

7th March 2021: Third Sunday of Lent (B)



WE PREACH A CRUCIFIED CHRIST.

Christ have his life in love to his Father; in a way beyond human understanding, his death shows the wisdom of God. Christ rose again from the dead; the message of eternal life is contained in Christ's death and resurrection.

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 06	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Kath & David Camp RIP
Sun 07	✠ <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i> 09.30 Kenneth Coley RIP 11.00 Dorothy Sinclair RIP
Mon 08	09.30 Josephine Anthony RIP
Tue 09	09.30 Thanksgiving for Vaccine against COVID19
Wed 10	09.30 Wellbeing for Samuel Lowell
Thu 11	09.30 Sue Hordiyenko RIP
Fri 12	09.30 Thanksgiving for Priscilla's Birthday 19:00 Stations of the Cross
Sat 13	09.30 People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Alan Mode RIP
Sun 14	✠ <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Laetare Sunday</i> <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i> 09.30 James & Anne Kiernan RIP 11.00 Kiera McCalla RIP

Spiritual thought

"Stop making my Father's house a market-place"

I imagine myself visiting the Temple when Jesus enters. I am accustomed to the money-changers, and to the hucksters who convenience worshippers by selling cattle, sheep and doves for the ritual sacrifices. The fury of Jesus startles and upsets me, makes me think. Surely these guys are making an honest few bob? But this is the house of God. When money creeps in, it tends to take over. Is there any of the Christian sacraments untouched by commercialism? Christening parties, First Communion money, Confirmation discos, wedding feasts.....They are meant to be the touch of God at key moments in our lives, but can God get a hearing amid the clatter of coins? (Sacredspace 2021)

COVID Vaccination Concerns

Dear all, I am a local GP and I often see many of our patients in the congregation. COVID vaccines have been developed to reduce the suffering and spread of the disease. They may be the route to the end of the pandemic! People who have the vaccine are

- 20 times less likely to become infected with the disease,
- and much less likely to need to be admitted to hospital.

Whether or not you choose to have a vaccination is a very important and personal choice; however there is a lot of information going around which may be confusing and making it difficult to make a choice. Please contact to parish on sydenham@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 778 9460 or drop a note into the parish with any questions or worries you may have about the COVID vaccines. I will be available at the end of mass on Sunday 14th March to answer these concerns. Please stay safe.

Dr Michelle Williams

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Pew Kneelers

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18:30 (29) Sunday: 09.30 (55), 11.00 (56)

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Parish Secretary

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING – Exodus 20: 1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 18

R. **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever

believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL – John 2: 13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.