Worship the Lord

Today is 4th Sunday of Lent (B)

10:30 am Parish Mass

Followed by refreshments

Monday St Johns Clevedon

6:00 pm Mass

Tuesday All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass.

Wednesday
11:00 am
Coffee Church
All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass

Friday St Johns Clevedon

10:00 am BCP Mass

Saturday All Saints Church

10:00 am Mass with Stations of the Cross

Next Sunday is 5th Sunday of Lent.

10:30 am Parish Mass

Pray for Gods People

Those who are in need, including: Mary, Enid, Eunice, Gary, Paula, Angela, Mike, Alan, Barry, Val, Pam, Emma, Yvonne, Steve, Keith, Suzanne, Deirdre, Sarah, Nichola, John, Andy, Shelley, Kimberley, Christine, Julie, Maria, and all who receive Communion at home, all who mourn the death of a loved one, and all who are lonely at this time.

Those who have died recently including: Roy Harding, Albert James Opatovsky, John Scammell And those whose anniversaries of death fall at this including: Walter Robins (10th), Patricia Hales (13th), John Guliver (14th), and Joan Heaton- Ward (16th). Rest Eternal Grant to them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Calendar and Events

Welcome if you are visiting our Church today for the first, please stay for refreshments after Mass.

Dates for your diary: See of Oswestry.

<u>Chrism Festivals:</u> Thursday 21st March Gloucester

Cathedral 11:00 am Tuesday 26th March Exeter

Cathedral 11:00 am. For further information of timing and the services visit The See of Oswestry Website.

The Electoral Roll is being revised in readiness for the APCM on the 14th of April. Forms are at the back of Church if you would like to enrol.

Please think about taking an ACS Lent giving Box they are still available

Our Lent course, led by the Revd Canon Nicola Stanley, entitled 'How to Pray better' will be offered at 3:30 for 4pm each Monday of Lent other than 11th March, at St Saviour's Hall.

Saturday 23rd March 7:30 Costanzi Consort present Miserere. Choral music for Lent featuring the immortal Miserere by Gregorio Allegri. £15:00 (£7:00 students and U18.) Tickets available www.costanziconcert.org.uk

Maundy Thursday. We need twelve volunteers to sign the list at the back of Church to have your feet washed at Mass. And also for the watch in the Garden of Repose. We have half hour slots from about 9.00pm until 11.00pm and need two people as a minimum per slot.

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4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday 10th March 2024

Our Worship Today

On this Laetare Sunday, we rejoice in the light that has come into the world through the Son of God, and in the grace through which we have been saved.

Our Hymns Today

Hymns Today are from New English Hymnal
Procession 185 Sing we of the blessed Mother
Offertory 285 For the beauity of the earth
Communion 63 All ye who seek a comfort sure
Recession 184 Shall we not love thee, Mother
dear

The Word of the Lord

Reading 2 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

God's persistent love and mercy in the face of rejection are revealed

Reading 2 Ephesians 2:4-10

Through grace, not by our own efforts, we have been saved, so that we may live the good life God has always meant us to live.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Christ is the light of the world, come not to condemn but to save, and those who live by the truth come into that light.

Note: Other prayers and readings may be used if the Scrutinies are celebrated today.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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. *Amen.*

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation."

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.""

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 136

RESPONSE: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth

if I remember you not!

- By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. R.
- For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
 "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs." R.
- O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! R.
- 4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! R.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned:

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already.

because he has refused to believe

in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world

men have shown they prefer

darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong

hates the light and avoids it,

for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth

comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION .

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.

Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



