



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 4 MAY 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish



The Parish Priest Writes...

BY FR ANTHONY FURLONG IC

Third Sunday of Easter. On the shore of Lake Tiberias, one of the Holy Sites administered by the Franciscans is the church of the Primacy of Peter ("Feed my lambs") in memory of the Resurrection Appearance related in today's Gospel. Let us continue our prayers for peace in the Holy Land, that we may be able, once again, to revere these locations as Pilgrims of Hope.

On this, my first Sunday with you, allow me to introduce myself via a potted autobiography.

I was born and raised in Liverpool, joining the Rosminians in 1980, shortly after graduating from Loughborough University where I gained a degree in Transport Management and Planning, originally intending to make my fortune in airport management! Following novitiate, I returned to Loughborough for teacher training and taught at Ratcliffe College until 1983. Priestly studies were then undertaken in Rome, culminating with ordination at Ratcliffe in 1987. After a further 5 years on the staff of the college, I then worked on the South Wales parishes for 11 years. There followed a period of 6 years in formation work in Rome as Rector of Collegio Rosmini (one of the students being a certain Br. Tom Thomas), then after a year back in the classroom at Ratcliffe, I was appointed parish priest at Rugby in 2010.

In 2015 I transferred to St. Peter's Cardiff, but a cancer diagnosis in 2018 caused my retirement to the Rosmini Centre House of Prayer on the campus of Ratcliffe College. After surgery and several satisfactory scans, I was deemed fit enough in February 2022, to move to Derryswood in Womersley to assist the rector in administering the house which is home to a number of our retired brethren and I've also been involved in chaplaincy work at Ladywell convent and Holy Cross in Haslemere.

In addition to priestly duties, I've been a trustee of Ratcliffe College, the Ely Place Trust and the UK Province of the Institute of Charity for a number of years. Being already familiar with the unique apostolate of St. Etheldreda's, I look forward to serving as your parish priest. Please be patient as I familiarise myself with the beauty of the sung Latin!

Sunday's Music (11am)

Byrd Mass in 4 parts

Byrd Ave verum

Byrd Venite comedite

Vidi Aquam, Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvam fac

Organ Voluntary: Buxtehude Praeludium in G

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Thought for the week

The Lord has given all the means whereby we may, if we please, maintain ourselves in His grace; and they are means which cannot fail. What better safeguard can we have than the protection of Our Blessed Lady? Is not the dear name of Mary balm for all our wounds? I wonder how often you have experienced the comfort of this name, the aid of her who is the Mother of all who have recourse to Her; for at the mere thought of this Mother of God and our Mother calm returns to the soul and serenity to the mind. Gladness accompanies the mere mention of her name; by invoking it we renew our courage, even in moments of greatest discouragement and fierce conflict, and we put the enemies of the soul to flight.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

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Today's Readings

Acts 5: 27–32, 40–41; [9 am Mass only.
Psalm 29. **Response: "I will extol you,
Lord, for you have raised me up."];
Revelation 5: 11–14; John 21: 1–19.**

Pre-Conclave Mass of the Holy Spirit

There will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 6 May at 5.30pm to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinals gathered in Rome before the Conclave starts on Wednesday. The principal celebrant of this Mass will be His Excellency the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. All are welcome to attend.

Priest Training Fund

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund (Diocese of Westminster) will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from the Diocese of Westminster. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. There are also 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available on the cloister table. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.

Coffee Morning

Do come to the crypt for refreshments after the 11 am Mass today to welcome our new parish priest, Fr Anthony Furlong IC, to the parish. It's a great opportunity for us to introduce ourselves and to make him feel at home. We also assure him of our prayers for his ministry at St Etheldreda's.

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

The Westminster Way

'A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full.'

(Spes non confundit 5))

To celebrate the Jubilee Year, one of our diocesan initiatives is to invite you to travel in the steps of the martyrs and saints, who are 'Beacons of Hope', beginning at Tower Hill and ending at Westminster Cathedral. Go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/> for detailed information.

Getting married at St Etheldreda's – how to proceed

You should e-mail the Parish Priest at least 6 months before your intended wedding explaining who you are, your religious background, why you wish to get married at St Etheldreda's, and when (exact day, if possible). If the church accepts your request you will be invited to a preliminary meeting where the initial paperwork will be completed and the whole procedure will be explained and set in motion.

Collections

9 am: -- 11 am: --
Contactless: --
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£426.44.**

Mass Intentions

Sun 4th May
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
William Carey RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 5th May
Easter Feria
1.00 pm

Tue 6th May
Easter Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Conyers RIP

Wed 7th May
Easter Feria
1.00 pm
Terri Canzone RIP

Thu 8th May
Easter Feria
1.00 pm
Maureen D'Souza RIP

Fri 9th May
Easter Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

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