

# MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

## Introit

*Esto mihi (Ps 31:3, 4, 1)*

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...

## The Gloria is not said

## Collect

**O** 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

*Sirach 15:15-20*

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

## Second reading

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

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'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him' —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

## Gospel

*Matthew 5:17-37*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

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'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

**G**RANT, 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 ☩.

## Communion

*Manducaverunt (Ps 78:30)*

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

## Postcommunion

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

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**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY—THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

This is the last Sunday before Lent gets underway. In the pre-Season weeks this Sunday is known as Quinquagesima Sunday, and the opening words of the Collect for Sunday morning's Mass, 'O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth' remind us that, as Lent gets underway, all our fasting, all our discipline, whatever we do in order to grow in holiness before God and our neighbour, must be underpinned by love. St Paul articulated this memorably and beautifully in the famous thirteenth chapter of the first letter to the Corinthians: 'If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.' (1 Cor 13: 1-3 ESV)

## This Sunday's Readings

### First reading

*Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20*

The reading from Sirach reminds us of our God-given human freedom. We have the power to choose—to say 'yes' to the commandments of God, or to say 'no.' Before us 'are life and death, good and evil' and our choice determines what we shall experience. God's commands are life-giving and produce good; those who choose to keep them understand that the commands are meant to lead us to true happiness.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

Paul's letter to the community in Corinth begins with the distinction between God's wisdom and the 'wisdom of this age.' Every age, it seems, has its own 'wisdom' which does not align with Gospel values. In Paul's time there were issues certainly, which he tried to address through his letters. And today there are issues in which there seems to be a 'popular wisdom' at odds with the Gospel. Have you ever heard someone justify wrong doing by saying, 'Everybody's doing it'? Have you listened to the 'wisdom' of commercials which aim to convince people they will be happier if only they purchase a certain product? Sometimes real wisdom is glaringly clear; other times we have to search out what true wisdom is in a given situation. And always, the Spirit of wisdom is there to guide us.

### Gospel

*Matthew 5:17-37*

Today's Gospel from Matthew is one of the most intense accounts of the way Jesus changed things. 'You have heard it said' he begins each part of his teaching and then goes on to say, 'But I say to you.' He does what he said he would do—not abolishing the laws of God—but fulfilling them. He never says, 'You have heard it said "You shall not kill" but I say it's okay.' On the contrary, Jesus' teaching requires more—don't be angry or name-call. In fact, Jesus says, if you are going to offer your gift at the altar and remember that your brother has anything against you, leave the gift and go to be reconciled. We are called to keep the commandments, of course, but we are called to more.

## 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:

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. 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 is this Wednesday, 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.

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 *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.

Day	Feast/Event	Time	Notes
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	QUINQUAGESIMA (6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)	6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	No Mass	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	12.45pm 6pm Rosary	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	ASH WEDNESDAY	12.45pm 6.30pm Solemn Mass	Our Exodus 90 Group People of the Parish
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria in Lent	12.45pm	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria in Lent	12.45pm	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Feria in Lent	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	

### Please pray for:

#### THE SICK

Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul

#### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

# MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

## Entrance Antiphon

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

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**Responsorial Psalm Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R1b**  
**Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!**

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

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**Cf. Ps 30: 3-4** heaven.

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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

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

## Or:

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.

**Cf. Ps 77: 29-30**

**Jn 3: 16**

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