

MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit *Exsurge, quare obdormis* (Cf Ps 44:23-26,1)

Arise, O Lord, wherefore sleepest thou? Awake and cast us not away for ever: wherefore hidest thou thy countenance, and forgettest our adversity and misery? Our belly cleaveth unto the ground; arise and save us, O Lord, our helper and our deliverer.

(Ps) O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have told us.

GLORY. Arise...

Collect

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: mercifully grant; that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Isaiah 58:6-10

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to undo the straps of the yoke,

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and to break every yoke?

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and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

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and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

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the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

if you pour yourself out for the hungry

and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trem-

bling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

‘You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.’

Offertory *Perfice gressus meos* (Ps 17:5, 6b, 7)

O hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps may slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O Lord; thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

Prayer over the Offerings

WE beseech thee, O Lord: that this sacrifice, which we offer unto thee; may evermore avail to quicken and defend us; 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 ̎.

Communion

Introibo (Ps 43:4)

I will go unto the altar of God: even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

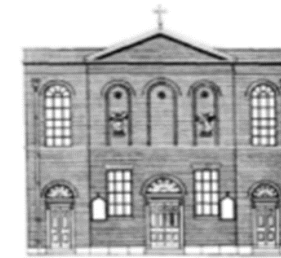
Postcommunion

WE humbly beseech thee, Almighty God: that we whom thou dost vouchsafe to regenerate with thy holy sacraments; may continually serve thee in all virtuous and godly living; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY—THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith to be a people of good deeds, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with the world: we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found their way to the Father.

This Sunday’s Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbours and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, “Christ and him crucified.”

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As his disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” he tells us in the Gospel this Sunday All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned his Kingdom with the Kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity.

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: Giovanni Croce: *Missa Sexti Prima Toni* Gabriel Fauré Cantique de Jean Racine

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

Ash Wednesday falls on 18th 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 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 7pm

The Freeman Ensemble, a group of talented musicians from Haberdashers' Elstree Schools will perform a concert of vocal music including Berstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Please save the date. There will be a plate for donations towards the Organ Fund. The concert is coordinated and part directed by Keith Brown.

Sunday 8 th February	SEXAGESIMA (5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)	6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish	Please pray for: THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 9 th February	Feria	No Mass		
Tuesday 10 th February	St Scholastica, Virgin	12.45pm 6pm Rosary		
Wednesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass	Our Exodus 90 Group	
Thursday 5 th February	Feria	12.45pm		
Friday 6 th February	Feria	12.45pm		
Saturday 7 th February	Sts Cyril & Methodius	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)		

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MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,
they may be defended always by your protection.
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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Psalm Response:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

Second reading

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ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

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Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God,
who once established these created things
to sustain us in our frailty,
grant, we pray,
that they may become for us now
the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Or

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice,
grant us, we pray, so to live
that, made one in Christ,
we may joyfully bear fruit
for the salvation of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

John 8:12

Matthew 5:13-16

Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Mt 5: 5-6