

Hymn 970

Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word'
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord'
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breast—plate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance through all my days;
Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Hymn 475

Here in this place, new light is streaming

Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost the forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
We are the old – who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Hymns

Cont

Gather us in and hold us for ever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Hymn 948

Because the Lord is my shepherd

I have ev'rything I need.
He lets me rest in the meadow
And leads me to the quiet streams.
He restores my soul and he leads me
In the paths that are right:

*Lord, you are my shepherd,
You are my friend.
I want to follow you always,
Just to follow my friend.*

And when the road leads to darkness
I shall walk there unafraid.
Even when death is close
I have courage for your help is there.
You are close beside me with comfort,
You are guiding my way:

In love you make me a banquet
For my enemies to see.
You make me welcome, pouring down
Honour from your mighty hand;
And this joy fills me with gladness,
It is too much to bear:

Your goodness always is with me
And your mercy I know.
Your loving kindness strengthens me
Always as I go through life.
I shall dwell in your presence forever,
Giving praise to your name:

Hymn 969

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy.
Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe.
Be there at our labours, and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm.
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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5th Sunday Yr B

7 February 2021

Psalter Week 1

Preparing for Lent.

Today, it's time to think about how we might make the best of Lent.

Lent is traditionally a time when we resolve to respond to God's care for us in a special way. This might consist of devoting more time in prayer, or time for acts of kindness towards others. We might resolve to give up something and help the poor with the proceeds. The Church has always encouraged us to make Lent a time when we give more time to God's ways and return to him.

In our parish we have focused upon the Church's tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. Throughout the season of Lent, we will offer you extra opportunities for prayer and the sacraments – this year during the pandemic our 505 prayers and meditations will focus on the season. We will also be open for our Saturday Holy Hour, and other helpful materials.

Fasting is a long tradition, which echo's the Lord's fast in the desert. We give up something material to enable us to focus more intently upon the spiritual. By almsgiving we can use the money we have saved to directly help the poor and less fortunate than ourselves. During Lent each Sunday of Lent, that will seek to support specific charities, such as CAFOD, but also on our own hardship fund which supports so many in our local community.

We will also focus on the Gospel of Mark as we continue the Year of the Word. If you are not sure where to begin, why not pick one of the Gospels and start there. It doesn't matter which, but during Lent this year, I shall be leading a course on Mark's Gospel, which you will be able to follow, with all the materials on the website. I am sure there will be other ideas there too—they just haven't come to me as yet !

I understand that sometimes, we just want to do our own thing. Over the last few years, I have also followed daily reflections during Lent. We will have our Walk with Me booklets, but I would also recommend the following, which I have enjoyed over the last two years.

The first is a daily reflection on Poetry, with a poem each day: *'The Heart's Time. A poem a day for Lent and Easter'* by Janet Morley: SPCK. The second is a daily reflection on Art, with a painting each day: *'The Art of Lent. A painting a day from Ash Wednesday until Easter'* by Sr. Wendy Beckett.

What you choose to do, I wish you a blessed Lent. We still have ten days to go, so we have plenty of time to plan.

Fr Paul



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Mass Times and other Services.

5th Sunday of Year B

PUBLIC MASS

Saturday	6 th February	6:00 pm	Mass	Dec'd Meachim & Sherman
Sunday	7 th February	10:30 am	Mass	Stefan & Halina Seligman
Monday	8 th February	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9 th February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Salesian Family
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Wednesday	10 th February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	In thanksgiving
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Thursday	11 th February	NO MASS		
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Friday	12 th February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Families
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	

6th Sunday of Year B

PUBLIC MASS

Saturday	13 th February	6:00 pm	Mass	Pat Fitzpatrick
Sunday	14 th February	10:30 am	Mass	Canon Giles Goward

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Offertory Contactless	£ 20.00	
Website Donations	£ 30.00	(£20.00 Hardship Fund)
Total	£ 50.00	

Standing Orders for January 2021 £ 4,404.00 Very many thanks.

You can now donate directly from our website!

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Monica Chiasson, Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Margaret Evans, Maria-Carmela Lady Hambleton, Gill Harrison, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Georgie McArthur, Joan McDonald, Diana Newbury, Jackie Tidbury, Deacon Mike Walker.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died: Marie Batty, Canon Giles Goward.

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Ron Stephenson, Les Boggis, Miles Humphrey

May they rest in peace

Live Streaming of Mass: to enable our Sick and Housebound of our Parish Community

to have greater access and participation you can live stream all our services:

<https://www.watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 146: 1-6 *response v 3*
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God
who made us,
for he is the Lord our God

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord
who heals the broken-hearted

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world,
says the Lord.
Anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Mass Intentions

One of the surprising results of the Streamed Masses is the increase in Mass Intentions. This means that if you have a particular date for an intention, please let me know in good time., to ensure that it will be celebrated on that date.

Music during Mass

Many thanks to **Hannah and Mark Theobald**, for providing the recordings and music for the Psalms, and Gospel acclamation for our celebration of Sunday Mass.

Readers

Thank you for recording the readings at Mass. It has made such a difference. It great to hear your voices, especially those of you who are shielding.

Parish News

The God who Speaks Lent Course The Gospel of Mark

Continuing last year's theme of 'the God who speaks', promoting Scripture in the life of the Church, I have written a series of reflections and study guides on the Gospel of Mark. These will be placed on the website. You are encouraged to read the Gospel of Mark, during Lent, with these guides to aid you.

Lent - Ash Wednesday

Easter is early this year, and by extension, Lent begins soon. **Ash Wednesday is on 17 February**, just ten days time. There will be a **Public Mass** on Ash Wednesday, at 10.00 am, with the **Sprinkling of Ashes!**



As I was writing the newsletter there was this wonderful rainbow. The book of Genesis describes the rainbow as a sign of hope, following the devastation caused by the flood. It is the sign of God's covenant with Noah and humanity, to care for the environment and all creatures, forever.

Masses and Mass Times during the present Lockdown.

We shall ensure that there is **Public Mass on Saturday; but the weekday Masses will be online.** This means that I am keeping the public celebration of Mass under regular review, especially as we have such a very successful, high quality live-streaming service.

Saturday 6 February. 6.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-6-february-6pm-5-sunday-of-yr-b-tickets-138044415563>

Saturday 13 February. 6.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-13-february-6pm-5-sunday-of-yr-b-tickets-138622767429>

Parish Financial Support

This year our focus remains **Standing Orders and Gift Aid**, but we now add our **Online Donations** as well as the **Hardship Fund**. We have continued our support of the poor and most vulnerable through our **Hardship Fund**. This includes, supporting the Food Bank, NOMAD, the homeless at the Red Lion, those on Free School Meals at Sacred Heart School, and other needs, totalling £4,220.00.

You can now donate to the Hardship Fund online:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/db64b634-c83e-4237-951f-acf36edbfd03>

You can now donate to the Parish online:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/7c8fcd90-12e7-4821-9f01-ea998c9cc45c>

Online Offertory Donation:

You can now donate online:

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Prayers for a time of Coronavirus.

Spiritual Communion: Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit.

'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen'