



# THE PARISH CHURCH OF S. MICHEL DU VALLE

*Serving the people of the Vale*

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*Mothering Sunday  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

8.00am Said Eucharist

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

**We especially welcome all visitors and newcomers.**

**Collections** Last Week £205 Planned giving £175, Total £380, needed £2300 each week.  
The balance needs to be raised through other fund-raising activities - Thank you for your commitment.

*Retiring Collections* for our Church charities, **TARIRO** and **Safer, Guernsey**  
may be placed in the boxes at the back of the Church

**Please remember in your prayers**

**Those who have asked our prayers** Tony, Michelle, Barrie, Hilary, Josh, Julia, Fr John, Janet, Molly, Rosie, Joan, Val

**R I P** Anthea, Gordon

**The Year's Mind** Donald, George, William, Frances, Pamela, Diana, Patrick, Betty, Ian, Malcolm

*The Blessed Sacrament Lamp* burns this week for all those affected by Coronavirus and for those caring for them

WEEKDAY SERVICES & EVENTS	DAILY READINGS	PRAYER INTENTIONS	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hebrews 9.1-14	Les Amarreurs	Fr Stuart will continue to celebrate Mass regularly and this will be streamed onto Facebook alongside other prayer. Currently the plan for every day except Friday is to have Morning Prayer at around 9am, Mass at around 10am, and Evening Prayer at around 6pm – although this is subject to change. These will be streamed to our Facebook page, and Mass will be uploaded to our YouTube channel later in the day.  Our Facebook page can be found at <a href="https://www.valechurch.gg/facebook">https://www.valechurch.gg/facebook</a> and an archive of services and sermons from Vale Church can be found at our YouTube channel, at <a href="https://www.valechurch.gg/youtube">https://www.valechurch.gg/youtube</a> Please pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and that these restrictions won't last too long. Wishing you every blessing. Fr Stuart
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> 11.00am Funeral, Anthea Susan Toynton R I P	Hebrews 15-end	Lucksall	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	Romans 5.12-end	The worldwide work of the Mothers' Union	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 10.19-25	La Garenne	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 10.26-end	L'Abbaye	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 11.1-16	Route Militaire	
Next Sunday, <i>The fifth Sunday of Lent</i>			

*Many thanks* to all those who supported the Lent Lunches which now sadly have had to be discontinued. £414.75 was raised for **TARIRO**

*The Vale Church Magazine* should be available next Sunday and copies will be in church for collection. Please put the money in the wall safe. Deliveries will continue as usual.

**Thought for the week** We may not be attending the church, but its expenses are still being incurred. Please consider putting aside your usual donations each week so that they can be presented when things return to normal.

*Saint Michael the Archangel*, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME FOR REFERENCE AND YOUR DAILY PRAYERS**

## Readings for Mothering Sunday

### COLLECT

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'  
The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'  
She left him there for the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 127:1-4

**It is the Lord who builds the house.**

Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the guard keeps vigil.

**It is the Lord who builds the house.**

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

**It is the Lord who builds the house.**

### SECOND READING

**Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### THE GOSPEL Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

### POST COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith