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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – Year B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 3

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2024

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

Pope Francis invites prayer “for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.”

Dates	MASS TIMES
Saturday, 02.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass followed by Benediction and Confessions (Ittiera George+ 2 nd Annv., Chris Crowley+, Ashley Hughes-Whiffing+, Alan Wildsmith+, Dorothy Elaine Campbell+)
Sunday, 03.03.2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am: Holy Mass (<i>Pro Populo</i>), (Cameron Flett+) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (David Ellison+, Tom Kidman+, James Mullaney+) 19.00 to 20.00 Community Prayer
Monday, 04.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (John Carver+, Fr Terry Hillhouse+, Ann Fuller+, Nora McGuinness+, Marilyn Penn+, Sheila Williams+, Betty Roberts+)
Tuesday, 05.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Godfrey Chinanda's intentions, Helen Cuell+, Nora Kite+, Dorothy Maher+, Doreen Mattu+, Mark Reichelt+, Malcolm Richardson+, William Scally+, Fr Trevor Richardson+)
Wednesday, 06.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Owen Meehan+, George Sylvester+, Archbishop Peter Smith+)
Thursday, 07.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Ida Jones+, Fr Damien Walne+) 19.00 -19.30 SILENT PRAYER
Friday 08.03.2024	9.30 am: Holy Mass (Louisa Lockwood+, Fr David Hennessy+, Fr Bernard Quinlan+, Fr Anthony Chadwick+) 3.00 pm: Stations of the Cross 18-00-19.00 Stations of the Cross (Syro Malabar)
Saturday, 09.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.30 am: Holy Mass followed by Benediction and Confessions (Fr Edward Scott+, Fr Reginald Atkinson+, Reya Rijce 9 th Birthday)
Sunday, 10.03.2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (L��tare Sunday)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (George Jezierski) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Pro Populo, Dorothy Eyre+) 19.00 to 20.00 Community Prayer

ORDER OF MASS

Entrance Antiphon: (Cf. Ps 24: 15-16)

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

A reading from the Book of Exodus: (20:1-3,7-8,12-17)

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (Ps: 18(19): 8-11)

R . You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R .**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R .**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R .**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R .**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1:22-25)

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn11:25,26

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: John (2:13-25)

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there.

Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.

The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?'

But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the

signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary (*all bow*)
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

Acclamation after Consecration:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

NOTICES

MÁRCIO DINIS FAMILY would like to thank you for your prayers, condolences, and generous support.

OLOL FINANCE: Thank you very much for your generosity. Last week you gave:

Standing Orders: £1,016; Dona: £152.39; Hall: £72

Cheques payable to OLOL & SJF PARISH. Bank transfer details: Barclays Bank UK Plc., Sort code: 20-17-20, Account number 03187 187. Please note that

although this is named as a parish account it is in fact the Sawston account.

OLOL QUIZ NIGHT IS GETTING NEARER!

Friday 22nd March at 7.00 for 7.30. Suggested donation £5, or more if you like! Proceeds to Mary's Meals (feeding schoolchildren in the developing world). Up to 8 players per table. Bring and share food and drinks. Advance booking if possible (or just turn up on the night but we can't guarantee places). Please e-mail the Quizmaster on bjflood@timicomail.co.uk or phone / text on 07808 296383.

LENT FAITH FORMATION COURSE: PRAYER

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The third session for this Lent series is on Tuesday 5th March, 7.30. The title for the session is **Prayer for discernment in everyday life: Ignatian practices.**

The session will take place on Zoom - details below. Everybody is very welcome - you don't need to attend all the sessions, so do feel free to pop in to the ones that seem best for you. Please do share the Zoom details with others, including those from other Christian communities who might be interested.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81224384346?pwd=bqDrYZVZ4KT0kmKf41iP3Q2Un4w80x.1>

Meeting ID: 812 2438 4346

Passcode: 748022

Full details of all the sessions in Lent can be found on the sheet at the back of the church. Any questions, please email Clare Watkins: clare@drwatkins.co.uk

OLOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

If you would be available to lead the Stations on one of Fridays, could you please put your name against the appropriate week on the list, which is on the Notice Board in the Church Porch. Many thanks.

