



## The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

### This Week at the Priory

The Priory is closed on Monday

#### Tuesday - Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

#### Wednesday

1:30pm Study Group

#### Friday

12 noon Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent— March 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Holy Eucharist

**Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.** The time will come when you will say 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.**

**Hymn: 572**

### For your prayers this week

**Pray** the Church of England Abp. Justin Welby, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp Michael Langrish. St Andrew & St John the Baptist, Paignton, Fr Roger Carlton. St. Gabriel, Peverell Park, Fr Keith Haydon. St John the Evangelist, Sutton-on-Plym, Fr Keith Haydon. St Simon the Apostle, Mount Gould, Fr Keith Haydon. St Peter & the Holy Apostles, Plymouth, Vacant.

**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** Fr. Henry Holland, Sr Margaret Mary, Bp. Cecil Boutflower, Mother Dora, Marguerite Morse-Boycott, Fr George Denison, Bp. Christopher Wordsworth, Fr Cecil Cooper, Sr Emily of the Holy Rood, Fr James Frampton, Sr Julia, Sr Lucy, Jack Kingston.

### Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9



Jesus' lament over Jerusalem employs a powerful and heart-breaking image - the mother hen who tenderly protects her chicks. There's that fierce, unselfish love that's willing to do whatever it takes to care for the chicks, even if it means losing one's life, and Jesus will soon embody that kind of love.

Tom Wright draws on the image of a "farmyard fire" as the threat to the hen's babies, when "those cleaning up have found a dead hen, scorched and blackened, and live chicks sheltering under her wings." In the same way, Jesus longed to save Jerusalem, to warn her of impending doom; she would not listen to his warnings, and he would end up offering his life as well (*Luke for Everyone*).

There is also that persistent, unbreakable kind of love that Timothy Shapiro describes, when he compares Jesus to the mother hen whose love cannot be deterred by anything her little chick does or fails to do: "he's the mother hen who folds the covers down on the bed and puffs up the pillow, at the same time saying, 'Don't let me ever catch you doing that again'". What a beautiful way to describe both accountability and mercy!

*Kathryn M. Matthews*



### Lent Quiet Day

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

10am – 4:00pm

"Lord have Mercy"

Exploring God's forgiveness

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