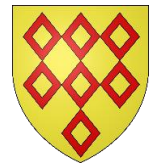


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10–11 February 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Jesus stayed out in the open country, and people from all around came to Him” Mk 1.45

This week's Masses, Intentions and Rosary	
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 10 5.30pm R: Joyful	St Scholastica, Memorial Vigil Mass – for Bharati Shukla RIP (1 st Anniversary)
SUN 11 R: Glorious	6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Sunday before Lent Day of Prayer for the Sick
8am	Mass – for Johnson and Lucy Rebelo (26 th Wedding Anniversary)
10am	Parish Mass – for Eric Chandler RIP (Birthday remembrance)
12.30pm	Baptism of Scarlett Joy Campbell
Mon 12 9.30am R: Joyful	Feria, 6th week of Ordinary Time Mass – for Maria Ferros (Birthday intention)
Tues 13 9.30am R: Sorrowful	Feria, 6th week of Ordinary Time Mass – for Sean Kelly RIP
Wed 14 9.30am 7.00pm R: Glorious	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass – Thanksgiving (Maria Shukla) Mass – for the people of the parish
Thurs 15 R: Luminous	Thursday after Ash Wednesday No mass [Reading: Luke 9.22-25]
Fri 16 7pm R: Sorrowful	Friday after Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross and Mass for Giovanni “John” Amasanti RIP (Anniversary) <i>Friday abstinence</i>
Sat 17 5.30pm R: Joyful	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Vigil Mass – for Peter Amandini RIP (Anniversary)
SUN 18 8am 10am R: Glorious	1st SUNDAY of LENT Mass – for Alec Moody RIP Parish Mass – for Derwin Dean RIP

- ◆ **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday after Mass until 8pm
- ◆ **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

◆ **Returning to faith?** or to the Church? You may find **Catholic Listeners** useful on 0800 448 0704 (a free telephone helpline) 4–7pm, Mon, Tues and Fri

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

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 move around *at the back of the church*, or in the Narthex where the service is relayed. Please do not let kids run around. And, for everybody's safety, *accompany* any child to the toilet.

◆ **AFTER the 10am Mass** there is an opportunity to greet and meet one another in the Parish Hall.

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

FOR SUNDAY'S MASSES

◆ **Before Mass** **ALMIGHTY** God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Please stay silent.*

◆ **Scriptural readings** are to be found on **pp.137-9** of the Mass Book.

◆ **During the PSALM all say:** ‘You are my refuge, O Lord; You fill me with the joy of salvation’

◆ **All sing:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of | our mind;

So that we can see what hope His | call holds – for us.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **After the Dismissal, the ANGELUS** (reminder ... A B A)

Priest The Angel of the Lord ...

All **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.** Hail Mary ...

Priest Behold the handmaid ...

All **Be it unto me according to thy word.** Hail Mary ...

Priest And the Word was ...

All **And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary ...

Priest Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.

All **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Say together: POUR FORTH, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

All sing the Hymn (to the tune ‘Praise my soul’)

‘Alleluia’, song of sweetness,

Voice of joy that cannot die;

‘Alleluia’ is the anthem

Ever dear to souls on high:

In the house of God abiding

Thus they sing eternally.

‘Alleluia’ cannot always

Be our song while here below;

‘Alleluia’ our transgressions

Make us for a while forgo;

For the solemn time is on us

When our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,

Grant us, blessed Trinity,

Bring us all to keep thine Easter

In our home eternally,

There to thee for ever singing

Alleluia joyfully.

REFLECTIONS on today's scriptures Religion has often been used as one of the means of *excluding* people, or as a way of creating an elite or perfect group. But it's clear from Jesus's words and actions that the kingdom of God is open to everyone: inclusive of all those who live a holy life. Indeed, Jesus directed much of His energy to those at the margins of society, who were believed to be rejected by God: and therefore, justifiably by men. The most touching scene in the 1960's Hollywood biblical spectacular *Ben Hur* was the moment where the hero's mother and sister, both afflicted by leprosy and outcast, were caught in the *shadow* of Jesus carrying His cross. Their faith healed them.

First Reading (OT): Leviticus 13.1–2, 44–46 *Leviticus* is a book of laws, principally laws regulating life and worship in the Temple, including the control of the sick in the Temple. This reading sets out how people afflicted with leprosy, a virulent skin disease, had to be segregated. It doesn't make easy reading, but speaks to the realities around a disease still present in half the world. Though the text deals with cleanliness; it was frequently taken to mean the sufferer was a sinner. Jesus in the Gospel proves otherwise.

