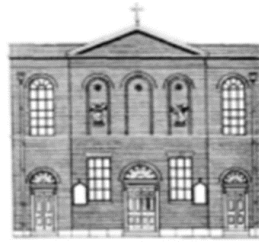


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND ST. GREGORY WARWICK STREET, LONDON W1B 5LZ

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SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY & 21ST IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

In the first reading, God is speaking to Shebna, an official in the king's palace. Shebna has been more concerned with building up his own power than in serving God. He exercises his authority over others rather than for them. So he will be replaced by Eliakim, who will hold the "key of the House of David on his shoulder." This key is a symbol of authority that comes from God. A good leader places his or her trust in the Lord. In the Bible a key is often used as a symbol of authority and of opening and closing. Leaders have the responsibility of opening the doors of happiness and wisdom for those whom they serve. Pray for all who have positions of leadership, that they will use their authority wisely.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-3

Although this second reading is from a letter, it sounds more like a song. Realizing that God created everything and keeps everything in existence, Paul bursts into this hymn of praise. He is awed by God's mysterious ways, which are beyond our understanding. Make the prayer of St. Paul your own: To God be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus challenges his disciples with the question "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter, the spokesman of the group, replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." As soon as Simon confesses this deep faith, Jesus changes his name to Peter, which means "rock." Peter is to be the firm foundation on which Jesus will build his Church. Jesus also gives him the symbolic "keys of the kingdom of heaven." Peter would have the authority of leadership in the Church after Jesus' ascension. Today, the Pope with the bishops, the successors of Peter and the apostles, exercise that same authority.

SUNDAY MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS

8am Tue-Fri 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

Fr Mark's retirement

Fr Mark writes:

As I announced recently, I will be retiring from Warwick Street at the end of September. My final Sunday will be Sunday 27th September. I will then be helping out in the Diocese of Brentwood for a few months, and then, DV, will move to the lovely town of Ludlow in Shropshire. It will be such a wrench: the last thirteen or so years have been very happy ones, crammed with fond memories, and wonderful and generous people who will always have a treasured place in my heart. As I said, I won't miss the many, many hours I have spent either waiting for the 139, or travelling on it, but this is the only memory I will not cherish. Much has happened in these years, and it has been a great joy to see the Church flourish as it now does. There will be a reception after the 10.30am Mass that day, and I hope to see as many of you as possible there!

For the Diary: 5th September—March for Life

please put this in your diary. It would be good if we could have a really strong representation at this important event. Further details will be available in due course, but it is worth noting that there will be a very good turnout of Bishops, including Bishop David.

Intentions at Mass

At the beginning of Mass, after the greeting, the priest may mention the Mass intention. Offering Mass intentions dates back to the early Church. Inscriptions on tombs in the Roman catacombs show requests for prayer, and Saint Monica asked her son, Saint Augustine: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." There is no greater prayer than the Mass, because it is the perfect offering of Jesus, the Son of God, to His heavenly Father. A longstanding practice exists in the Catholic Church of offering a specified amount of money (called a Mass offering or Mass stipend) for a particular intention to be remembered by the priest in the celebration of Mass. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a specific intention, please have a work with Fr Mark.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August:

For evangelisation in the city.

Sunday 23 rd August	12th after Trinity 21st in Ordinary time	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	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, Ben Broadbent FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 24 th August	ST BARTHOLOMEW. APOSTLE	No Mass		
Tuesday 25 th August	feria	12.45pm	Natalia Ferguson (intention)	
Wednesday 26 th August	Bl Dominic Barberi, Priest	12.45pm 6.30pm Low Mass (Latin)	Jason Arday RIP	
Thursday 27 th August	St Monica, widow	12.45pm	Private intention	
Friday 28 th August	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	12.45pm		
Saturday 29 th August	The Beheading of John the Baptist	12noon 6pm	Salussolia Family Intentions People of the Parish	

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MASS PROPER

SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
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.

First reading

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Psalm

Psalm 137:1-3,6,8

**O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
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discard not the work of your hands.

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3 Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA

See Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.
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Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

MASS PROPER

SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Deus in adiutorium (Ps 70:1, 2)

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord, let them enemies be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul.

(Ps) Let them be turned backward and put to confusion: that wish me evil.

GLORY Haste thee...

Collect

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of 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.

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Offertory

Precatus est Moyses (Ex 32:11, 12b, 13, 14)

Moses besought the Lord his God, and said: Why, O Lord, doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people? Turn from thy fierce wrath; remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to whom thou swarest to give a land flowing with milk and honey; and the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Prayer over the Offerings

REGARD, O Lord, we pray thee, this our bounden duty and service: that this sacrifice may be an oblation acceptable unto thee; and effectually avail for the succour of our frailty; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

Of the Lord's Day: God the Holy Spirit

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 by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. 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

De fructu operum (Ps 104:13b, 14, 15)

The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man. And oil to make him a cheerful countenance: and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Postcommunion

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that we who have received this holy Sacrament: may in such wise feel the effectual succour of the same; that we being preserved both in body and soul may glory in the fullness of thy heavenly healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.