

Mass Propers

Sunday 10.30am

Introit

Cantate Domino (Ps 98: 1, 3b, 2)

O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia: for the Lord hath done marvellous things, alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he showed his righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia.

(Ps) With his own right hand: hath he gotten himself the victory. GLORY. O sing...

Collect

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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

Acts 6:1-7

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Gospel

John 14:1-12

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'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O GOD, who by the wondrous operation of this sacrifice, hast made us partakers of thy glorious Godhead: grant, we beseech thee; that we who are taught the knowledge of thy truth, may in all our conduct walk worthily of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

Preface of Easter

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. 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

Ego sum vitis (Jn 15:5)

I AM the true vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord our God: that we, who have in faithfulness received this holy Sacrament; may thereby be cleansed from all our iniquities, and delivered from all dangers that beset us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 3RD MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel today: 'I am the gate of the sheepfold.'

Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we go through Jesus, the gate, by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

The Scriptures

First reading

Acts 6:1-7

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word." The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9,16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up spiritual sacrifices—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

Gospel

John 14:1-12

By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

SUNDAY MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

8am Tue-Fri 12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLIDAYS 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!

May– Month of Our Lady

Why not deepen your devotion to our Lady by coming to Rosary on Tuesdays at 6pm? You will be praying with our Lady for the homeless and the conversion of England!

Ascension Day:

Thursday 14th May. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, when we are required to attend Mass unless some serious reason prevents us from doing so. In addition to the 12.45pm Mass, there will be a Sung Pontifical Mass at 6.30pm.

Corpus Christi and the Eucharistic Octave

Once again, the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, will be celebrating a Eucharistic Octave, during which various Rites and Usages of the Mass will be celebrated. It begins on Saturday 30th May, and concludes on the 6th June. On Friday 5th June, Fr Mark will celebrate a Sung Mass in the Ordinariate Use at 6.30pm.

On Sunday 7th June, the Annual Corpus Christi Procession, which involves Maiden Lane, Spanish Place, the Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham, & the Order of Malta, will take place. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Warwick Street from 2.00 to 3.30pm, when the Procession will continue from Warwick Street to Spanish Place, where the Rt Rev. Paul Mason, *Bishop of Armed Forces*, will impart Pontifical Benediction.

For full details, follow this link: <https://catholicengland.org/programme/>

Portugal Day

Once again, we will be celebrating our links with the Portuguese Embassy and community. HE Nuno Brito, the Portuguese Ambassador, has confirmed that he will be attending, and we look forward to welcoming him and members of the Portuguese Community on **Sunday 14th June. Please make a note of the date in your diary!**

Sunday 3 rd May	EASTER 5	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	<p>Please pray for:</p> <p>THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Norma Skeggs, Paul</p> <p>FAITHFUL DEPARTED Sally Ward-Endicott</p>
Monday 4 th May	Easter feria	NO MASS		
Tuesday 5 th May	Easter feria	12.45pm		
Wednesday 6 th May	Easter feria	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass (Latin)		
Thursday 7 th May	Easter feria	12.45pm		
Friday 8 th May	Easter feria	12.45pm 6.30pm Solemn Pontifical Mass		
Saturday 9 th May	Our Lady on Saturday EASTER 6	12noon (Latin) 6pm (Sunday Vigil)		

WHO'S WHO AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Mass Propers Saturday 6pm & Sunday 5pm

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

**May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.**

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

The word of the LORD is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except by me.'

Alleluia!

Jn 14:6

Acts 6:1-7

Gospel

John 14:1-12

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Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.