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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor  
Organist: Ms Linda Pan



## THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Passiontide begins  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**THE PARISH MASS**  
SUNG  
**10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

A New People's Mass  
by Dom Gregory Murray OSB (1905-1992)  
Hymns in NEH (green book)

Please join in with the Bold Type

### ¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ¶ THE ASPERGES

Stand

The celebrant blesses the water.

Dear Friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it and keep us faithful to the Spirit he has given us.

Lord God almighty, Creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless ✠ this water: As we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil. Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation: Free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Salt is blessed.

Almighty God, we ask you to bless ✠ this salt as once you blessed the salt scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha. Wherever this salt and water are sprinkled, drive away the power of evil, and protect us always by the presence of your Holy Spirit. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The salt is poured into the water in silence.

The celebrant kneeling at the altar steps sprinkles the altar thrice, then himself, and rises & sprinkles the Servers and People whilst the following is sung from **Psalms 51**.

### Antiphon

**Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Have mercy on me, O God, after thy great goodness.

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

And according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away mine offences.

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

**Thou shalt purge me, etc.**

After the sprinkling of the water, the celebrant standing at the steps of the altar sings,

Show us your mercy, O Lord. **And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, hear my prayer. **And let my cry come unto you.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send your holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this holy place, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

*Psalms 43: 1-2*

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

### The Processional Hymn: 79

The royal banners forward go (Tune: Gonfalon Royal)

### The Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

### Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

### The Confiteor

**I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;**

(And, striking their breast, they say)

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;**

(Then they continue)

**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.**

### The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### The Collect

Most merciful God,

who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

### First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms: 130

**R. / With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>3</sup> For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R. /**

<sup>4</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

<sup>5</sup> My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. **R. /**

<sup>6</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;

<sup>7</sup> With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R. /**

### **Second Reading from the New Testament**

**A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Romans (8: 6-11)**

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand & turn to face the Gospel*

### **Gospel Acclamation and Reading**

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

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

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name. *Cf. Philippians 2: 8-9*

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ John (11: 1-45)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' <sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Homily**

*Stand*

### **Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise)**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again 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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**✠ and the life of the age to come. Amen.**

*Remain standing*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Celebrant*

Sisters and Brothers, as we prepare for the paschal feast, let us earnestly offer prayers and supplications to God through his Son, saying, God of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

*Intercessor 1*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church that we may continue to keep a holy Lent by prayer, fasting, meditation on your Holy Word and works of justice. God of compassion.

*Intercessor 2*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness the gospel may be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. God of compassion.

*Intercessor 3*

For those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation during Eastertide, and for their teachers and sponsors. God of compassion.

*Intercessor 4*

For peace and justice in all our dealings with one another, and that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. God of compassion.

*Intercessor 5*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, refugees, prisoners, travellers and all in danger; and all who suffer that they may be relieved and protected. By name we remember all on our prayerboard and also ...

*(Celebrant reads the names on prayer list ...)* God of compassion.

*Celebrant*

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, we pray for the recently departed, *especially...*

and all whose anniversaries fall at this time, *especially...*

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

*The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

**S. Joseph of Nazareth, Pray for us.**

**S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles**

**S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron**

**S. Augustine and S. Monica**

**S. Benedict and S. Scholastica**

**S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi**

**All you angels and saints.**

Merciful God

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing

## ¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

### The Offertory Hymn: 90

O Sacred head, sore wounded (Tune: Passion Chorale)

Remain standing

### Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Here follows **the Preface** in which the celebrant praises God for his mighty acts, and all respond:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

**AMEN.**

## ¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

### The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name;**

**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.

In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress

as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with those immediately around us, a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.

### Agnus Dei

during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten, placing a small piece in the chalice.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

### Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### Communion Antiphon

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

S. John 11: 25-26

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

**Amen.**

and then receives.

### \* At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion \*

As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13<sup>th</sup> century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

### The Communion Hymn: 92

There is a green hill far away (Tune: Horsley)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

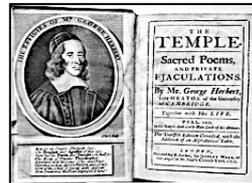
### THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

### Blessed George Herbert Priest, Poet (1593 – 1633)



His two major works were both published posthumously: **A Priest to the Temple**, or **The Country Parson**, a treatise on the priestly life (1652), and **The Temple**, (1633), his major collection of poetry, from which these poems are taken.

