



# NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

## The Sermon on the Mount



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

There are a couple of milestones in the liturgy of this coming week. Tomorrow (Monday) is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after his birth, as Joseph and Mary piously observe the Law of Moses. It's also called "Candlemas" and is the day on which we bless the stock of candles which will be used in church in the coming months. The tradition stems from the prophecy of Malachi 3:1-2 which sees the Lord "suddenly enter his temple" as a great light for both Jews and Gentiles, echoed in the words of Simeon in Luke 2.

This Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>) is the memorial of St. Blaise, an Armenian Bishop and Martyr of the fourth century and the patron protector against diseases of the throat. It is thought that this connection was due to his miraculous healing of a child with a tumour. Understandably, the blessing of throats is still a widespread practice today in the Armenian church, but the first Rosminian missionary to England, Luigi Gentili, brought the devotion with him from Rome in the 1830s and it has been associated with our order ever since. The "Ordo" (Liturgical Calendar) of Westminster mentions the blessing as an option for that day. It's the first time I've seen it publicised in a diocese and I believe there will be a good number at one o'clock Mass. St. Blaise, pray for us.

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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; [9 am Mass only. Psalm 145. **Response: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**]; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12.

## Sunday's Music (11am)

**Mozart** Mass in G K140  
**Mozart** Regina Caeli K276  
**Mozart** Laudate Dominum K339v  
*Credo III, Ave Redemptoris Mater, Domine salvam fac*  
**Organ voluntary: Mendelssohn** War March of the Priests.

**Music Director:** Robert Patterson

## Thought for the week

What I most wish from the Lord on this earth is to be able to purify myself from my innumerable defects, and to be healed from my countless failings, to hear in my heart the word of God and to keep it. O omnipotent word! Blessed are those who hear it and keep it! Such persons know that it is fire, which burns but does not consume (unless they are made of straw); but that it purifies, it brings life and immortality. This is the resting place for my will, and for my love.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

## Please Support Us



## Let us remember in our prayers:

Those who are sick, especially Geoffrey Cobden.

## Congratulations

To Michael and Carolyn Fawlke who will be with us at today's 9 am Mass to mark their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

## Standing Order Tokens

These new packs of envelopes are available today on the cloister table for parishioners who support the parish by **standing order** and wish to place a token in the collection baskets during Mass. Please take a pack if you would like to do so.

## We Dare To Ask

Is a resource for faith-sharing groups and individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. Each session uses scripture, prayers, a reflection and questions, to help us prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. For more details scan the QR code.



## 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: Plate **£61.20**; Contactless: **£79.00**,  
11 am: Plate **£274.45**; Contactless: **£142.00**;  
Donations made by standing order,  
calculated weekly, amount to **£525.67**.  
Thank you.

## The Blessing of the Throats (St Blaise)

Will be given after the 1 pm Mass this **Tuesday 3 February**.

## Coffee Morning

Call into the crypt for coffee and delicious home-made cakes after the 11 am Mass. It will be an opportunity, among other things, for visitors and newcomers to the parish to introduce themselves and for us to make them feel at home.

## 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](mailto:enquiries@stetheldreda.com)

## Westminster Diocese Justice & Peace Lecture 2026

The second annual Justice and Peace Lecture which will be given by Charles Wookey, formerly CEO of Blueprint for Business, and for the last three decades advisor on social and ethical issues to archbishops of Westminster and at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He will speak on the topic 'Living out Catholic Social Teaching in Today's Britain'. A response will be given by the young scholar, Dr Charlotte Bray of the University of Manchester. The lecture will take place at Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on March 25th 2026 at 7pm. Access to the church is from Farm Street or Mount Street. After the lecture in the church all are invited to a buffet reception in the Arrupe Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please reply to [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk) by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.



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## Mass Intentions

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9.00 am  
Michael Fawlke –  
Thanksgiving for Silver Wedding  
Anniversary  
11.00 am  
For the people of the parish

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
The Presentation of the Lord  
1.00 pm  
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Sts Laurence, Dustan and  
Theodore  
1.00 pm  
John Baptista Fernandes RIP

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Feria  
1.00 pm  
Kathleen and John Kelly RIP

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> February  
St Agatha  
1.00 pm  
David Bailey RIP

Frid 6<sup>th</sup> February  
St Paul Miki and Companions  
1.00 pm  
Delia Kelly RIP

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