♦ **LENT COURSE** Lent is a time for turning again to the practice of faith - in self-denial (fasting), practical generosity (almsgiving) and prayer. Ash Wednesday is the starting line, with its acknowledgement of our *need* of renewal, followed then by five weeks that culminate in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week. Not long. Also, this year, in advance of 2025's Jubilee Year, The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in a Year of Prayer. Neglect of prayer is the single most mentioned sin in our confessional. So, while I can't give alms on your behalf, or fast for you, it seems we're being nudged to think about prayer.

Therefore, **each Monday evening during Lent, in church, 7.00-7.50 pm, starting on 19th Feb**, I'm offering a series of five sessions. Please join me.

✱ **The Heart in Pilgrimage: a Lent course on prayer** ✱

Wk1 Prayer, a relationship First, listen	Wk4 Prayer of praise Prayer of thanksgiving
Wk2 Prayer and the image of God Prayer of intercession	Wk5 Prayer of request Prayer of silence
Wk3 Praying with scripture Praying within history	Prayer with eyes open

www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk Lent each year sees the launching of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. More as Lent starts.



Late to Mass Each week, for the last three, over 30 people have arrived *after* 10am Mass has begun. We cannot always be on time, but we can aim to be. It's worth reminding ourselves that Mass is a

single act of worship, and we ought to be there from beginning to end. People sometimes ask, 'How late can I arrive at Mass and it be okay?' I'm loath to answer because it's a question for which there is no right answer. Except that someone who arrives after the consecration certainly has not attended Mass, should not receive Communion, and if it's Sunday, go to another Mass.

But arriving in good time to settle and pray, genuflecting as you enter the church, is not just a question of obligation but of love and respect for Our Lord, who has graces in store for us in each part of the Mass. It is also a sign of respect for the community with whom we worship—here at St William's, and throughout the world—and which *needs* our presence and the contribution of our prayers in each moment.



PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE:

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 10.31–11.1 In the early Church, eating food offered to idols was a 'hot potato' and led to misunderstandings among the community. Paul counsels mutual charity: avoid hurting others by the stand you take on the question. More generally he counsels people *against* seeking advantage over others. He advises them to take him – whom they know well – as their model, because he takes *Christ* as his model.

Gospel: Mark 1.40–45 The new testament focuses less on whether Jesus was *able* to heal – that much was clear: of course, He was! – than on what the healings *signify*. This is particularly the case in the cure from leprosy we hear about today. We have seen from the extract from *Leviticus* that lepers lived exiled from society, alone or in special colonies of the like-affected. Jesus insisted that the healed man take the steps – required by the Law of Moses – to achieve his reintegration into the community. This miracle of Jesus touches not only the leper, but all those around him. Healing the leper meant challenging the ingrained attitudes of a whole society. We witnessed a reflection of this gesture when the late Princess Diana first touched AIDS victims.

'Towards October 2024' ... what's that? ... the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Every Bishops' Conference has been asked to contribute more on the Synod process, for which ours needs diocesan feedback by 17 March, which means **parishes must feedback by end of February**. Quite tight! The key question that has emerged is 'How we are tackling the renewal of our sense of *mission*: that is, *building up* communion, and *widening* participation?' We have been asked to arrange a parish meeting to address some given questions on this theme. It will last **one hour**, and to maximize participation I propose to hold it in the hall **after 10am Mass**, during the coffee period on **Sunday 25th February, Lent 2**.

URGENT RENTAL APPEAL Our good Ukrainian friends Yuri and Viktoria, and their two children, have had difficult news. Their nearby flat is being sold. Do you—or anyone you know living in Stanmore—have a two-bedroom apartment, or rooms in your house, that this commendable family may rent? First contact, and references from Fr Jonathan.

DIARY DATES ...

♦ **Tues 20 Feb 'Evangelizing post-Christian Britain'** 7pm at St James', Spanish Place, Marylebone. Lecture followed by a Q&A and refreshments. Tickets £5 - See the Noticeboard

♦ **19–26 July Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 1) Go as a pilgrim; 2) Go as an assisted pilgrim; 3) Sponsor a sick person to go and pray for them. For more information contact rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/ or 020 7798 917

Votive lights burn this week at
Our Lady: for Thanksgiving and peace in the world
and for our families
St William & St Catherine:

Readers

10 Feb	5.30pm	Lily Meghji
11 Feb	8am	Daphne Byron
	10am	Pereira family, Tim & Mel Goodger
17 Feb	5.30pm	Jennifer Bourke
18 Feb	8am	Freda Adzinku
	10am	Robert Chandler, Nwawulor family

Church Cleaning Rota

17 Feb Team B Tim Goodger, Laura Willoughby, Indrè Balçaitè
24 Feb C Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira

Weekly Almsgiving on 4/2/2024

Loose Plate	£ 326.31
Envelopes	£ 405.00
Standing Orders & Online	£ 695.00
TOTAL	£1426.31

