



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 Lent Study Group

Friday

12 noon Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

5th Sunday of Lent – April 7th

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
Rejoice, this son of mine was lost and now is found. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.**

Hymn: 605

For your prayers this week

Pray the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean: Abp. James Wong Yin Song, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp Nicholas Reade. All Saints, Babbacombe, Fr Paul Jones. St Mary the Virgin, St Marychurch, Fr Robert Ward. St James, Norton Canes, Fr Neil Hibbins. The Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, Fr Graham Bott. St. Michael and All Angels, Cross Heath, Fr Derek Lloyd.

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

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for all mothers, give thanks for our own mothers and pray for those who are unable to have children.

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, Fr Huw.

Pray for the Departed Bp. Philip Elliott, Fr. Malcolm Boyd, Marguerite Morse-Boycott, Fr. John Kelly, Bp. Walter Frere, Sr Mary Augusta, Peter Rickard, Sr Teresa Mary.



Imagine dragging yourself down the road to your father's estate afraid that he will not accept you back, practicing your speech over and over: "Father,

I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers".

You and I also have the same fear. So we make a Lenten "firm purpose of amendment." We want to be "worthy" before God, with our sins hidden.

But pay very close attention to the young man's father in the parable. He spots his prodigal son far down the road, the boy still memorising his lines. Did his father fold his arms and put on an angry face? Not at all. He sets out running. The boy tries to blunder out his lines. 'I have sinned terribly! I am no longer worthy of ...'

His father drowns him out, calling for the finest robe in the house, plus a ring for the young man's finger, sandals for his feet, and a huge banquet for celebration. He understands. He is ecstatic that his son came home.

Apply that now to you and me. "I know what you have done, child," says God. "You are precious to me, and not because you never sin. I love you, you are forgiven. Let me hug you."

Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Lent Quiet Day

Saturday April 6th

10am – 4:00pm

"Lord have Mercy"

Exploring God's forgiveness

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