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 5th April 2020 - Cycle A**

Sat 04	Vigil Mass	Jim Moore RIP
Sun 05	Morning Mass	Madeleine Furnell RIP
	Morning Mass	People of the Parish

***Mass Intentions available for the Months of April and May***

**Offertory Collection for last week:** Standing Orders £588.33 which was Gift Aided. Many Thanks.



### **Act of Spiritual Communion 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.