### VIII. THE SINNER.

**LORD, how I am all ague, when I seek**

**What I have treasured in my memory !**

**Since, if my soul make even with the week,**

**Each seventh note by right is due to thee.**

**I find there quarries of piled vanities,**

**But shreds of holiness, that dare not venture**

**To show their face, since 'cross to thy decrees :**

**There the circumference earth is, heaven the centre.**

**In so much dregs the quintessence is small :**

**The spirit and good extract of my heart**

**Comes to about the many hundredth part.**

**Yet, Lord, restore thy image, hear my call : [groan,**

**And though my hard heart scarce to thee can**

**Remember that thou once didst write in stone.**

### CXXV. THE CALL.

**COME, my Way, my Truth, my Life :**

**Such a Way, as gives us breath :**

**Such a Truth, as ends all strife :**

**Such a Life, as killeth death.**

**Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength :**

**Such a Light, as shows a feast :**

**Such a Feast, as mends in length :**

**Such a Strength, as makes his guest.**

**Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart :**

**Such a Joy, as none can move :**

**Such a Love, as none can part :**

**Such a Heart, as joys in love.**

## ¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

### Postcommunion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## ¶ NOTICES & ANY BANS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

### The Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### The Dismissal



### The Recessional Hymn: 94

*We sing the praise of him who died (Tune: Bow Brickhill)*

### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary; **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary...**

And the Word was made flesh.

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

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

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

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### Organ Voluntary

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∞ PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU & MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS. ∞

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## THE KALENDAR

### MASS & Other Service Times in church

5th of Lent – 22nd to 28th March 2026

**SUN, 22nd,** MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm**  
**MON, 23rd,** of Passiontide, No Public Liturgies  
**TUES, 24th,** S. Oscar Romero, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**  
**WEDS, 25th, Annunciation of the BVM,** EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**  
**THURS, 26th,** of Passiontide, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**  
**FRI, 27th,** of Passiontide, EP 6pm  
**SAT, 28th,** of Passiontide, **Stations of the Cross 6.30pm**  
**Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm**

**DAILY OFFICE:** MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer



**NOTE: British Summer Time begins!**  
**CLOCKS go forward one hour!**

## 29th MARCH 2026 HOLY WEEK BEGINS PALM SUNDAY

MORNING PRAYER at 9am

**PARISH MASS CHORAL** at the earlier time of **10.00am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

## THE NOTICES

### DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Observe the **Spiritual Disciplines** of:

self-examination & repentance, prayer, fasting, & self-denial, reading & meditating on holy scripture, acts of mercy & justice.

\*Pray the **Daily Office** every day, privately or publicly in church.

\*Attend **Mass** every Sunday & during the weekdays.

\*Pray the **Angelus, Rosary** and the **Jesus prayer**.

\*Make your **Confession** during Lent to prepare for Easter.

\*Attend the **Stations of the Cross**, Fridays, 6.30pm EP at 6pm

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in

**HOLY BAPTISM** &/or in **HOLY CONFIRMATION**

## Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

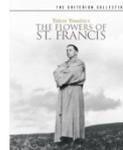
Thursday, 7th May 8.30- 10pm on Zoom.

When we will watch and discuss the film,

**'The Flowers of Saint Francis'** (1950)

Directed by Roberto Rossellini.

All welcome. Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.



## CHURCH CLEANING every Saturday after Mass/MP until 12.30pm.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'**

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **E.g. If you earn:**

£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.  
£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week. £20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.  
£25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week. £30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.  
Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade 1 Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

**We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.**

**GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT:** Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** information leaflet and Direct Debit Form, on the Parish Website

**ONLINE GIVING:** Our **Give A Little** page is available on our website, via the **Donate** button, or here: <https://bit.ly/spd-giving>

## ✠ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✠

On the **Parish Website, Church Noticeboard** (churchyard forecourt) & **Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email** directly from the link on the website or by sending an email to:

[stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com](mailto:stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com)

sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)