

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH, 2020

Prayer: O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

Response: We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

Prayer: By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Response: To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race.

To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace.

Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer: Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

Response: Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Prayer: Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

Response: May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.

Prayer: Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

Response: May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of God's generous love.

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God *R:* That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the cross, O sorrowful Mother, intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith, fruitful in good works, we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee in our heavenly home. Amen.



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NEWSLETTER for 22nd March 2020 • 4th Sunday of Lent (Lætare Sunday) • Year A • Ps Week 4

The Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 09:00-16:30; Friday 09:00 -14:30

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13 The Church chooses Old Testament readings during Lent which prepare us for the coming of Christ. The fourth Sunday brings us to the story of David, with whom the promises of a messianic king originate. As founder of the messianic kingly dynasty, David is the figure of the reality which will be fulfilled by Jesus. Here we have one of the three biblical versions of the discovery of the future king (the others being the story of the young musician at Saul's court and the story of the young warrior slaying the giant Goliath). Here the lesson is that God does not choose as human beings do, though David is obviously an attractive young lad. He would turn out to be a leader of charisma, who could twist anyone round his little finger. God also chose Cain's younger brother Abel, and the youngest of Jacob's twelve sons, Joseph. We constantly have difficulty in accepting that our achievements contribute nothing to God and do not earn his favour. David, the adulterer and murderer, learnt the hard way that we can rely only on God's merciful forgiveness.

Ephesians 5:8-14 This reading is obviously chosen to prepare for the gospel reading, in which Jesus brings sight to the blind man. Light is one of the archetypal symbols of hope and encouragement. Without light we are crippled until, as the psalmist says, with the dawn man goes forth to his work and activities. In the Old Testament God is light who lives 'in inaccessible light'. In the New Testament this attribute of God is transferred to Jesus, for Jesus proclaims that he is the light of the world. In the final book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, victorious from the conquest over evil, God and the 'Lamb once slain' together constitute the light of the new city of God, so that neither sun nor moon is required. The reading ends with a positive little couplet, possibly an early Christian hymn adopted into the reading, about Christ as the light who by his resurrection bursts through the deepest darkness of all, the darkness of death. Even in the darkness of Lent, preoccupied with the coming Passion of the Lord, we look forward to his liberation and ours in the glory of the resurrection at Easter.

St John 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38 The second of the three great Johannine readings about water, light and life (which point to the baptisms of Easter) gives us the splendid account of Jesus bringing light to the blind man in the Temple. It is full of Johannine contrasts and irony. The 'Jews' or the Pharisees think they have the light and knowledge, but the more they abuse the man born blind, the clearer their own darkness and ignorance become. The more they try to thrust the blind man away from Jesus, the more they push him into seeking refuge in him. Much of the colouring of the scene comes from the controversies towards the end of the first century, when the Pharisees were the only branch of Judaism to survive after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. The New Testament shows that there was bitter opposition between those Jews who accepted the divine claims for Jesus, and those who rejected them. This is especially clear in the fear of the blind man's parents (recounted in the longer version of Sunday's Gospel) that they would be excluded from the synagogue if they accepted that Jesus' grant of sight was a sign of his divine mission. The doughty and pugnacious man born blind has no such hesitation!

COPY FOR NEWSLETTER

by Wednesday 12:00 noon please



**SISTER ANNA HAWKE, CJ
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE
AND RISE IN GLORY**

16 MARCH 2020

As a parish, we extend our deepest condolence to the CJ Community as well as to her sister, Nonnie Hawke, on the recent death of Sister Anna. We are

grateful to God for her work and ministry in this parish over the years.

Please remember her before God and keep in your prayers Sister Anna's family and community.

TIME TO CREATE A STANDING ORDER? With the onslaught of church closures it will also mean the fall in the collection which is needed to maintain the parish. If you have a bank account and are willing to donate weekly/monthly/yearly to the parish, then please download the Standing Order Form from our parish website. It assures us that we have some income and you can control how much you contribute and when, if you wish, you can cancel it without any problem (unlike a Direct Debit!!) If you are a tax payer then it can also be **Gift Aided which means for every £1 you give the amount received is £1-25.**

ALMS FOR LENT This year the Bishop has chosen two charities to be supported by the Diocese for our Lenten Alms:

(i) **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** for their ongoing support and concern for Christians who are persecuted across the world

(ii) **SVP EAST ANGLIA** The SVP has just opened a house in Sheringham and are looking to buying another elsewhere in the Diocese.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS II: *Lectio Divino* has been postponed until further notice. For further information email Sr Tamsin at scripture@olem.org.uk

OUR LADY'S BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP will be suspended until further notice.

BAPTISM COURSE Please email: rosinapastoral@olem.org.uk to confirm your attendance.

ON CAMPUS MINISTRY - ARU STUDENTS This has been postponed until further notice. For further information please contact Rosina: rosinapastoral@olem.org.uk

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE has been postponed until further notice. For further information please contact Rosina: rosinapastoral@olem.org.uk

Have you ever thought about what you could do for the Church? Well here at OLEM we have one of the finest ring of bells anywhere in the country but rely on ringers from other Churches to come and ring them. We are looking to develop our own band of ringers.

If you would like to know more about bellringing, we are planning to present a demonstration and give you

the opportunity to 'have a go'. The date is yet to be confirmed but is likely to be on a Saturday morning following Mass.

