

# MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

## Introit

*Circumdederunt* (Cf. Ps 18:4-7, 1, 2)

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:  
GLORY. The sorrows...

## 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 -13

**Zephaniah 2:3,3:12**

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,  
who do his just commands;  
seek righteousness; seek humility;  
perhaps you may be hidden  
on the day of the anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst  
a people humble and lowly.

They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,  
those who are left in Israel;

they shall do no injustice  
and speak no lies,

nor shall there be found in their mouth  
a deceitful tongue.

For they shall graze and lie down,  
and none shall make them afraid.

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

## Gospel

At that time:

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

**W**E 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

*of Pre-Lent*

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* (Ps 31:18,19)

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.

## Postcommunion

**S**TRENGTHEN, 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.

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**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

**SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY—THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God: what we refer to as the "Sermon on the Mount." This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes: the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God: the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.

## This Sunday's Readings

### First reading

**Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13**

Zephaniah prophesied in Jerusalem during the reign of King Josiah, who sought to reform and purify the worship of the Temple in accordance with the law of the Lord. It is the humble and lowly, those who seek the Lord's will and those who do his commands who will be pleasing to the Lord. It is a reminder that God is merciful AND just, saviour AND judge. God loves us, not just as we are, but as we are called to be.

### Second reading

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Paul reminds the Corinthians that, as Jesus taught his disciples, the values of the Kingdom are not those of the world. Those who are lowly, those who seem to have no earthly wisdom, or strength, or power, are more aware of their need of God, and that it is in Jesus, who himself was condemned to die as a common criminal, that righteousness and redemption is to be found.

### Gospel

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

### SUNDAY MASS

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

### WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

### HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

*As advertised.*

### CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

### SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Diocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on [safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk).

# NEWS & EVENTS

**Our Website:** [www.warwickstreet.org.uk](http://www.warwickstreet.org.uk)

Please visit our website for further information about our activities, for upcoming events, to access past newsletters, or to learn about the Ordinariate!

**Music at Today's Solemn Mass:** Richard Judson O nata lux Franz Schubert Mass in G; Andrew Carter Mary's Magnificat; Johannes Eccard When to the temple Mary went .

## Crib Figures

As you may be aware, we are lucky to have a very fine quality set of crib figures. As is traditional, the crib scene of the the Holy Family will remain until Candlemas. The Magi are returning by a different route to their own countries, and the shepherds, along with the sheep and the cows, have gone back to abide their fields.

However. Time has taken its toll on the figures: the angel's wings are broken; their clothes are dirty; one of the Magi has lost a finger, and all of them have lost their gifts. In short, they need to be professionally restored, the cost of which will be £1980. If you feel able to contribute to the cost of this, it will be greatly appreciated.

## Ash Wednesday

This Sunday is Septuagesima Sunday, which marks the start of a short season of preparation for Lent. St Paul VI describes it as the 'front porch of Lent', and it enables us to be spiritually ready for Ash Wednesday and the weeks that follow.

Ash Wednesday falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February, and there will a Mass at 12.45pm and a Solemn Mass at 6.30pm.

It is a day of fasting and abstinence, which means that we restrict ourselves to two small meals and refrain from eating meat.

## Date for your Diary:

Father Aidan Nichols OP, the noted theologian and author, will give the next Benedict XVI lecture, organised by the Friends of the Ordinariate, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm here at Our Lady of the Assumption. His topic will be, "Benedict XVI and the Conversion of England". This will be preceded by Mass at 12noon.

## Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026: the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust's Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The accommodation will be at the Anglican Shrine, and the total cost will be £345, including a non refundable deposit of £60. There will be Mass at the Catholic National Shrine, daily Catholic Mass, as well as liturgies in the other traditions represented, including Anglicans and Orthodox. Further details on the leaflet at the back of Church.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	SEPTUAGESIMA (4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)	6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	<p><b>Please pray for:</b></p> <p><b>THE SICK</b> Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul</p> <p><b>FAITHFUL DEPARTED</b></p>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	No Mass		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore, Archbishops	12.45pm 6pm Rosary		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass	Our Exodus 90 Group Ally Rodrigues and family	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	12.45pm		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	12.45pm		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady on Saturday	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	Stephen Wiley RIP	

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## MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

### 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,  
God, for ever and ever.

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I will leave in your midst  
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They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD,  
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a deceitful tongue.  
For they shall graze and lie down,  
and none shall make them afraid.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalms 145(146):6-10**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

### Second reading

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**Ps 105: 47** demption; so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

### Gospel Acclamation

**Mt5:12a**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

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### 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

**Cf. Ps 30: 17-18**

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:

**Mt 5: 3-4**

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.