



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 11 FEBRUARY 2024 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm



The Rector Writes...

BY FR TOM THOMAS IC

Sixth Sunday of the year (B). This Sunday for our reading and reflection we have an episode from the Gospel of Mark; the healing of a leper. The person once healed goes on proclaiming to all the miraculous work of Jesus. We find in the Gospel of Mark the enormous number of people looking for Jesus for healing. Feeling sorry for the leper, Jesus heals him. It is out of compassion for whole humanity that Jesus became incarnate and came to earth. It is out of this compassion for humanity that Jesus died on the cross. Compassion means to suffer with and Jesus suffers with the sick person and heals him. There are many people sick among us, like Jesus let us suffer with their suffering and ease their pain all the way we can. Happy Sunday.

Ash Wednesday: 14 February

Ash Wednesday Masses, with distribution of ashes: 1 pm; 6:30 pm (sung Latin).



Visit our newly designed website: www.stetheldreda.co.uk for a splendid 3D Virtual Tour, a history of St Etheldreda's, pages devoted to Sacraments: weddings and baptisms, a photo gallery, Mass times and much more besides.

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.**

Sunday's Music (11am)

Mozart Mass in G

Mozart Laudate Dominum

Mozart Ave verum

Credo III, Ave Regina caelorum, Domine salvam fac

Organ voluntary: J S Bach Prelude in A minor BWV 543

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Today's Readings

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46; [9 am Mass only: Psalm 31. **Response: "You are my hiding-place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance."**]; 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1; Mark 1: 40-45.

Thought for the week

The Will of God: what a sublime phrase! What light for the person who knows and loves God! What ineffable and infinite goodness, containing all that is good! O most holy, most wise, most sublime Will of God! There is nothing good outside it, but a mere illusion of good. *May your Will be done!* How fortunate we are when our will follows closely the most holy, the most perfect and loving Will of the Almighty God who alone can transform our evils into goodness, and our misfortunes into opportunities for rejoicing!

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

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150th Anniversary of the Acquisition

This year, we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Acquisition of St Etheldreda's church by Fr William Lockhart. You are all welcome to share your ideas for the celebration in the coming year. Also, this year the **Strawberry Fayre** will go ahead on Sunday 23 June 2024 - Patronal Feast of St Etheldreda's. We therefore need volunteers to organize this event so I'm looking for your availability and for a stall from our parish. In 2024 we could start on a smaller scale and develop it as we go by in each year! Let me know if this is something that we can do it together! *Fr Tom*.

Evangelising Post-Christian Britain

February 20, 2024 - 7.00 PM
Monsignor James Shea, President of the University of Mary (Bismark, North Dakota) and co-author of *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* will deliver a live Lenten Lecture on effective strategies to engage our own time and culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A, and then refreshments will be available. Book your tickets at guild-ramson.co.uk/events
St James' Church, Spanish Place, London.

Donation Appeal

Donation Appeal. We hope you will consider continuing to support St Etheldreda's. We are cutting costs where appropriate but it would be of immense help if you would consider supporting the parish by setting up a regular standing order. This can be done either by completing the standing order form available from the cloister table or through our parish [Diocesan microsite page](#). Individual donations can be made through either our Digital Collection Plate (DONA) that can be found in the cloister table

Pilgrimage to Italy

In the footsteps of Blessed Antonio Rosmini with Fr David Tobin IC.
13-23 May 2024
Visiting: **Rovereto** (birthplace of Rosmini), **Verona** (city of Romeo and Juliet), **Bergamo** (city of Pope John XXIII), **Domodossola** (from where Rosmini sent his missionaries of the Institute of Charity; from Sacro Monte Calvario for the conversion of England), **Stresa** and Lake Maggiore.
£1,645.00 Ensuite
No single room supplements.
Please contact the retreat organizer for further details:
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Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

or our DONA webpage link - <https://donate.mydona.com/st-etheldredas-ely-place>.

If you are a UK tax-payer, please consider gift aiding your donation. Any donation you make will be increased by 25% at no expense to yourself. If you have any queries about how to donate please contact our Parish Administrator at enquiries@stetheldreda.com. Your donations will enable us to meet the costs of the day-to-day running of the Parish. Thank you for your support.

Collections

9 am: £64.30; 11 am: £325.88
Donations made by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£363.37**.
(This figure does not include donations under the Choir Sponsorship scheme)

Supporting the Choir

If you would like to help sponsor the choir, please take a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the presbytery letter-box.

Mass Intentions

Sun 11th February 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
Menino Rebello RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 12th February 2024
Feria
1 pm
Ana Patterson RIP

Tue 13th February 2024
Feria
1 pm
Intentions of Pelloquin Family

Wed 14th February 2024
ASH WEDNESDAY
1.00 pm Mass in English
6.30 pm Sun Latin Mass

Thu 15th February 2024
Lent Feria
1.00 pm
Rosario Fernandes RIP

Fri 16th February 2024
Lent Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Confessions

Monday–Friday after
1pm Mass; and at call.

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