



NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

'A spring of water welling up eternal life.'



3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

The violence and instability in the Gulf and Middle East is troubling, surely, to any compassionate soul. On the one hand, we are justly outraged by a political regime willing to impose order and continuity by murdering thousands of their own (mainly) young citizens who take to the streets to demand change. On the other hand, "Just War Theory" taught by the Catholic Church insists that armed aggression in defence of the defenceless must be authorised by government (that's Congress in the US Constitution) and have a high likelihood of success. The spiralling violence may suggest a grave moral error is being committed. Let us redouble our prayers for peace – a gift of our Saviour which is so commonly spurned by humanity.

Thanks to those who have supported CAFOD through the recent Family Fast Day appeal. For the rest of this penitential season, our continuing self-denial can be linked to our support for Providence Row who work right here for rehabilitation of the homeless. Contributions may be placed in the marked wall-box in the cloister, whilst the collection point for Camden Food Bank also remains in place.

Fr Anthony Furlong IC

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.**

Today's Readings

Exodus 17: 3-7; [9 am Mass only. Psalm 94. **Response: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts!"**]; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42.

Sunday's Music (11am)

Palestrina Missa Emendemus
Palestrina Sicut cervus
Palestrina Super flumina
Credo IV, Ave Regina caelorum, Lent Prose

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Thought for the week

There is no better time for the practice of humility and patience than the time of sickness. How greatly we are assisted in recognising the just judgments of God, when we experience signs of decay and realize that death is hanging over us. All vain presumption falls away, and the falseness of pride gives way to the knowledge of our own nothingness. Every remnant of self-confidence dies within us, and in its place arises in our heart a spirit of self-abandonment and a most loving confidence in God alone.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us



Let us remember in our prayers:

Romilly Gardner and Stella Santorelli; to be Baptized this weekend.
Those who are sick, especially Geoffrey Cobden and John Manning.
Those who have died recently, Francis Duffy RIP

Road Closure

Will be in place weekend from 06:00hrs Saturday 21 March to 23:00hrs on Sunday 22 March 2026, which may affect you if are coming to church by car. There will be access to Ely Place via Holborn circus, marshals will be located onsite to assist where necessary.

Parish In Council

The second of our open meetings for all parishioners will be at 5 pm tomorrow (9 March) in the crypt. The purpose is to discuss any aspect or initiative in the life of the parish.

What's so special about Tyburn?

Learn about the 'seed blood' of the martyrs & how Tyburn came to be at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ. Weds 18th March, 6:00pm. Light refreshments provided. RSVP cenacletotheholyspirit@yahoo.com. Talk is free, but donations for the convent welcome.

Evangelisation Day

Seeds of Hope: Come and be renewed in faith, prayer and mission. Join fellow Catholics for a day of inspiration, reflecting and encouragement as we rediscover the joy of sharing Christ's love. Grow in confidence to share your faith with family, friends and all those you encounter.
Time: 11 am - 4 pm.
Date: Saturday 21 March 2026.
Location: Our Lady and St Vincent Parish, 243 Mutton Lane, Potter Bar, Herts EN6 2AT.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Couples marking Silver, Ruby or Golden Wedding Anniversaries are most welcome to receive blessings or renew their wedding vows as part of our Sunday celebrations. To book, please email us: enquiries@stetheldreda.com

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross following the 1 pm Mass each Friday. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

A big thank you to all who have already contributed to the Family Fast Day appeal. If you are giving your contribution today, please make sure any cash is in a CAFOD envelope. These can go into the main collection or be posted through the presbytery's letterbox.

The Lent Prose

This moving chant, based on a Mozarabic (Arab-influenced Spanish Christian) hymn of the tenth century, is sung at the end of the 11 am Mass on Sundays throughout Lent, taking the place of the Prayer for the King. You will find the text and translation on page 29 of St Etheldreda's *Ordo Missæ*. The number of verses sung increases with the Sundays of Lent.

Lenten Concert

The Westminster Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross: MacMillan's *Stabat Mater*, and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. The concert will take place on **Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm** in Westminster Cathedral. Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off>
The performance will begin with Sir James MacMillan in conversation with Fr Patrick van der Vorst, Cathedral Precentor and Founder of [Christian Art](http://www.ChristianArt.org) website.

Collections

9 am: Plate **£93.35**; Contactless: **£117.00** plus \$20 US dollars.
11 am: Plate **£231.00**; Contactless: **£95.00**.
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£554.52**.
Thank you.



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Mass Intentions

Sun 8th March
Third Sunday of Lent
9.00 am
The Crothers Family
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 9th March
Lent Feria
1.00 pm
James & Margaret Neoh RIP

Tue 10th March
Lent Feria
1.00 pm
Maria Fernandes GE

Wed 11th March
Lent Feria
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Thu 12th March
Lent Feria
1.00 pm
Sam Bodka RIP

Frid 13th March
Lent Feria
1.00 pm
Ann Haines RIP

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