



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

This Week at the Priory

Today
6:30pm Choral Evensong

The Priory is closed on Monday
Tuesday - Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer
9:00am Mass

2nd Sunday of Lent— March 17th
10:00am Holy Eucharist

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Hymn: 190

For your prayers this week

Pray the Province of the Congo Abp. Zacharie Katanda, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp Robert Ladds. St Mary Steps, Exeter, Fr Paul Morrell. St Andrew, Exwick, Fr Jerry Bird. St Michael & All Angels, Great Torrington Vacant. St Luke, Milber, Fr John Potter. St Boniface, Paignton, Fr Roger Carlton.

Pray for the continuing ministry of this Priory for Fr. Paul and the Trustees.

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Derek, Barbara, Ray, Patti, Helen, Karen, Marjorie, James, Nigel, Allan, Heather, Gillian, Jenny, Phil, Sheila, Fr Stuart.

Pray for the Departed Sr Mary Francesca, Amy Beasley, Jack Kingston.

Readings for next Sunday

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35.



In the Gospel Reading, Jesus has not eaten for forty days in the desert and he feels the whole forty days' worth of hunger. That's a lot of hunger! Satan comes to him in the desert and urges him to turn stones into bread so that Jesus has something to eat.

Now there's nothing good about hunger, and there's nothing bad about bread. On the contrary, Jesus himself commands us to pray for bread daily.

Why doesn't Jesus do so? And what are we to make of the line with which Jesus refuses Satan's suggestion: "people do not live by bread alone?"

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Jesus himself is the Word of God, and he came into the desert filled with the Spirit of God. Even though he is hungry after so long a fast, then, there is another sense in which he really is full. Jesus is our bread. And so we can be like him: full—even when, in the stony parts of our lives, we are hungry, too.

Eleonore Stump

Lent at the Priory
Wednesdays in Lent
1:30pm Study Group

Fridays in Lent
12 noon Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday April 6th
Quiet Day
10am – 4:00pm
"Lord have Mercy"
Exploring God's forgiveness

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