

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (Easter A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	09.00 268 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 <i>'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.</i>
SECOND READING	Colossians 3:1-4 <i>'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'</i>
EASTER SEQUENCE	273
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 20:1-9 <i>'He must rise from the dead.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	09.00 271 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.</i>
THANKSGIVING	09.00 278 11.00 Musicians
RECESSION	09.00 287 11.00 Musicians

Next Week (2 Easter A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Acts 2:42-47 <i>'All who believed were together and had all things in common.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Peter 1:3-9 <i>'He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 20:19-31 <i>'Eight days later, Jesus came.'</i>
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

LOVE OUR SPOUSES JUST AS THEY ARE



The different behaviour patterns of Jesus' friends are well illustrated in these Scriptures. Jesus loved each of them exactly as they were, just as He loves each of us. Our challenge is to really love our spouse, just as they are, with all the differences that we have. It's a lifelong journey, but like Jesus' friends, our understanding can grow.

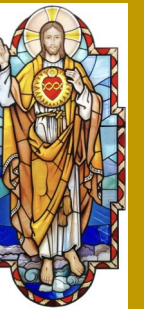
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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Judges 16-21
Tu Ruth
We 1 Samuel 1-5
Th 1 Samuel 6-11
Fr 1 Samuel 12-14

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 29/03/26

Plate £ 378:35
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 140:00
1st Total £ 1,273:35
None

Lenten Alms £ 245:90
Contemplative Sisters

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 05/04/26

None
Next Weekend 12/04/26
Overseas Missions

Bite Size . . .

To be always intending to live a new life, but never find time to set about it - this is as if a man should put off eating and drinking from one day to another till he be starved and destroyed.

Sir Walter Scott
Author & novelist
(1771 - 1832)

Could it be true?

As the Easter Season begins, the church replaces the Old Testament readings with passages from the Acts of the Apostles instead. The readings recount the disciples' words and miraculous actions as they begin to spread the word about Jesus far and wide beyond Jerusalem.



All of the resurrection stories begin with the first witnesses to the resurrection being confused and/or afraid, not fully comprehending what they see or hear. It makes sense that they didn't understand. As readers 2,000 years later, we have the benefit of knowing the "end of the story" before Jesus' friends and family did. Although several times Jesus told his followers that he would be killed and then raised from the dead, the evangelists wrote that the apostles didn't understand what Jesus was saying then. How could they have? Mary Magdalene is a central figure in this resurrection story, as she is in all of the other Gospels. She stayed with

Jesus throughout his torture until he died, and all four Gospels tell us she was right there three days later when they discovered the empty tomb. Peter and a mysterious unnamed "other disciple" are a part of this story, too, as they realize Jesus' body is missing. They seem to realize that his corpse wasn't stolen (if it were, the burial garments surely would have gone with it). The unnamed disciple "saw and believed," but we aren't told what he believed. The passage ends, suggesting the trio still doesn't understand what has happened. The seven verses that follow this passage tell us that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, and she comes to believe he is alive again.



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?"

Sheepish Question:
How have I been changed by new life in Christ?
Where do I go from here?

Questions of the week

- 1 Mary Magdalene is the only person mentioned in all four Gospels to have learned of or met the resurrected Jesus first. What does that say to you?
- 2 When you hear news that seems too good to be true, how do you first react? Do you believe it and thank God for it, or do you look for reasons it can't be true?

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office



Normal Office Hours : This week Tuesday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

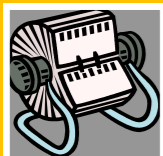
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Newsletter Editorial : Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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General Parish Information



Parishioner Registration : Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital : If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Sacramental Preparation : Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31st August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation : Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important : if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice.

Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice.

(Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE : the Car Park **does not use QR codes** any found are **scams!**

Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .



The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days

Very, very busy around The Presbytery this week as we enter into Holy Week, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection which we celebrate each year

At the weekend we began our Masses remembering the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to great crowds and acclamations "Hosanna to the king of David . . ." Then the Gospel reading (this year from St Matthew's account) told us of his arrest, trial, and execution on the Cross.

In the afternoon we celebrated the last of our Lenten Evening Prayer and Benediction services.

Monday morning and Fr D was up early to be ready for the lighting engineers who are undertaking the upgrade to the lighting in the church. This was the first of three stages in the process and gave the whole system a new 'brain' so that it could work with LED units (low energy usage) rather than the present halogen units (high energy usage). For the present the halogen units will still be used but the next development will be their replacement with LED. By 17.00 all the works had been completed and the church left tidy once more.

After celebrating Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday, Fr D was down to Crawley once more to the Tribunal office. When he got home late afternoon he was just back in time to meet a parishioner who was coming to reseal the church floor ready for Easter. In the evening Fr D was working on the booklet for the Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil).

Having celebrated Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday, Fr D finalised the Triduum Booklet and was completing the Easter Newsletter.

On Thursday Fr D went across to St Joseph's, Epsom to collect the Holy Oils that were blessed at the Chrism Mass in Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday evening and which will be used for the celebration of the sacraments in the Parish until next Easter. He had lunch with the sisters next door and then prepared for the first of the Triduum celebrations.

On Friday morning Fr D was with several children from the Parish celebrating a special Children's Way of the Cross in the church before preparing for the Commemoration of the Passion in the afternoon (the only day of the year on which the Church never celebrates Mass!).



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A

G	W	W	S	O	M	A	G	D	A	L	E	N	E	Q	EARLY	ANGELS
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A	A	F	M	A	O	P	Z	Y	M	E	K	N	E	S	WEEK	WOMAN
C	N	W	Y	E	M	K	F	I	O	S	K	Z	U	C	DARK	CRYING
H	L	D	T	J	B	F	R	N	V	N	I	E	P	I	MARY	GARDENER
E	G	I	D	H	Z	E	R	G	E	E	G	P	A	P	MAGDALENE	TEACHER
R	H	A	K	L	F	C	W	J	D	A	A	H	Q	L	TOMB	FATHER
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FILLED WITH JOY

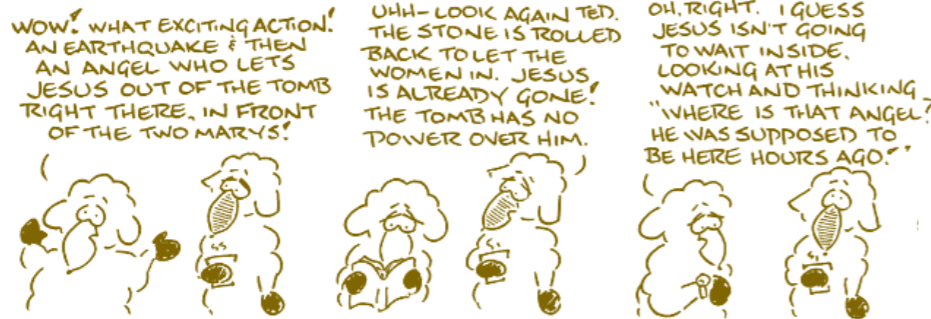
Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the Sabbath, as Sunday morning was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly there was a violent earthquake; an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled the stone away, and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid that they trembled and became like dead men. ⁵The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. ⁷Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!' Remember what I have told you." ⁸So they left the tomb in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Peace be with you." They came up to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰"Do not be afraid," Jesus said to them. "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.

Other Readings: Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

LECTIO:

This is Matthew's resurrection narrative, where we learn of Jesus' victory, how he overcame death and sin forever when he died on the cross for us. We have the victory now, though our bodily resurrection won't happen until the end of time. In a few simple words, Matthew describes the moment when the women discover Jesus is alive. These words speak volumes. Threaded through every simple word is the wonder the women must have experienced at discovering Jesus alive. Matthew sets the scene - there was an earthquake and then an angel descended from heaven and rolled the massive stone away. The guards look on trembling with fear and become like 'dead men'. They were probably frozen with fear, unable to speak or move. The two women go to the tomb perhaps as a focus for their grief and to mourn. They are not expecting to meet a living Jesus at all - far from it. Knowing how frightened the two women must be the angel tells them not to be afraid and explains that Jesus is no longer dead but has been raised back to life, just as he said he would be. The angel shows them the empty tomb and sends them on their way back to the disciples to give them the dramatic news - Jesus has risen from the dead! On the way to tell the disciples they meet Jesus face to face. They are the first witnesses of the empty tomb and its real meaning. The tomb was not empty because someone had desecrated it and stolen Jesus' body. It was empty because Jesus had risen from the dead. In the verses after our reading (verses 11-15) we learn that the guards report what they had seen to the chief priests who assemble an emergency meeting. They offer the soldiers a large sum of money as a bribe to keep quiet about what they really saw. Instead they lie and say that the disciples stole Jesus' body during the night while they were asleep.



MEDITATIO:

- As you celebrate this wonderful day in the life of the church try to imagine just how amazed and excited the two women must have been when Jesus met them.
- Think about the first time Jesus came 'alive' for you. Has your faith and wonder in Jesus' resurrection grown or diminished over the years?
- Consider the contrast between the two women and the guards. Both witnessed the most significant event in human history. The women proclaim the good news. The guards lie to conceal it. What can we learn from this?

ORATIO:

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is a fundamental part of our Christian faith. Pray through Romans 6:3-11 asking God to bring these promises to life in your heart and experience.

CONTEMPLATIO:

How would you summarise the Easter events for a friend who wants to know the real significance of Easter? Try jotting down the details to help sort out the important facts and remember them.

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	4 th April		EASTER VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION, YEAR A PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	20.30	Dougherty & McCarthy Families
Sun.	5 th April		EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	For the Parishioners
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	David Slater † Slater Family
Mon.	6 th April		Easter Monday No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	7 th April		Easter Tuesday PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	No Service Today Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed		PLEASE NOTE : : No Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today
Wed.	8 th April		Easter Wednesday PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	No Service Today Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed		
Thu.	9 th April		Easter Thursday PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	No Service Today Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
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Fri.	10 th April		Easter Friday (No Abstinence Today) PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	No Service Today Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed	09.30	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Sat.	11 th April		Easter Saturday PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00	William Kenneth Hapgood † Hapgood Family
Sun.	12 th April		2ND SUNDAY EASTER, YEAR A	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	McCarthy Family
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	For the Parishioners

Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice.

'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

Rejoice Heavenly Powers

The Easter Vigil, takes place Holy Saturday night, and "is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities and it is to be unique in every single Church," says the rubrics of the Roman Missal. The word vigil, which means "staying up all night," takes on a special meaning for the night before Easter because it recalls the holy women who came to the tomb in the early hours of Sunday morning. In St Matthew's Gospel, Mary Magdalene and another Mary arrive at the tomb at dawn to finish embalming Jesus, but his body isn't there. An angel tells them, "I know you are looking

for Jesus who was crucified. He's not here. He has risen. Tell his disciples to go to Galilee and they will see him there." The vigil by its very nature takes place no sooner than nightfall Holy Saturday night and must end before daybreak Easter morning. The vigil begins with the kindling of a "blazing fire" at a suitable place outside the church to gather the faithful around its warmth and beauty and to dispel the darkness of the night. The celebrant blesses the fire with a prayer and then the Paschal Candle is brought forth and lit from the fire. The candle

symbolizes the light of Christ, which "shines in the darkness" which "has not overcome it." The Candle is then processed into the darkened church and the congregation lights their small hand-held candles, always starting from the Paschal Candle and then from one another, lighting up the whole church. At the beginning of the vigil after the Paschal Candle is lit, the Easter Proclamation or Exsultet is said, usually by a deacon, or by a priest or a lay cantor.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 2 Easter A 11/04/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Granström	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 2 Easter A 12/04/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Westsmith	L. Kolber D. McEvoy	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 2 Easter A 12/04/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Foster	J. Vizzini E. Twist	L. Farris M. Jethwa

PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is your responsibility to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK

UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- ⇒ Tinned Meat
- ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk
- ⇒ Fruit Squash
- ⇒ Crunchy Peanut Butter
- ⇒ Tinned Vegetables & Potatoes
- ⇒ Deodorant (men & Women)
- ⇒ Adult Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ⇒ Sanitary Pads
- ⇒ Shower Gel
- ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice
- ⇒ Tinned Fish
- ⇒ Tinned Fruit
- ⇒ Honey
- ⇒ Long-life Sponge Puddings
- ⇒ Hair Shampoo
- ⇒ Antibacterial Cleaning Spray
- ⇒ Sugar (500g pack)
- ⇒ Disposable Razors
- ⇒ Hair conditioner
- ⇒ Saving Foam

Prayers Please

FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:
 Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Fr Tony Bridson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutcher, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
 None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
 Anne Appleton †
 Bernadette Houlihan †
 Kathy Curtis †
 John Adams †
 Wendy Cole †
 Joan Jervis †
 Fr Paul Wilkins †
 Fr Geoffrey Nixon †
 Fr Edward Rodley †
 Canon John Preedy †
 Fr Patrick O'Brien †
 Fr Stephen Tynan †
 Fr Ralph Message †
 Canon Patrick Cox †

Fr Anthony Hale †
 Fr Leonard Whatmore †
 Fr Brendan Burke †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

" . . . let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

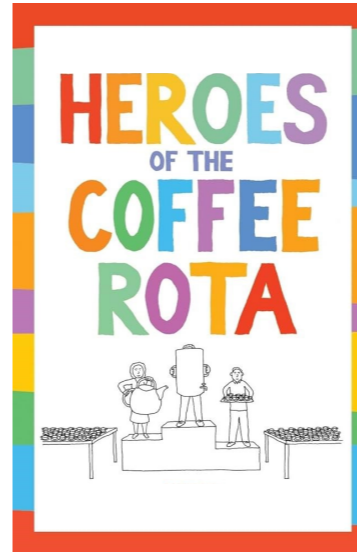
those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....



EASTER BUNNIES - ODNs Outreach wish to thank the 'Cobham Crafters' (Monday mornings Parish Centre) for knitting and selling Easter Bunnies raising a tremendous £60:35 for ODNs missionary projects; thank you too, to all who purchased them.

LENTEN FAST LUNCHES - The bread & soup lunches that took place on the Fridays of Lent (after our regular celebrations of the Way of the Cross) raised £244:27. This will be added to the 'CAFOD Lenten Fast Day' proceeds and sent on to aid CAFOD's work in developing countries.



11.00 SUNDAY MASS COFFEE Rota - Our Coffee Rota volunteers will be having a well-earned rest this Sunday before returning to 'the fray' next Sunday (12th April).

Currently we are looking for parishioners (especially those who use the 11.00 coffee session) to consider becoming new members of the Coffee Rota (like any rota, the greater the number of volunteers the less often the same names crop up). This role is ideal for younger families to take part in as well as others (married or single).

UPDATED 'LAUDATE' HYMN BOOK - Through the kindness of one of our parishioners we have recently purchased the 'updated' version of our hymn book 'Laudate.' The new copies are fully compatible with the new translation of the Mass which took effect on the First Sunday of Advent 2011 (that musical settings of the sung parts of the Mass must receive approval from the Bishops of England and Wales and shortened/truncated renderings must not be used), also several hymns

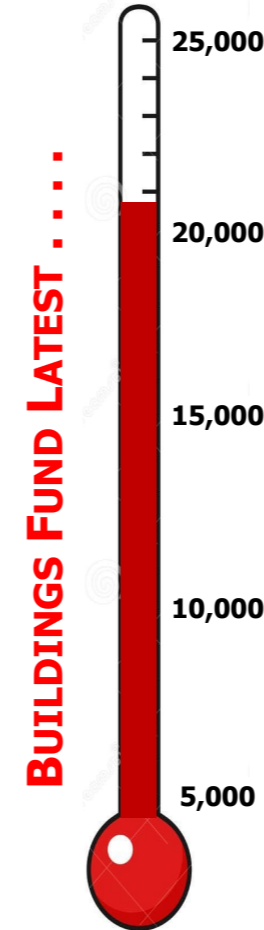


have been 'edited' to take account of instructions from the Bishops of England and Wales's Liturgy Department (principally that the word 'Yahweh' must not be used in the liturgy). The books are currently being stamped with the Parish seal and having strong PVC covers placed on them after which we will start to use them at Mass and ask around if any other parish can make use of the old ones. Of course their use here in the Sacred Heart was a 'second existence' for them, having come from Thames Ditton to us!

SACRED HEART LIGHTING UPGRADE NEWS

- On Monday of this week the engineers from a local lighting company arrived at 08.00 to begin a phased set of works to upgrade the church lighting system. Our present system is getting on for thirty years old and after having it surveyed a few weeks ago Fr D was delighted that the actual wiring was found to be fine but the luminaires are all showing their age and are beginning to fail. Add to this the fact that the present set-up uses halogen bulbs (using a great amount of energy, producing a lot of heat) and these bulbs are now becoming short/expensive in supply because the government has banned any further production of them. We are therefore going to switch to an LED system (less

power used, less heat created, more flexible usage) over three phases. We have now enacted the first phase which involved upgrading the 'brain' unit to the system, bringing back all the lights into a more controllable use. The luminaires are still halogen at this point but will start changing to LEDs in the next couple of phases before becoming totally LED in the last phase of the works. The company working for us is the same company that have recently finished upgrading the lighting system at Worth Abbey. More news once we enter phase two!



THE 'EASTER SEQUENCE - *Victimae paschali laudes* (also known as the "Easter Sequence") is an ancient expression of the Church's worship during the Easter Octave (i.e., eight-day feast). It has remained an official element of the Easter liturgies since its composition in the eleventh century. Today, it is one of five similar "sequences," the others being employed at the celebrations of Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Sorrows, and the Requiem Mass. *Victimae paschali laudes* is an obligatory element of our Easter Sunday Masses, but it can also be chanted every day during the Easter Octave to highlight the supreme importance of this solemnity.