CHRISM MASS is on Tuesday 26th March at 11.30am at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Earlham Road, Norwich, NR2 2PA. There is a free coach leaving Sawston at 9am. Please put your name on the list in the church porch.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK is at 2pm on Saturday 23rd March at OLOL. We need some volunteers to give people a lift and help with tea/coffee after Mass. Please spread the news to the housebound and those

people who may need the sacramental gift of healing. If you know of someone who would like to attend a needs a lift, please call the the Parish mobile (07754 227468) to give their details. Many thanks.

STATION MASS for our Deanery is on Thursday, 14 March at 6.00 p.m. at OLEM. The celebration begins at 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession, followed by Mass at 7pm, and a Lenten Soup at 8pm. The Bishop will be there to say Mass for us, please make every effort to attend.

A day with Jesus, experience the power of fire. A day retreat on 9th March 10:30-16:30 followed by Mass at 17:00 at St John Fisher Cambourne, Jeavons Lane, CB23 6AF, registration and enquiries najram@hotmail.com. Led by Derek Williams (works for the East Anglia diocese and leads retreats internationally).

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth: Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO): SVP would like to recruit an MSO for the East Anglia diocese to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. This is a part time, home-based role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team. It would suit someone comfortable giving presentations to large audiences as well working on a personal level with individuals and small groups. It requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. Please email Lance Philpott at lancep@svp.org.uk for further information. Closing date for applications is 24th March 2024.

COMPOSTELLA: Bishop Peter Collins is planning to lead the pilgrimage, walking the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St James) from July 22nd to 29th. If you are age 18 – 30, why not come and join us. For further information, please visit: www.rcdea.org.uk/youth/, and email dys@rcdea.org.uk, or phone 01508 486236, for booking information.

Communio: The Blackfriars Study Group: You are invited to our next meeting to be held at Blackfriars Priory, Buckingham Road on Tuesday 5th March starting about 7.30 pm. The topic is 'The Petrine Ministry'. The evening will be led by Prof. John Rist who has chosen a provocative article entitled 'Tending the Flock: 1 Peter 5:1-5' by Henry Sire as a starting point for our study. Please email zlatasvrabec@yahoo.co.uk for some relevant materials +/- your attendance.

CSSA audit backs safeguarding services in Diocese of East Anglia: The Diocese of East Anglia has been awarded a judgment of Comprehensive Assurance by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in an audit of its safeguarding provision.

The audit was conducted in Spring 2023 and the Executive Summary of its findings have been published here. It is hoped that parishioners and visitors to our diocese will be reassured by its findings. Bishop Peter, clergy and all who work and volunteer in the diocese are encouraged by it and remain committed to following up on the small number of recommendations to further improve. Particular gratitude is due to the Diocese's Safeguarding Coordinator and Administrator, and to all Parish Safeguarding Representatives for their hard-work and commitment, which is reflected in this report. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/cssa-audit-backs-safeguarding-services-in-east-anglia/ for more information.

Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Mass is on Saturday June 1, at 11.30am at Saint John the Baptist's Cathedral, Earlham Road, Norwich, NR2 2PA. Couples who are celebrating special wedding anniversaries this year, please email Dr Antonia mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk for more information.

Praying with St Teresa of Avila: Immerse yourself in the life and spirituality of the much-loved Carmelite saint, Teresa of Avila, over a weekend set in the beautiful Stonyhurst estate. The retreat will be preached by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD and runs from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th March.

FARADAY INSTITUTE invites Christians in the scientific community to a reception at Christ Church (off Maids Causeway), CB1 1HT on Wednesday 6th March 2024. Drinks and a hot buffet from 6pm followed by a short talk by Prof Rebecca Fitzgerald. Finishing by 8.15pm. It is free, but registration is essential. Visit: faraday.institute/cambridge-reception for more information.

Spiritual Retreat for young and young-adult people, preached by Fr Albert Robertson, OP from 12.00 to 15.00 on Saturday 9th of March at OLEM. Please email Annelize at olemoffice@rcdea.org.uk for more information.

