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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – Year B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 4

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, 09.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass followed by Benediction and Confessions (Fr. David Hennessy+, Edward Scott+, Fr Reginald Atkinson+, Reya Rijce 9 th Birthday)
Sunday, 10.03.2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Létare Sunday)	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Dorothy Eyre+) 19.00 to 20.00 Community Prayer
Monday, 11.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Peter Akollor+, Samuel Agbenorwu+, Patricia Connolly+, (Fr David Harris+)
Tuesday, 12.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr Cyril Snowden+, Fr John Taylor+)
Wednesday, 13.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Fr John Ketter+, Fr David Woodard+, Fr John Glen+)
Thursday, 14.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Nanny Brett+, Peter Dore+, Claire Huddleston+, Eileen Peck+, Gladys Silver+, Grace Stewart+, Fr. John McNally+, Rev. Leonard Matthews+) 6.00 pm: Adoration & Confession followed by 7pm STATION MASS at OLEM
Friday 15.03.2024	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass (Bernadette Mary Smith+) 3.00 pm: Stations of the Cross 18-00-19.00 Stations of the Cross (Syro Malabar)
Saturday, 16.03.2024 Lent Feria	9.15 am: Morning Prayer 9.30 am: Holy Mass followed by Benediction and Confessions (Mgr Bruno Scott James+) Cantonese Stations of the Cross at 1pm, followed by Mass at 2pm.
Sunday, 17.03.2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.45 am: Holy Mass (Pro populo, Frank Maher+) 11.15 am: Holy Mass (Rose Bontell+, Fr John Glen+) 19.00 to 20.00 Community Prayer

ORDER OF MASS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles:

36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (136 (137): 1-6)

R . O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R .**

For it was there that they asked us,

our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R .**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R .**

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R .**

R . O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'The Son of Man must be lifted up

as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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:

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

NOTICES

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

Standing Orders: £1,016; Dona: £44.25; Hall: £160; Mass stipend (online): £20; Stole fee: £262

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

The fourth session for this Lent series is on Tuesday 12th March, at 7.30. The title for the session is '*Contemplative prayer and the Carmelite tradition*'. The session will take place via Zoom - details below Please do share the Zoom details with others, including those from other Christian communities who might be interested. All are very welcome!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Cambridge Month of Accompanied Prayer, Easter 2024: Once again the team is offering a Month of Accompanied Prayer in April/May 2024. This gives the chance for a weekly meeting with a trained guide, either face to face or via zoom or phone from 15th April-10th May. Face to face meetings are limited to Friday afternoons and held at 7 Brookside. There will be no charge for participation. The closing date for applications is Monday 25th March or very soon after. The introductory sessions will be a chance to experience and reflect on a guided meditation, be given further information and to ask questions about the month. The introductory session via zoom is on Thursday, 11th April from 7 to 8pm; arrangements with guides will be made by email and telephone. The in person opening session will be held in the chapel at 7 Brookside, CB2 1JE on Friday, 12th April from 2- 3pm. This will be followed by a short meeting with your guide to make arrangements for your weekly meetings and a cup of tea or coffee. If you are interested, please email Judy at cambsprayer@gmail.com for more details and an application form. If you would like to find out more by phone you can contact Kay: 07786910406 or Romie: 07941862435.

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.

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING AT THE CHRISM MASS? Bishop Peter Collins will celebrate his second Chrism Mass in the Diocese of East Anglia on Tuesday March 26, at 11.30am and all clergy and laity are invited to join him. The Chrism Mass is the most important annual Diocesan celebration where the Bishop, clergy, religious and laity gather to celebrate the sacramental life. Bishop Peter said: "I would ask that we gather in a spirit of solidarity to express our Diocesan identity and to reiterate our commitment to the mission of evangelisation."

The new Diocesan Director of Music, David Grealy, will be leading the Diocesan Choir and the music sung will be a mix of the traditional and contemporary, the choral and congregational.

Any individuals or groups interested in singing at the Chrism Mass are invited. Please email: david.grealy@rcdea.org.uk Music will be sent out in advance, and the Diocesan Director of Music will be able to assist in leading rehearsals beforehand.

PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE: On Saturday 23rd March, the Vigil of Palm Sunday, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Through God's grace, we have seen thousands of mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. For more information, visit www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION: Catholic Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23-30 August 2024. Want to know more or register or interest. Find out more from experienced pilgrims on Zoom: 16 March 2024, 11.00 am www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything