

MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Latare Jerusalem (Is 66:10,11; Ps 122:1)

Rejoice, ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye who delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolation.

(Ps) I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

GLORY. Rejoice ye...

Collect

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished; by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

First reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In those days: The LORD said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Gospel

John 9: 1-41

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not

keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

Prayer over the Offerings

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that they may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness; and for the attainment of everlasting salvation; 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; 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

Jerusalem quae edificatur (Ps 122:3,4)

Jerusalem is built as a city, that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

Postcommunion

OMOST merciful God, who never failest to fulfil us with these thy holy mysteries: grant, we beseech thee; that we may ever approach them in all lowliness and sincerity, and receive them inwardly with all faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH LENT FOUR (LÆTARE SUNDAY)

When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened” There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world.

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's first reading, and he calls David, the youngest and, in the eyes of the world, the least likely. And yet the Spirit rests upon him mightily, and is to be a shepherd like Moses before him. David is thus also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

As we are enlightened in Baptism, we are called, like the blind man in today's Gospel, to receive the gift of faith, and to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and God, and to worship Him. In Baptism, we have been made children of light, and to put away the works of darkness.

Gospel

John 9: 1-41

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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:

Introit: *Laetare Ierusalem*; Harold Darke *Collegium Regale in E*; Herbert Howells *O pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

Stations of the Cross in Lent

Every Friday at 6.30pm.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

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. There will be a plate for donations towards the Organ Fund. The concert is coordinated and part directed by Keith Brown.

Chrism Mass—Thursday 26th March at 11.30am

Bishop David will bless and consecrate the Oils of the Sick, Catechumens, and Chrism on this day, and the Priests of the Ordinariate will be present to renew their priestly promises. This is one of the most significant annual events in the life of the Ordinariate, as it is for any Diocese. Please put this date in your diary.

Holy Week & Easter

Please see the poster for details of the liturgies of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Watch

As always, we try to keep the Watch going until midnight. Naturally, many of who have come a distance will need to get home,. If you *are* able to stay later, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church, and take one of the later slots. Many thanks.

Day	Lent	Time	Special	Prayer for
Sunday 15 th March	LENT FOUR	6pm (Saturday Vigil) 10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish Luzviminday L. Ruizo (Health)	Please pray for: THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 16 th March	Feria in Lent	No Mass		
Tuesday 17 th March	Feria in Lent	12.45pm 6pm Rosary 6.30pm OCIA Group (at Spanish Place)	Eloise R. Cheever (Birthday)	
Wednesday 18 th March	Feria in Lent	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass	Abraham L. Ruizo (Health) Exodus 90 Group	
Thursday 19 th March	ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the BVM	12.45pm		
Friday 20 th March	Feria in Lent	12.45pm 6.30pm Stations of the Cross		
Saturday 21 st March	Feria in Lent	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	Thérèse (Birthday)	

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MASS PROPER SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
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

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

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Cf. Is 66: 10-11

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Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
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Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil
to reach the highest good.
Through Christ our Lord.