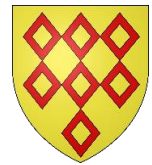


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2–3 March 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent

“During His stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many trusted in Him, because they saw the signs He did ... but Jesus did not trust Himself to them. He knew what was inside people.” Jn 2.23

This week's diary and prayers ...	
Confessions Before or after any week-day Mass; or before or after the Saturday Vigil (from 4.45); or by appointment at any point in the week.	
Sat 2 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Lent 2</i> Vigil Mass – for Roberto Cabay RIP (Birthday remembrance)
SUN 3 8am 10am R: Glorious	3rd SUNDAY of LENT Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – for Nduka Nduka-Eze and Special Open Meeting
Mon 4 9.30am 7.00pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Lent 3; Comm. S Casimir</i> Mass – Growth of our parish Lent Group 2 Prayer and the image of God; Prayer of intercession
Tues 5 9.30am 11.00am R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Lent 3</i> Mass – For our young people Funeral Mass for Imelda O'Halloran
Wed 6 10.30am R: Glorious	<i>Feria of Lent 3</i> Funeral Mass for Sheila Day
Thurs 7 R: Luminous	<i>Feria of Lent 3; Comm. SS Perpetua & Felicity</i> No mass [Reading: Luke 11.14-23]
Fri 8 7pm R: Sorrowful	<i>Feria of Lent 3; Comm. S John of God</i> Stations of the Cross and Mass Those dying in war <i>Friday abstinence</i>
Sat 9 5.30pm R: Joyful	<i>Feria of Lent 3; Comm. S Frances of Rome</i> Vigil Mass – for Pat and Patricia Coyle (good health)
SUN 10 8am 10am R: Glorious	4th SUNDAY of LENT Mass – for the people of the parish Parish Mass – Maria Ivonne Rebelo RIP (Birthday remembrance)

A WARM WELCOME, especially if you are new to the parish. **Please take this newsletter home.**

♦ **Parents and carers** please do what you need to keep children content and quiet. Feel free to walk them at *the back of the church*, but do not let them distract others. (The service is amplified into the Narthex too.) And, for everybody's safety, *please accompany* any child to the toilet. Thank you

♦ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is a **special open meeting**: see over →

♦ **The ORDER of Mass** can be found on the new pew Mass card.

FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

♦ **Before Mass** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made, and You forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Please, unless you under 7, stay silent now until Mass begins.*

♦ **Scriptural readings** are to be found on **pp.158-61** of the Mass Book.

♦ **During the Psalm all say:** 'You, Lord, have the message of eternal life'

♦ **All sing: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

'I am the resurrection and the life', | *says* the Lord:

'He who believes in me | *will* ne- ver die.'

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

♦ **After the Dismissal:** *Ave, regina caelorum*



**Hail, Queen of Heav'n, beyond compare,
To whom the angels homage pay;
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light
That opened for the world's new Day.**

**2 Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,
In whom our ransom was begun,
For all your loving children pray
To Christ, our Saviour, and your Son.**

Priest Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin
All **Give me strength against thine enemies**

Together **BE FOR US, O merciful God, a defence against our weakness, that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise from our iniquities, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♦ **The Repository** has books suitable to help children follow the Mass, Easter cards and a renewed range of small gifts. Please pop in today.

♦ **If this has been your first time** in Church for a while, you may find **Catholic Listeners** useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri

♦ **Mass Intentions are down** Is that possibly a barometer of prayer in the parish? Intentions do not need to be for the departed: the *living* also need the prayer—parents, kids, grand-kids and friends ... even yourself.

♦ **Baptism, Confirmation** (First Communion), **Anointing of the Sick, and Marriage:** all by appointment – please contact Fr Jonathan

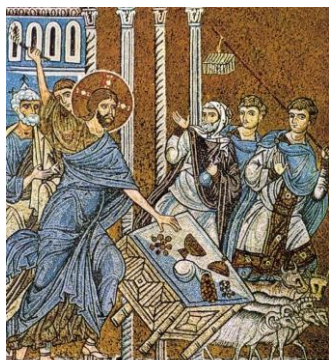
♦ **Funerals:** by arrangement with Fr Jonathan through your chosen Funeral Director

♦ **Northwick Park Hospital:** for a chaplain, contact 020 8967 5130

♦ **Sign up** for the **Catholic Bishops News Service** - www.cbcew.org.uk/newsletter-signup/

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures Three readings: the law God presented to Moses, the "scandalous and foolish" news Paul preached in Corinth, and the violent outburst of Jesus in the Temple. Challenging readings.

