



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

THIS WEEK AT THE PRIORY

The Priory is closed on Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday – Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

Ascension Day Thursday May 30th

7:00pm Solemn Mass

7th Sunday of Easter June 2nd

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Hymns: 9

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Diocese of Agra (North India) Bp. Prem Habil, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society Bp Jonathan Baker. St Paul, Weymouth, Fr Richard Harper. St Michael & All Angels, Penwerris, Fr Mark Mesley. St James the Great Dudley. Fr Julian Mott. St Mark, Kingstanding Fr Philip Calvert. St Luke, Kingstanding: Fr Barry Smart.

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, Fr Huw, Roger, Sandy, Chris, Allan, Lloyd, David, Mary, Michael, Gill, Daniella.

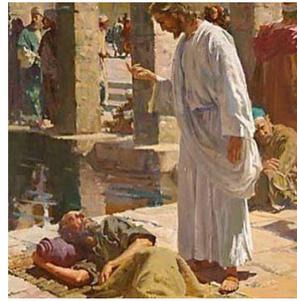
Pray for the Departed Mother Gertrude, Fr. John Macquarrie, Christopher Morgan, Henry Douglas, Margaret Boyson, Kathleen, Duchess of Newcastle, Sr Phoebe, Peggy Milsted.

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



Thirty-eight years is a long time to sit on your mat. Every day is the same little changes. Sitting on his mat has become a way of life for the man in today's gospel.

"As soon as I get to the water my life will be better. As soon as I get into the water my problems will be fixed."

The pool of Beth-zatha is an illusion. It tricks us into living an "as soon as" life. Most of us know what that is like. We say to ourselves, "As soon as this or that happens everything will be better".

"As soon as" You can fill in the blank with most anything. The problem is there will always be another pool of Beth-zatha. Meanwhile life has been put on hold. We sit on our mat, self-imprisoned by the circumstances of our life.

Jesus does not help the man get into the water. He comes to him on his mat, the same mat and situation the man so wants to escape and speaks words of life and resurrection. "Get up off your mat!" The man does not leave his mat behind. It goes with him. His circumstances are real. The difference is he now carries them. They no longer carry him.

Jesus doesn't change our outer circumstances. He changes us. He calls us into a new way of being, seeing, acting, speaking, thinking.

Common Worship

Daily Prayer for
Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come May 30th - June 9th

is a global prayer movement inviting Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Please use the prayer booklet for your daily prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost

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