

MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Invocabit me (Ps 91:15, 16,1)

He shall call upon me, I will hearken unto him; I will deliver him and bring him to honour: with length of days will I satisfy him.

(Ps) Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

GLORY. He shall...

Collect

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit; we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

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Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

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Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel

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Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."' Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Prayer over the Offerings

GRANT, we beseech thee O Lord, that we who offer unto thee this sacrifice in the beginning of our Lenten fast: may use such abstinence from carnal feasting; that we may likewise refrain ourselves from all pleasures that may hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

Preface of 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; who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. 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, holy, holy &c.

Communion

Scapulis suis (Ps 91:4,5)

The Lord shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Postcommunion

Grant, O Lord, that this holy Sacrament, which we have received may in such wise deliver us from our former nature; that we may be worthy to enter into the fellowship of thy saving mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY LENT ONE

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent: these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in his image (see Genesis 5:1-3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6-8; 91:11-13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

In his hour of testing, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away. Still we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation. But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

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 Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk.

NEWS & EVENTS

Our Website: 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:

Harold Darke in A minor Psalm 77, Felix Mendelssohn *Verleih uns Frieden*

Crib Figures

As you may be aware, we are lucky to have a very fine quality set of crib figures. 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. They have now gone off to be restored, and if you are interested in contributing towards their cost, please have a word with Fr Mark.

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Every Friday at 6.30pm, with the Order of Malta. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

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 7th 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.

Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm

The Freeman Ensemble, a group of talented musicians from Haberdashers' Elstree Schools will perform a concert of vocal music including Bernstein's famous Chichester Psalms.

Day	LENT ONE	Time	People of the Parish	Please pray for:
Sunday 22 nd February		6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish	THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul
Monday 23 rd February	Feria in Lent	No Mass		
Tuesday 24 th February	Feria in Lent	12.45pm 6pm Rosary	Salina Lo RIP	FAITHFUL DEPARTED Nigel Morphew
Wednesday 25 th February	Feria in Lent	12.45pm 6.30pm Solemn Mass	Our Exodus 90 Group People of the Parish	
Thursday 26 th February	Feria in Lent	12.45pm		
Friday 27 th February	Feria in Lent	12.45pm 6.30pm Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 28 th February	Feria in Lent	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)		

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MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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.

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Responsorial Psalm

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

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Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

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Gospel Acclamation

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Prayer over the Offerings

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.