

Readings & Prayers Sunday 10.30am

Introit

The sorrows of death came about me; the pains of hell gat hold upon me: and in my tribulation I made my prayer unto the Lord, and he regarded my supplication out of his holy temple.

(Ps) I will love thee, O Lord, my strength:

the Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my Saviour.

GLORY The sorrows of death... *cf Ps 18:4-7, 1, 2*

The Gloria is not said

Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences; may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; 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 *Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (RSV)*

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren—him you shall heed— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They have rightly said all that they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not give heed to my words which he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (RSV)*

Brethren:

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord; ³³but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried woman or girl is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit; but the married woman is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Circumdederunt

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28 (RSV)

[In the city of Capernaum] on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching! With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Prayer over the Offerings

We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept these our prayers and oblations: that we being cleansed by these heavenly mysteries, may obtain of thy great mercy the fulfilment of all our desires; 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

Illumina faciem

Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee. *Ps 31:18*

Postcommunion

Strengthen, O Lord, we pray thee, with these thy gifts the wills of thy faithful people: that we receiving the same may seek them more earnestly; and seeking the same may obtain them everlastingly; 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 28th January 4th Sunday in Ordinary time (Septuagesima 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.

What is Septuagesima Sunday?

Septuagesima Sunday occurs three weeks before the first Sunday of Lent. It marks the start of what might be called a mini 'pre-Lent.' It is a time when we begin to ease ourselves towards the rigours of Lenten fasting and preparation. Having just celebrated the joyful season of Christmas and Epiphanytide, the Church begins to focus on the reasons why the Word was made Flesh: to redeem us from slavery to sin, and also on the price that we would pay for our salvation. Traditionally, the Gospel on this day was that of the Prodigal Son, reminding us of the depth of God's love for us. No matter how far we stray from his friendship, God always welcomes the repentant with loving arms. The word 'Septuagesima' means 'seventieth', though it is not clear why. Some scholars suggest that it refers to the seventy years of Babylonian captivity. If so, it is a fitting image, which reminds us that Jesus leads us out of captivity to sin, and into the promised land of eternal life with our Heavenly Father. As a sort of ante-chamber to Lent, it was suppressed in the liturgical reforms, but has been restored to use within the Ordinariates. Purple vestments are used, and Alleluia and the Gloria are not said. For all of us, it is an opportunity to turn our hearts towards Lent, and to prepare for that season of grace.

This Sunday's Readings

First reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The key word in this week's first reading is 'listen.' Moses promises the people that the Lord God would raise up a prophet from the people. He will speak the words that the Lord commands him to speak, and it will be the responsibility of the people to listen. The people of Israel often refused to listen to the prophets, and turned their back on the Lord. Moses warns the people of the danger of a refusal to hear what the Lord God has to say through his prophets. As today's psalm reminds us: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul continues to remind his readers of the necessity not being unduly attached to the things of the world. Whether married or unmarried, old or young, we are made for a life hidden with Christ in God. Such a life requires us to cultivate a certain detachment from this world, because our true homeland is in Heaven.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil. “With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons. The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment. And as God by His word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world, and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus, Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons.

SUNDAY MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

8am Tue-Fri 12.45pm Mon-Fri

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

Music at today's Solemn Mass

Herbert Howells Communion Service *Collegium Regale*

Andrew Carter *Mary's Magnificat*
Johannes Eccard *When to the temple Mary went*
Hymns: NEH 186, 33, 182, 184

News & Events

Today is Racial Justice Sunday

Pope Francis reminds us that 'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ.' (Message for the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018.) Today, Racial Justice Sunday, is our opportunity to contribute generously to the work of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. Envelopes are available at the back of Church: please give these to the collectors on your way out after Mass.

Bishop Nicholas

It is very good to have Bishop Nicolas Hudson with us at the 10.30am Mass as our preacher today.

Mass for the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) for the Benedictine Monks of Norcia

Friday 2nd February at 6.30pm: a Sung Mass will be celebrated by the Prior, Fr Benedict Nivakkov OSB. Norcia is the birthplace of St Benedict. The monastery where the monks live was devastated by an earthquake in 2016, and the monks are engaged in the effort to rebuild it. We are pleased to welcome them to Warwick Street and hope that as many as possible will make the effort to attend, and to pray for them in their efforts. The music will be provided by our Choir, and will include Byrd's Mass for Four Voices and Motets by Lassus. You can find more about their life of prayer on their website: <https://en.nursia.org>

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.

Check out our website:

www.warwickstreet.org.uk.

Day	Feast / Event	Time	Intention	Please pray for:
Sunday 28th January	Septuagesima Sunday (4th in Ordinary Time)	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish Mr & Mrs Nicholas (RIP)	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
Monday 29th January	feria	12.45pm	Mr & Mrs N.D. Pius (RIP)	
Tuesday 30th January	feria	8.00am 12.45pm 6.30pm Rosary	Deceased members of the Murphy Family	
Wednesday 31st January	St John Bosco Priest	8.00am 12.45pm 7.00pm Low Mass (1962)	Corazon Duka (1st Anniv) Irene's intention	
Thursday 1st February	feria	8.00am 12.45pm	Private intention	
Friday 2nd February	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	8.00am 12.45pm 6.30pm	Friends of the Ordinariate Monks of Norcia	
Saturday 3rd February	Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore	12 Noon (1962 Missal) 6pm Mass (Sunday vigil)	Private intention	

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Readings & Prayers Saturday 6pm & Sunday 5pm

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Collect

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:

for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second reading

I Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Ps 105: 47

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Or

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

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