For more information and/or to book a place, contact Paul Seaman. Email: paul.s.seaman@outlook.com or mobile number is **07802739105**.

FOODBANK There will only be a monetary collection for foodbank this month. Your donations are extremely important as they go towards the purchase of food and help with utilities. Please make your donations in cash or cheque made payable to the **Cambridge City Foodbank**, placed in an envelope addressed to the **Foodbank c/o OLEM**. Very many thanks for your continued generous support.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: acting with Friends of the Holy Land, ACN asks for our support for suffering Christians. Take a look at their website <https://acnuk.org/news/holy-land-bethlehem-in-lockdown/> and consider using their Stations of the Cross in your prayers <https://acnuk.org/resource/stations-of-the-cross-secondary/> There is also a version for primary school children.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

MASS INTENTIONS AND PUBLIC LITURGIES Following the announcement by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Wednesday, there will not be any public Masses or Liturgies until further notice.

Priests have been given instructions to continue to offer Holy Mass each day **BUT WITHOUT A CONGREGATION OF ANY SIZE**. We realise how difficult this will be for all of us. As you will know from the instructions on our website, the Faithful have been dispensed from their obligation to hear Mass on Sundays and Holy Days until further notice.

(1) **Mass Intentions** will be published on-line each week.

(2) **Confession Times** are cancelled but individual confessions can be arranged by personal request by ringing the Rectory.

(3) **Public Recitation of the Rosary and Eucharistic Exposition** are also cancelled.

The Church will be opened daily for private prayer from **08:30-19:00**.

NEXT SUNDAY

The church will be closed from **11:30-12:15**

There will be live-streaming of the Rededication to Our Lady from 11:55-12:10

LIVE-STREAMING

We will be live streaming the Mass from Saturday onwards and the instructions of how to watch are given here.

On your computer or device type in the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFiftyWRJgbv2PUBSZHMhgg>

You will be taken to our OLEM station and you will see on your screen, to the right the button saying: **SUBSCRIBE**. Click on this.

From that point onward **you will be notified, when we are about to Live Stream the Mass.**

Here are other resources:

<https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv>

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

https://www.catholicradio.co.uk/Heavens_Road/Heavens_Road.php

<https://www.standrewsbearsden.co.uk/latest/heavens-road-catholic-radio-broadcasts-live-mass>

[ITALIAN] <https://www.santantonio.org/en/content/holy-masses-streaming>

[TAGALOG] <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0gEpyPtbSAeDldsULmo4rA>

[FRENCH] <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/how-and-why-to-watch-mass-online-during-coronavirus-82713>

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Standing Orders	£1,780.00
Bar Hill	£ 67.00
Ditton	£ 87.00
OLEM	£1,247.00
Total Collection	£3,181.00

Our parish relies on offertory collections to maintain and grow the mission. We **do not receive** funding from the government, the Diocese of the Vatican.

What you decide to give is personal to you. Whatever you decide, the amount should suit your circumstances and be meaningful to you. You may wish to start a **Standing Order** with the Parish which allows you to control the amount you give and when. The table below may help you to work our percentages if you wish.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME		WEEKLY GIVING GUIDE		
Hourly Wage	Annual Salary	2%	3%	5%
£8.21*	£15,000	£5.75	£8.62	£14.37
£10	£18,000	£7	£11	£18
£20	£36,000	£14	£21	£35
£25	£46,000	£18	£26	£44

*minimum wage

PARISH PRAYER

O God, through Baptism you have made us your children, heirs of heaven and members of the Church. Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards you. Grant that our common life and work may be an example to all about us. Guide our Rector and assistant Priests in their work along with all those involved in ministry. Acknowledge the intercessions of Our Blessed Lady of The Assumption and The English Martyrs, our patrons; and keep us secure in your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who God for ever and ever. Amen

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please pray for those who are sick in hospital or at home and for those who are housebound. For those who have died and for all those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Loving God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear our prayers for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, disease, and the frailty of old age realise that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen

Please pray especially for those suffering in any way with the COVID 19 pandemic and pray especially for those in the front lines working to combat it!!

BROOKFIELDS HOSPITAL, MILL ROAD There is now no chaplaincy for Brookfields Hospital. If you have a Catholic relative or friend in the Lord Byron wards who would like to receive communion or a pastoral visit, contact: Deacon John Bell (07502560610) or johnbell2010@btinternet.com

ADDENBROOKES AND ROYAL PAPWORTH HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES To arrange Holy Communion or a visit contact the Chaplaincy office directly through switchboard. Please check with the Ward Clerk that the patient is **REGISTERED** as a Catholic and that the patient has ticked the box giving their permission for a priest or a member of the Chaplaincy team to visit. If you know someone who is in a Nursing Home and would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy and/or the SVP.

With our promise of prayers for you all at this difficult time!!

Mgr Canon Eugène Harkness,
Fr Adrian Gates
Fr Simon Leworthy
Fr Paul Spellman
Sem. Mark Ashwood

RECTORY CAR PARK Parking for church reasons: attending Mass or an appointment at The Rectory during the week? Please refrain from parking in the yellow boxed areas or the reserved areas to the left of the car park which are let out. The priests need access to their garages!! Outside of Mass times, cars without a **PARKING PERMIT will be given a notice.**