

Let the clouds rain down the Just One;
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

So runs the entry antiphon for this Sunday's liturgy. The words are taken from Isaiah (45.8), the section of prophecy which was proclaimed to the Jews as they suffered in exile in Babylon, far from their own homes. They had lost everything which gave them their identity as the People of God – their Land and holy city, their Temple, with its priests and rhythm of prayer and sacrifice; indeed all that brought them into the presence of God. The vocation of the prophet was to re-awaken hope in their hearts, reminding them that their God was both the Creator of all which exists, and the Lord of history; and that He was able to reverse all their misfortunes and bring them back to their own land; and that He would do this very soon. The early Christian Fathers, the first theologians and commentators on the scriptures, were quick to interpret the words of Isaiah as a prophecy of the birth and the resurrection of Jesus, who, the Church proclaimed, by His death and resurrection, fulfilled all of God's promises, and brought to us the salvation for which we long.

Today, more than ever, we need this message of hope for the future, the assurance, born of our faith in our living Lord, that God is indeed in control of our history, even though, in all the confusion which surrounds us, we cannot understand just how; and, most of all, that as we prepare for our celebration of Easter, we remember that Jesus' death and resurrection shows us that He has *overcome everything which could separate us from the love of God*, and that, again quoting St Paul, *the last enemy to be overcome is death*.

Please also remember to look out for any friends and neighbours who may be in need. Perhaps we can accept this as special opportunity for Christian service, and God's gift to us as we celebrate this holy season of Lent.

I send my very grateful thanks to all of you who have written with such encouraging words for us here at Worth. Your kind wishes mean a great deal to us.

I send my prayers for you all. Fr Paul

Those who normally come to the office at Worth might like to access Universalis at home. You can access this through the parish website or directly. Please check the website for opportunities to "attend" virtual mass by live streaming

*Please be assured that the Church remains
open for private prayer.*

Anniversaries

Please pray for the Souls of – Geoffrey Weeden, Patrick Lamb, Fr Bruno Grogan, Mrs Whinney, Gordon Jones, Edward Allen, Ian Parker, Sally Winn, Charles Carlos and John Marsh.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers



Please pray for the healing of Laura Rawlinson. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for all in need of healing and those who care for them.

Please pray for those who live alone, especially our own parishioners.

Collections

Gift Aid – **£304.00** Non Gift Aid – **£264.10**

The Worth Pro-Earth

The material will appear on our Website, week by week.

GDWG Update

Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus. The Gatwick detention centre have suspended their collection of clothing.

Please do not send in any clothing until further notice.

Thank you.

GDWG 25th Birthday Auction

The Gatwick detainee welfare group is holding an auction online with over 100 lots ready to bid on.

The lots for sale range across all sorts of cultural items (e.g. books, including signed copies, paintings, pottery), experiences (e.g. football season tickets, days and nights out, physical therapy), food and jewellery, among other things.

If you have any questions, please do ask George or Christina Fitzsimons (email to george@fitzsimonsonline.com). The auction **closes on 31 March**. Thank you for your support.

Please go to www.jumblebee.co.uk/gdwg25th to give your support.

England to be rededicated as Mary's Dowry with personal consecration to the Blessed mother

All Catholics, and anyone else who wants to join in, will be invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary. The booklet can be obtained from Walsingham shrine, on request.

www.shop.walsingham.org.uk/33-days-to-morning-glory.

25th March - The Feast of the Annunciation

26th – 28th March - A three-day triduum of prayer in which all will be invited to recite the litany of Saints and Martyrs of England, pray the Rosary and go to Confession in preparation for the rededication.

29th March - Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary. This will take place in people's homes. People will be invited to pray The Angelus following the guidelines in the book 'The Angelus Promise' which can also be obtained from the Shrine. (www.behold2020.com)

Flame 2021

Tickets are already on sale for this unmissable event. Taking place on **6th March 2021** at SSE Arena Wembley. The theme for this congress is Be-Loved.

To ensure that all Diocesan groups sit together please buy your tickets from Lizzie Wakeling, and not directly from CYMFed. This can be arranged by contacting rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

We hope to have a sea of blue and yellow amongst the crowd of 10000!

“.....we establish a school of the Lord’s service; which we hope to ordain nothing that is harsh or burdensome.”
(St Benedict)

Next Sunday’s Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

1st Reading –Ezekiel 37:12-14 2nd Reading – Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45
I am the resurrection and the life.

Daily Readings

Monday – Isa 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

Tuesday – Ezek 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16

Wednesday – Isa 7:10-14, 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 **(The annunciation of the Lord)**

Thursday – Exod 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

Friday – Wis 2:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday – Jer 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

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For the foreseeable future, Maria will be working from home.
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If you have any prayer intentions, please let Fr Paul know.