

Hymn 315

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us

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O'er the world's tempestuous sea:
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing ev'ry blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Hymn 842

Come back to me with all your heart

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Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
so must we to other's call

**Long have I waited
for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life**

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart, where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure in peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

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Hymns

Hymn 952

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust!'

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Hymn 898

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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1st Sunday of Lent Yr B

21 February 2021

Psalter Week 1

The Covenant.

This Lent we reflect upon our first reading.

This Lent (Yr. B) the first reading is chosen to illustrate the deepening relationship between God and humanity. This relationship, or agreement is called '*the Covenant*'. Perhaps it is best described as a 'marriage' between God and his people. The first reading describes the origin of this covenant and how it becomes more specific and detailed throughout Israel's history.

Today's first reading comes from the Book of Genesis, and it speaks of God's Covenant with Noah. Following the flood, God makes a promise, a Covenant with Noah that never again will there be a flood. Violence and destruction will no longer have the last word. This Covenant, the first, has the greatest scope. Although it is made with Noah, it is for all time, and for all his descendants and every living creature = the whole of creation. For those believers who follow and accept this Covenant, God will be the God of life, and all of creation is under his care. As an agreement between two parties, we can honour this Covenant, when we too care for creation, and for the environment.

This marriage between God and his people was deepened and renewed, by Abraham, Moses, David and the Prophets. By Jesus' death, and through the pouring of his blood on the cross, we enter into a new covenant with God our Father. Faithfully, we remember and commemorate the words of Jesus, every time we celebrate Mass:

'Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the *new and eternal covenant*, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me'.

This week, when the weather looks like the flood finished five minutes ago. It is wet, cold and miserable. However, looking out the window I managed to catch this photo of a rainbow on my phone. In today's reading God says, 'I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth.' I'm pleased to see the sign of Noah's covenant = the rainbow. I think not only of Noah, but of God's unending love for humanity; for all living creatures and creation itself. It certainly brings a smile to my face on a dull February day.

Fr Paul



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Mass Times and other Services.

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

Saturday	20th February	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
PUBLIC MASS		6:00 pm	Mass Chris Kenway-Jackson
Sunday	21st February	10:30 am	Mass Aiden McCallhagan
Monday	22nd February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Mass Fr Anthony Intention
Tuesday	23rd February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Mass Bryan Best
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation
Wednesday	24th February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Mass Mary Morgan
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation
Thursday	25th February	NO MASS	
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation
Friday	26th February	9:45 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Families
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Saturday	27th February	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
PUBLIC MASS		6:00 pm	Mass Martin Looney
Sunday	28th February	10:30 am	Mass Shelia Bowcock

Offertory Collection: Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory Contactless	£ 160.00	Hardship Fund £120.00
Website Donations	£ 25.00	(£10.00 Hardship Fund)
Total	£ 305.00	

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: Rober de Mayer

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Margaret de Mayer, Joao Luis Pereira Figueira, Joan McGrath, Margaret Keane, Dee Preston. *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:

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 24: 4-9 *response cf v 10*
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me,
I will answer him;
I will deliver him
and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, Lord,
are faithfulness and love for
those who keep your covenant.

Gospel acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread
alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God
Praise to you, O Christ, king of
eternal glory!

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

Lent.

The Church will be open on Saturday Morning for **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from 11.00—12.00.

The Gospel of Mark Lent Course I have written a series of reflections and study guides on the Gospel of Mark. These will be placed on the website.

Churches Together Lent 2021 - Our Lent Lunches are now Zoom Meetings
12 noon each Thursday - Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88279508869?pwd=NTQ0dXZxeUJhOUUpEUFBLZHJnTlVdz09>

Our **505 daily services** will reflect the character of Lent:
this will include the **Stations of the Cross**.

Congratulations Fr. Anthony!
as he celebrates his 57th anniversary
of ordination on Monday.
(I do like to remind him that I'm not 57, yet!)

Fancy a Curry?

Takeaway at d:two (Baptist Church)

Rupesh's Proper Indian Takeaway at d:two. Rupesh is professional Chef from India. During lockdown he has been preparing and selling Indian Takeaways from the d:two Café on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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(I've ordered mine: tell you about it Mass)

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 20 February. 6.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-20-february-6pm-1-sunday-of-lent-tickets-140990816327>

Saturday 27 February. 6.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mass-saturday-27-february-6pm-2-sunday-of-lent-tickets-141540857515>

Special Collections during Lent

Traditionally, we have used Lent as a time to support several charities as well as the second collections directed by the Archdiocese.

This year, we would invite you to support our Hardship Fund.

We will also set up links for particular collections or in the case of **CAFOD** direct you to their online giving links.

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:

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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'