The ancient Jewish religion ended in AD70 with the destruction of the Second Temple. It spawned in course of the next few centuries two successors: Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. Both are, to a greater or lesser extent, spiritual heirs of an ancient people who always stood out; whose religious beliefs and behaviours set them at odds with the mainstream in whatever age and place they lived.



The ancient Israelite law is at the centre of our scripture readings this Sunday and it challenges us to reflect on the extent to which the new understanding of that law which emerged from the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth is counter-cultural in our age and place – even in a society that identifies itself as Christian.

The Church is *semper reformanda* – that is, continually

AFTER THE 10.00am MASS

Please join others in the Hall

Every Bishops' Conference has been asked to contribute more on the Synod process. **Parishes must feedback by end of the week.** As I announced two weeks ago there is a meeting (round tables, over coffee) after 10am Mass today (25th). Two themes; two questions each.



Conversation Theme 1: Shared responsibility (20 mins)

Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique mission to proclaim Christ, sharing responsibility for the Church's mission overall

Q.1: How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to 1) those who have never heard of Christ? 2) lost contact with Christ? 3) those with whom we worship?

Q.2: How should we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?

Conversation Theme 2: Equipped and ready (20 mins)

To enable each person to participate actively in the Church's mission, according to his or her own gifts and calling, they need to be equipped

Q.3: What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?

Q.4: What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are currently organized?

Weekly Almsgiving on 25/02/2024

Loose Plate	£ 393.73
Envelopes	£ 347.36
Standing Orders & Online	£ 465.00
TOTAL	£1206.09

Readers	2 Mar	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
	3 Mar	8am	Georgina Martins
	10am	Maureen Ruane	
	9 Mar	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
	10 Mar	8am	Amalie Direkze
	10am	Patrick Arthur, Pereira family	

Church Cleaning Rota 9 Mar Team B

Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaitè
16 Mar C Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira
Volunteers are sought to clean the church on 23 March. The usual rota will resume with Team A on 30 March.

reforming itself – and at every stage in history when a major push emerged to purify Christianity, the *whole* culture of the age, religious as well as secular, was presented with a great challenge. So let's ask in today's Mass, to what extent does the Christianity we practice *challenge* the 21st century?

First Reading (OT): Exodus 3.1–8, 15–15 The history of humanity can easily be seen as the history of idolatry, whether they be carved images, emperors, material goods, science, or celebrities. We very casually use the word 'adore' about things that are *not* God. The commandments and the law were given by God 1) to set the ancient tribes of Israel *free from* idolatry, and 2) to create a pact, a covenantal relationship. A people who keep *these laws* will *recognise*, and will *steadily grow more like*, the One they worship. But only – only! – if like learning the piano or losing weight, they stuck with it!

Second Reading (NT): 1 Cor 1.22–25 Everyone loves a hero, whether (like the ancient Jews) one who can perform miracles, or (like the ancient Greeks) one who was immensely wise. Paul preached a hero who was crucified. He would be the hero of all who felt themselves weak and vulnerable, and they would find in such a hero, the power and wisdom of God.

Gospel: John 2.13–25 The Jews had betrayed the Temple's foundation and purpose. It was no longer a house of prayer for all peoples, a worthy dwelling for God. Jesus turned on those responsible.

◆ **Lent course - Heart in Pilgrimage** The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in a Year of Prayer. Therefore, **each Monday evening in Lent, in church, 7.00-7.50 pm** I'm offering some session on prayer. **Please come!** After last week's unexpected break, Monday (4th) will be our second session: "Prayer and the image of God; Prayer of intercession"

◆ **Parish Income and Expenditure** The last few years have been unusual in all our lives, not least financially. You will see on the Notice Board a summary of the parish's financial story, of income and expenditure, for each of the last four years ending 31 December 2023. If you have any queries please feel free to raise these with one of the members of the Finance Committee.

◆ **Requiescat 'Joe' (Ray) Kulanthai** passed away early last Monday morning, at the end of a week's hospice care. He will have been known to many in the parish. Please pray for him, and for Alexandra and their two children

◆ **A golden way to prepare for the Sacred Triduum, at a golden price!**



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◆ **Retrouvaille ('reunion' in French)** is a Catholic programme, but is open to married couples of any faith. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church, to any married couple who wishes to address difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. The programme is presented over a weekend by trained volunteers who themselves have experienced it, including a priest who believes that it makes a great offer to couples in difficulties. If this is you, maybe a first step is to see what others have said: www.retrouvaille.org.uk/stories.html or ring 07961 391889 (Caroline) or 07884 490235 (Michael).

◆ **Next Sunday** is Laetare ('Rejoice') Sunday (how about coming to church in pink)! also Mothering Sunday, when we thank God for our mothers; and as we'll be half-way through Lent, I'll share an examen/reflection to help us all prepare for *Easter Confessions*.

