

The Parish Church of Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill

*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

We are an Anglican Church that seeks to be...

- **Catholic** in the way we express our faith.
- **Charismatic** in seeking to be gifted by the Holy Spirit.
- **Contemporary** in our style of worship.
- **Committed** to exploring God's word in the Scriptures.
- **Concerned** to share the healing love of Christ with all.

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2015
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
with Kidz Zone

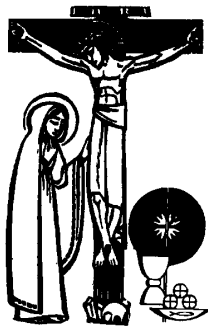
**6.00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
and Benediction.**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus is tested in the wilderness. Satan tempts Him, and thus provides proof that Jesus can be trusted and relied upon. This happens before the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It is John the Baptist who has been in the wilderness, and now Jesus takes the stage as John is arrested.

LENT is a time when all serious followers of Jesus try to renew their spiritual lives. In a sense we go into the desert with Jesus.

*Welcome to everyone
gathered here for worship today*



EVERY SUNDAY EVENING DURING LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 6.00 p.m.

This will be our main Lenten devotion and each week will be different as we walk the 'Way of the Cross' with the Lord and share in His risen presence in Benediction..
(Next Sunday, being the First Sunday of the month will be Prayer & Praise with a very Lenten 'feel')

PLEASE try to commit to being at this very special Lenten devotion each Sunday evening during this wonderful season of Lent.

On Sunday 1st March Prayer & Praise will be as usual at 6.00 p.m.– with a special Lenten Devotion and on Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday) Stations of the Cross will be a 'Visual Presentation'.

LENT 2015 Lent is a time for spiritual growth and renewal. In other words, Lent is a time for 'taking things on' rather than 'giving things up'! During Lent there will be an extra **Mass** during the week – every **Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.**

JOIN THE LENT COURSE

Wednesday evenings during Lent – starting this coming Wednesday at **7.30 p.m.** (Tea/coffee served from 7.15 p.m.)

If you would like to share in this course on the Eucharist (*all the Home Groups close during Lent*) please sign up today.

Important: Because the Church Hall is in use on Wednesday evenings, please arrange to 'care-share' for the Lent Course, as the group using the Hall have also been asked to do! This will avoid any difficulties in the Car Park!!!

THE EUCHARIST – celebrating the hospitality of God, praising God for all that He has done for us in Christ, communing with our risen Lord and being renewed in our service of others are all aspects of the Eucharist that we will explore in this course.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Ash Wednesday Mass last week. It was truly a very 'powerful' experience with almost 50 of us gathered together.

The **Social Team** are putting on a **Frugal Lent Lunch** on **Sunday March 8th** after Mass. Offering Homemade soup, bread and cheese, tea and coffee. There will also be a small raffle, the proceeds of which will go to a charity, nominated by those who come and chosen at random, as our Lenten Almsgiving. Please sign up (in the Narthex) today.

The **Parochial Church Council** will meet on **Friday 6th March** – beginning with Mass at 7.30 p.m.

The **Prayer Ministers** (Ministry of Healing & Wholeness) will meet again on **Saturday 14th March** at 10.00 a.m.

Happy Birthday to Frances Roberts on Thursday.



*Happy
Mother's Day*

Mothering Sunday – Sunday 15th March

There will be a special 'Parish Mass with 'All-Age Worship' at 10.00 a.m. Why not, this year, invite a member of your family or neighbours and friends to join us on this special day when we give thanks for the love we have received from our mothers?

Sunday Vigil Mass: Did you know that there is a Mass on **Saturday evening** at **6.00 p.m.**? This is the 'First Mass of Sunday' and counts as a 'Sunday Mass'. This service is especially for *YOU* when *YOU* can't be here on a Sunday morning at any time.

PRAYER & CARE

Please pray for the **SICK:**

Frances Roberts: coping with long term ill health

Chris Reeve – undergoing treatment for Leukaemia

Steve Brooker – diagnosed with spinal tumours

Fletcher Mephram (aged 6) battling cancer. Pray too for his family

Libby Trotter (aged 11) – battling cancer

Peter (psychosis) and for his parents

For the Recently departed: **Frederick Ide**

In great love, we commemorate the souls of: Alec Gasson, Din Martin, Alec Anthon (Sunday) Marjorie Smith, Rose Robinson (Tuesday) Mary Farmer, Carlton Bacon (Wednesday) Ethel Leaney, Vera Pinnock, Ada Jones (Thursday) Harry Gaston, James Braysher (Friday) Freda Pattenden, David Jones (Saturday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

THIS EVENING: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6.00 p.m.

MONDAY: *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*

TUESDAY: MASS at 10.30 a.m.
with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness.

WEDNESDAY: MASS at 10.30 a.m.

LENT COURSE - 'PILGRIM' at 7.30 p.m.
A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY
Focussing on THE EUCHARIST – THE MASS
Tea/coffee served from 7.15 p.m.

THURSDAY: MASS at 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY: Teddy-Tots Parent & toddler group meet in the Church Hall 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

MASS at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY: VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY at 6.00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: *The Second Sunday of Lent*

Vigil Mass at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening)

PARISH MASS at 10.00 a.m.
With Kidz Zone

PRAYER & PRAISE at 6.00 p.m.

*We adore you, O Christ and we bless you;
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world*