

Readings & Prayers

Sunday 10.30am

Introit

Esto mihi in Deum protectorem

Be thou my God and defender, and a place of refuge that thou mayest save me: for thou art my upholder, my refuge, and my Saviour; and for thy holy Names's sake be thou my leader, and my sustainer.

(Ps) In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: but rid me, and deliver me in thy righteousness.

GLORY Be thou my God...

Ps 31:3, 4, 1

The Gloria is not said

Collect

Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues; without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (RSV)*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests... he is a leprous man, he is unclean; the priest must pronounce him unclean; his disease is on his head. "The leper who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry, 'Unclean, unclean.' He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone in a habitation outside the camp.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 (RSV)*

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please all men in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45 (RSV)

A leper came to Jesus beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴²And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people." ⁴⁵But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that this oblation may in such wise cleanse us from all our sins: that we, thy servants being sanctified both in body and soul; may worthily offer unto thee this our sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted like as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy &c.

Communion *Manducaverunt et saturati*

They did eat and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their hunger. *Ps 78:30*

Postcommunion

We beseech thee, Almighty God: that we who have received this heavenly food; may thereby be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Gregory

A parish dedicated to the life of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday 11th February

6th Sunday in Ordinary time (Quinquagesima Sunday)

A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.

'Of course I want to.'

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!?" Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

During the time of Moses, people believed they could get leprosy and other similar diseases just by being near people who had such skin disorders. Therefore, it was the custom to send these people away from their homes and villages to live. They even had to identify themselves as "Unclean, unclean" to warn others to stay away from them. The suffering that the afflicted people endured from their diseases was compounded by the suffering of being separated from their families and friends.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

In this reading Paul is very specific about how we should do everything for the honour and glory of God. Even simple daily acts like eating and drinking can be done in awareness of God's presence and with gratitude for God's blessings. Paul advises us to give no offense to anyone and to please others by placing their needs before our own whenever possible. When we do these things, we are imitating Christ as Paul did.

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

Today's story describes a man who is so excited and happy that he has to tell everyone he meets what has happened to him. The man with leprosy firmly believed that Jesus could cure him and he begged Jesus to do so. Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the afflicted man, and said, "Be cured." And the man's deformities were immediately healed. Although Jesus instructed him to speak only to the priest about his cure, the man could not restrain himself. He told so many people that Jesus had to retreat to the desert to avoid the crowds who followed him everywhere.

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

8am Tue-Fri 12.45pm Mon-Fri

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

Music at today's Solemn Mass

Introit: William Walton Set me as a seal upon thine heart

Harold Darke Collegium Regale in E Mendelssohn O for the wings of a dove

Hymns: NEH 436, 378, 391

News & Events

Pancakes and Prosecco

Before we go into the rigours of Lent, there will be our famed *Pancakes and Prosecco*. This year, it will be on **Tuesday 13th February at 6.30pm**. (Note the earlier time!) A contribution of £10 to cover costs would be appreciated.

Ash Wednesday Masses

There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday:
8.00am (Ordinariate Use); 12.45pm (Novus Ordo); 7.00pm High Mass

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Every Friday in Lent after the 12.45 Mass.

Ordinariate Membership Cards

Those who are Roman Catholics within the Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham are invited to take away a devotional card and fill in their name in the space provided. It is conveniently designed to be folded and fitted into a wallet or purse. Among other things it reminds members of their duties and obligations as Latin Rite Catholics, but also the special duty of praying for the unity of the Church.

Catholic Union Charitable Trust lecture on Thursday 1 March 2018 at 6.30pm – Professor Roger Trigg on “Cakes, Conscience and Freedom”.

Professor Trigg is emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Warwick and the author of “Equality, Freedom and Religion” amongst many other books. He will address the tension between freedom of religion and the principles of equality and non-discrimination in cases such as Ashers Bakery (the so-called “gay cake” case) in the UK.

VENUE: Notre Dame University, 1 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG (off Trafalgar Square). Free admission. Followed by a Reception.

To register to attend, please use Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/catholic-union-charitable-trust-13493819133>) or contact the office on 020 8749 1321 or info@catholicunion.org.uk.

Day	Feast/Day	Time	Notes	Please pray for: THE SICK Susan Elliott Smith, Rae Collins, Peter Oliver, Rosa Negra, Assumption Fernandez, Khady Gounougo, Paddy Naughton, Simon Ollivant, Sally Ward Enticott, Mick Batten, Ignatius Leong, Pauline Doherty FAITHFUL DEPARTED Kobi Nelson
Sunday 11th February	Quinquagesima Sunday (5th in Ordinary Time)	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	Petro Zakurilo RIP People of the Parish	
Monday 12th February	feria	12.45pm	Donor's Intentions	
Tuesday 13th February	feria	8.00am 12.45pm 6.15pm Rosary	Andrew Hanahue RIP	
Wednesday 14th February	ASH WEDNESDAY	8.00am 12.45pm 7.00pm High Mass	Catherine Clark (Sick)	
Thursday 15th February	Lent feria	8.00am 12.45pm	Candida Meñez(RIP)	
Friday 16th February	Lent feria	8.00am 12.45pm		
Saturday 17th February	Lent feria	12 Noon (1962 Missal) 6pm Mass (Sunday vigil)	Janinz Sierota (RIP 3rd Anniv.) Fr Pat (RIP)	

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Ep 1:17,18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Or

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

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Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Or

Jn 3: 16

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord,
so that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

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