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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm (**ONLINE ONLY**) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

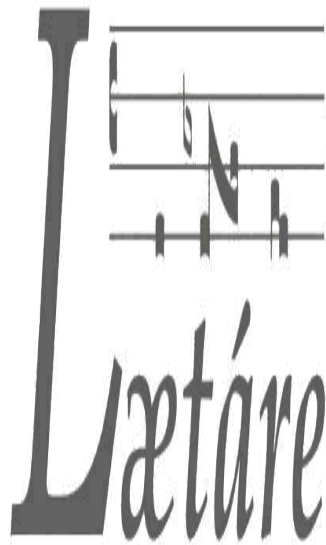
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:00pm
(ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE)

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10am Mass; 6pm and at call.

ROSARY: 11.30am (Monday—Saturday)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: B

14TH MARCH 2021



toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First reading 2 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

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.

Collect

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten

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 **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.**

Second reading **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 **Jn3:16**

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 Gospel of the Lord

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone
who comes into this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

IN CASE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If any
Catholic you know is taken to the hospital, please
let us have their details so we can link them up
with Catholic chaplains in the hospitals for proper
spiritual care.

Pray for those who have died recently: Fr Paul
Sanders, Deacon William Errol Boyd, Stella Rob-
erts, Conrad Myers, Luc Andre Jeantou, Patrick
Ryan, Jamie Bailey, Rosaleen Nash, Monica Hayes-
Meek, Geraldine Garbutt, John Cunningham,
Charles Keith Amosingh, Rebecca Berry, Christiane
Saide, Valerie Andrews, Frederick Ducass,

Albert Henser, Maria Alba Fernandes, Danny Sequiera, Carolina D'Almeida, Rita Margaret D'Cruz and Michael Lavery. May they rest in peace, Amen.

BOOKING OF MASSES

Do you want to have Holy Mass(es) offered for your intention(s), for the sick or deceased, or thanksgiving to God for favours received? If you are not restricted from going out, write your intention(s), enclose it in an envelope with your offering and drop it in the Parish House letter box. If you are making an offering by cheque, make it payable to St Mary's Catholic Church. You may also send your intention to the parish email address: croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk and make your donation online via the parish app or directly to the parish account:

Bank: NatWest

Account Name: St Mary's West Croydon

Account Number: 36004219

Sort code: 605001

COVID-19 ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE

- Wash your hands regularly with soap.
- Use a face covering (mask) in enclosed spaces.
- Observe social distancing when in public.
- Do not socialize in church with anyone outside of your household.
- Follow the guidance provided in church as pointed out by stewards.
- If you feel sick, do not come to church; seek medical advice.
- Be careful; keep safe and keep others safe because you love them.
- **VACCINATION:** We urge parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the vaccination when made available to them.
- Pray your Rosary daily!

REFLECTION

It's Laetare Sunday today! It's the Lenten counterpart to the Advent Gaudete Sunday. On this Sunday, just as in Advent, the Church enjoins her children to begin to rejoice. The entrance antiphon from Isaiah

sets the tune: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Isa 66:10-11). These words were initially uttered by the prophet to proclaim God's time of restoration. After having been cut off from home for over 70 years, the group of returnees to Jerusalem faced a lot of hardship, pain, in-fighting and economic woes. Of course the temple whose fame they heard in stories told them in Babylon was in ruins. In their weariness the people were tempted to think there was nothing to live or hope for. Thus, the prophet begins his final message to the people, first by calling for fidelity to his word. This is followed by the promise of blessing of prosperity and consolation to all who are faithful to the cause of Yahweh. Jerusalem is featured here as a mother - representing God and our relationship with him: God who heals our weariness; who nourishes and feeds us; who cares for us with an everlasting love; who is ready to rebuild our brokenness.

We have gone past the midpoint of Lent. The journey may already be wearying. We may be feeling tired. Our anxiety may have increased. All the negative vibes we were feeling before Lent may still be there: depression, marital or family strife, financial instability, loss of a dear one, post-covid19 complications, and an awful feeling of things not getting any better may be holding us down. God reassures us through today's liturgy. We are his work of art. He loves and cares for us. We must look up to his Only-begotten Son lifted up on the Cross for our salvation. He is the slain lamb whose blood washes us clean from the guilt of sin and death, and counts us as part of the 'new Jerusalem' resplendent in glory that will never fade (Rev. 21).

OUR FOODBANK PROJECT: As we fast during this Lent, let us make a difference in our community by donating the following urgently needed food items: **Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned fish, Tinned Meat, UHT Milk, Corned Beef, Sweet Corn.**

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY: For our candidates every Friday, 6:15pm to 8pm facilitated by Fr. Peter Sebastian. Please pray along with candidates and their parents as they make the journey.



SCHEDULE OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

MASSES:

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 9:15am;

10:45am; 12:15pm; 3pm; 6:00pm

Monday to Friday: Mass at

10:00am; 12:10pm (Online) &

6:45pm **ROSARY:** 11:30am daily

EXPOSITION: (Online)

Weekday: 12:45pm to 6:00pm