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In accordance with the direction of the Bishop, public worship is currently suspended for reasons of public health.

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LENT 4 (Lætare Sunday)

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NOTICES

CARE & SUPPORT AT S PAUL'S:

With all the news about the spread of COVID-19, it is easy sometimes to forget that ordinary life is unfolding around us in some ways just as before.

Mass will continue to be said. Practical points for the Mass:

- the Holy Water stoops are no longer in use
- Holy Communion will be in one kind only – received direct into the hand
- Please refrain from any physical contact at the Peace and at other times.

While it is important to keep positive and carry on with our daily lives, we also need to care for and support each other as the situation changes. If you or anyone you know who is part of the S Paul's community falls ill, please let me know either by telephoning the Vicarage (01273 727362) or by email:

frrobnorbury@aol.com Finally, let us use this time to be strong and positive – to show care, love and compassion to those in need, in the knowledge of the saving love of Jesus Christ.

Fr Robert

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was due to take place following Mass on Sunday, 5th April. It is postponed until further notice.

The new ELECTORAL ROLL (names only) is displayed on the notice board.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE COLLECT

The priest invites us to pray; then he sings the Collect of the day:

Priest: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for the **First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13)**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-14)

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel (John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

Choir: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Cantor: I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

Choir: whoever follows me will have the light of life.

People: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (*a name that means 'sent'*). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Please sit for the Sermon.

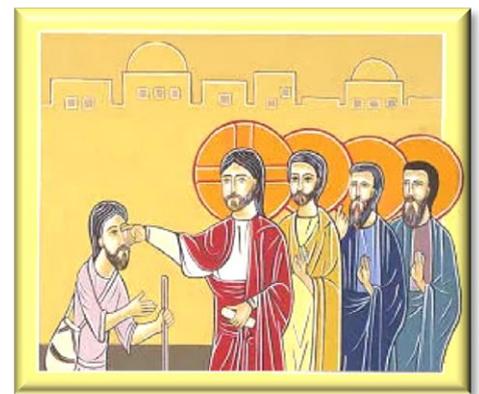
THE CREED

We stand to sing our profession of faith.

**I believe in one God,
the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things, visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father, before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven:
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and**

(All bow)



was made man.
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried:
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe in one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

We remain standing for the intercessions. At the end of each petition:

Reader: Lord, hear us. **People: Lord, graciously hear us.**

or Reader: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

People: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

After the intercessions, we ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for us ,saying:

**All: Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Priest : Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

**People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all His Holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The priest sings the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all respond Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
Priest : Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Priest : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.



*The priest sings the **Preface**, thanking God for His mighty works in creation and redemption, followed by the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** (Holy, Holy, Holy...)*

Cantor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all join in with **Amen**.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we are bold to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray ... Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

The priest prays for the unity of the Church.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please greet those near you with a sign of love and charity.

Priest : Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion would be partaken and the Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) said.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest sings the prayer, to which all respond Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest : May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go forth; the Mass is ended.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy, servers and people face the principal image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and sing the Angelus, the words of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary:

Priest: The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

People: **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Priest: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

People: **Be it unto me according to thy Word.**

Hail, Mary...

Priest: And the Word was made flesh;

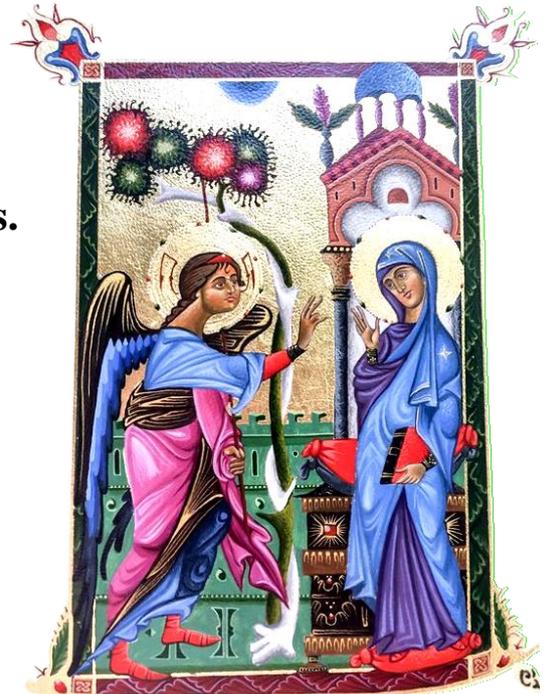
People: **And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary...**

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:

People: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Priest: Pour forth, we beseech thee... through the same Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, DISTRESSED, BEREAVED OR IN OTHER NEED:

Fr Beaumont Brandie; Roger Brasier; Fr Michael Bryant; Nicholas Clayton; Helena Cope; Martin Curwain-Broad; John & Ruth Daniels; Dennis Davis; Joseph Garcia; Amy Gobey; Yvonne Harman; Caroline Jarvis; Malcolm Kemp; Christine Laurent; Sophie Layard; Stephen Milton; Lisa Newlyn; Emma & Janette Pritchett; Rupert Radcliffe-Genge; Keith Sharpe; Elizabeth Smith; Harry Speller; Hilary Thomas; George Walter; Joan Watts; Lena Williams

THE LONG-TERM SICK:

Matthew Charlesworth; Ivan Codrington; John Cole; Theresa de Giorgio; John Fagan; Gordon; Derek, Dominic & Jonathan Harman; Jeanne Harvey; Adrian Haughton; Hazel Hickman; Dagmar Huggett; Pamela James; Ann Jarrold; Alice Kelly-Purnell; Swee Kim; Corinne Milner; Ann Norbury; Jackie Tilson; Fr Brian Tyler

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Brian Harwood

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALLS THIS WEEK:

James Frampton, <i>Priest</i> (22 nd)	John Hunter (26 ^{th cont.})
Margaret Baker	Charles David Cornwell
Eliza Potten (23 rd)	Beryl Mildred Dring
Laura Slight	Rashid Karapiet
Elizabeth Christina Lailavoix	Nellie Brine (27 th)
Rose Ashworth	Edith Conway
Robert William Gale (24 th)	Martin Taylor
Hugh Maudsley Horder, <i>Bishop</i> (25 th)	Jean McLoughlin (28 th)
Lewis Carter Badcock (26 th)	Violet Murphy
Gertrude Butler	

CALENDAR: 22nd – 29th March

Sunday 22nd	LENT 4 (<i>Our Parish</i>)
Monday 23 rd	of Lent (<i>Students</i>)
Tuesday 24 th	of Lent (<i>Church House, Hove</i>)
Wednesday 25 th	The Annunciation (<i>Greater devotion to Our Lady</i>)
Thursday 26 th	of Lent (<i>Friends of S Paul's</i>)
Friday 27 th	of Lent (<i>The YMCA</i>)
Saturday 28 th	of Lent (<i>Shrine of OL of Walsingham</i>)
Sunday 29th	LENT 5 (<i>Our Parish</i>)