



THE CHURCH of the HOLY APOSTLES
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9th March 2025 – The 1st Sunday of Lent– Year-C

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Saturday Mass 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am

10.30am Family Mass

12.30pm in Spanish

Confessions

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm

Or by arrangement

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Monday—Friday 9:15am

Sunday-8.30am

Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday after 9.30am Mass &

Saturday at 5pm

Liturgy & Mass Intentions

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| Sat 8th March Lent Feria | 9.30am 6pm (Vigil) | Bridie Walsh (RIP) Pro Populo |
| Sun 9th March +EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9am 10.30am | Tommy Cole (RIP) Elio Romano (RIP) |
| Mon 10th March Lent Feria | 9.30am | Florencio Bondoc (RIP) |
| Tue 11th March Lent Feria | 9.30am | Ann & Wilfred Carey (RIP) |
| Weds 12th March Lent Feria | 9.30am | Bridie Walsh (RIP) |
| Thurs 13th March Lent Feria | 9.30am | Bridie Walsh (RIP) |
| Fri 14th March Lent Feria <i>(Friday abstinence)</i> | 9.30am | Catherine Stables (RIP) |
| Sat 15th March Lent Feria | 9.30am 6pm (Vigil) | Francis Dunlery (RIP) Emer Mullany (RIP) |

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PRAY, FAST, GIVE ALMS AND REPENT: As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the ex-ample of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Both Jordan and Desert are mentioned in today's Gospel. After His Baptism and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, like Jesus, we will be led into our spiritual desert. "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (CCC 540). Jesus fasted for forty days and nights and so do we, but this still leaves the question: why forty days, why desert, why Lent?

Jesus is the new Moses. The old Moses led the old Israel through the desert for forty

years, and the new Moses (Christ) must lead the New Israel (us) through the desert of Lenten season for forty days. In Deuteronomy 9:9-11, the old Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights before he received the Ten Commandment (the Law), like Moses, Christ also fasted for forty days and nights. Shortly after his forty days fast (Matthew 5) the New Law on the Sermon on the Mount was preached.

The old Moses and old Israel were tempted and faltered in the desert, but the new Moses was victorious. Unlike Moses who fell repeatedly in the desert, Christ refused to succumb to the devil. Let us unite ourselves with the mystery of Christ's trial in the desert. These forty days of Lent are like our journeys through the desert in this life. Let us remain faithful, by following the new Moses - Jesus Christ.

Let us pray, fast, give alms and repent from our sins by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation.

Fr Chinedu

Announcements

THE SANCTUARY AREA & ST JOSEPH'S ALTAR is continuously monitored via 24/7 livestream, please be aware if you are present in this area, your image and actions may be captured on the livestream.

FINANCE: The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for February was £4177.50 The Loose Plate for February came to £1607.29 the Contactless collection for February was £585.00 & the Offertory envelopes for February came to £668.50. Thank you all very much indeed. If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE PARISH IS BY STANDING ORDER, you can download a standing order form from our website –just click the “Donate” button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Felix Pring age 67 of Winchester Street Funeral on Thursday 13th March 2025 at 13.30 at Richmond Cemetery, **Rosaline Mooney age 89,** funeral at 10am on Tuesday 18th March, **Mary Bridget Griffiths,** funeral at 10am on Wednesday 2nd April & **Gary Colburn,** Funeral at 10am on Friday 11th April. **May they rest in peace**

SANCTUARY CANDLE- INTENTION THIS WEEK IS for: Napoleon Dancel (RIP)

CAFOD Family Fast day is this Friday 14th of March, a day when we fast & pray for those in the world who have very little to eat. There will be a second collection next weekend for CAFOD to support their work in all the many troubled places around the world. Please be as generous as you can.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2025: All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. You can donate throughout Lent by using the contactless machines, the box at the back of the Church or you can use the QR code on the posters in the porch to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7PM: Please do join us in this prayerful way to prepare for Easter by reflecting each Friday in Lent with our fellow Christians on the stations of the Cross.

Friday 14th March at Holy Apostles

Friday 22nd March at St Saviour's, St George's Square

Friday 28th March at Holy Apostles

Friday 4th April at Holy Apostles

Friday 11th April at St Saviour's, St George's Square

VOTIVE CANDLES: Around the Church are now 50p each.

THE FIRST COMMUNION Children & Parents meet next Sunday 16th March immediately after the 10.30 am Mass.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Monday 31st March at 7pm with 3 to 4 priests available to hear confession. Please do come along and make the most of this special Sacrament, in preparation for Easter.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS: A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 5th April at 2pm. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to attend this Mass.

St JOHN PASSION, TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2025 AT 7.30PM: Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform again Johann Sebastian Bach's retelling of St John Passion. The event will take place on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. J.S.Bach's setting of the Passion story was first performed in 1724 and has since become a popular staple of the season of Lent It is a perfect spiritual preparation to the Holy Week. For tickets see <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/passion2025/>

JUSTICE & PEACE BIDDING PRAYER: From: Juan Antonio Cuzme Rigo-Centrepoint - We pray for the homeless sleeping rough on the streets of London. We pray that their community can befriend them and make them feel welcome and wanted.

ACTION PRAYER: Our readings for the first Sunday of Lent deal with faith, forgiveness and temptation.

We are keeping Pope Francis in our prayers...

Temptation. We are surrounded by multifaceted avenues of temptation on a daily basis. Sometimes, like in the gospel, temptation can be disguised to look like the honourable road or deed. We might also hold others accountable, rightfully or wrongfully, in such a way that creates division--an us vs. them mentality. We don't need to agree with everyone and we should do what we feel is right *and* communicate in such a way that doesn't exclude or ridicule others. As St Paul states in the 2nd reading: *"...makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough..."* Our **Action Prayer** is to do a heart to heart with Christ and ask for a topic (work, pastimes, politics, relationships etc) to focus on this Lent, so as to grow in faith, understanding and wisdom. If an action pops into our mind that is God's message taking concrete form. Grace in solid form.

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY INTENTIONS

MARCH 2025 For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences.