

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Today's Scripture Readings: Parish Mass Book pp.134-7 Preface 2 p.54 Euch.Prayer 3 p.28

Job 7:1-7 Satan has been permitted by God to tempt Job (to blasphemy) by destroying his family and livestock and afflicting him with painful sores. Job undergoes this trial without rebelling against God, but suffers the depression expressed in this passage.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Paul has been entrusted with preaching the gospel to the gentile world: he does it, not for reward, but as a duty and service, adapting himself so as to be "all things to all men".

Mark 1:29-39 Jesus spends the day in the home of Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. While there he cures Simon's mother-in-law of a fever. In the evening crowds approach him with their sick whom he heals. Before dawn the next day he leaves for a lonely place in which to pray.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS

WEEKDAY MASS: Mass on Monday (Latin) and Friday 9.30am in the house.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS Congratulations and thanks to Bill and Charlotte Carver who have raised £2200 for the organ restoration fund from the sale of the parish Christmas cards. A cheque will be handed over at coffee.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting Tuesday 6 February at 6pm.

LENT starts on 14 February (Ash Wednesday). I strongly recommend ***Say it to God*** by Luigi Gioia, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2018. Gioia is a Benedictine monk, at present doing research at Cambridge University. His book on prayer is easy to read, straightforward and practical, has short chapters, and is probably best read alone. You can obtain it from Amazon as book or on Kindle. For Group listening I propose a series of talks entitled: **Glimpses into the Unknown: Eastern Christianity and its spiritual traditions**. "This brilliantly taught course invites you into the rich spiritual world of Eastern Christianity... scholarly yet accessible..." Tentatively we will hold some sessions at Kilima Lodge and others at the Priest's House. Dates to be announced. We may also listen to and discuss some recorded interviews with Fr Timothy Radcliffe, Professor Eamonn Duffy and others on what their Catholic faith means to them. Please say if interested.

FOODBANK: **Driver needed** for a month while Irene Davis is having treatment for cataract and is temporarily unable to drive herself. Please contact Irene or me for further information.

PRAYER REQUEST Frances Thurlow requests prayers for a young couple, Codie and Brandon, whom she is supporting. Their baby, Gabriel, was born prematurely on 21 January, weighing 2lbs 2oz. Brandon helped prepare the Church precincts for the Archbishop's visit.

Pray for Peter Kay, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Maureen Flaux, Clare Murphy, Cedric Cooper, Stella Griffiths, Anthony Walsh, Molly Thurlow, who died recently, and for Raymond Turner, Dorothy Tennant, Pat Higgins, Nicholas Ratcliff, Les Miller and Norah Lawley who are housebound.