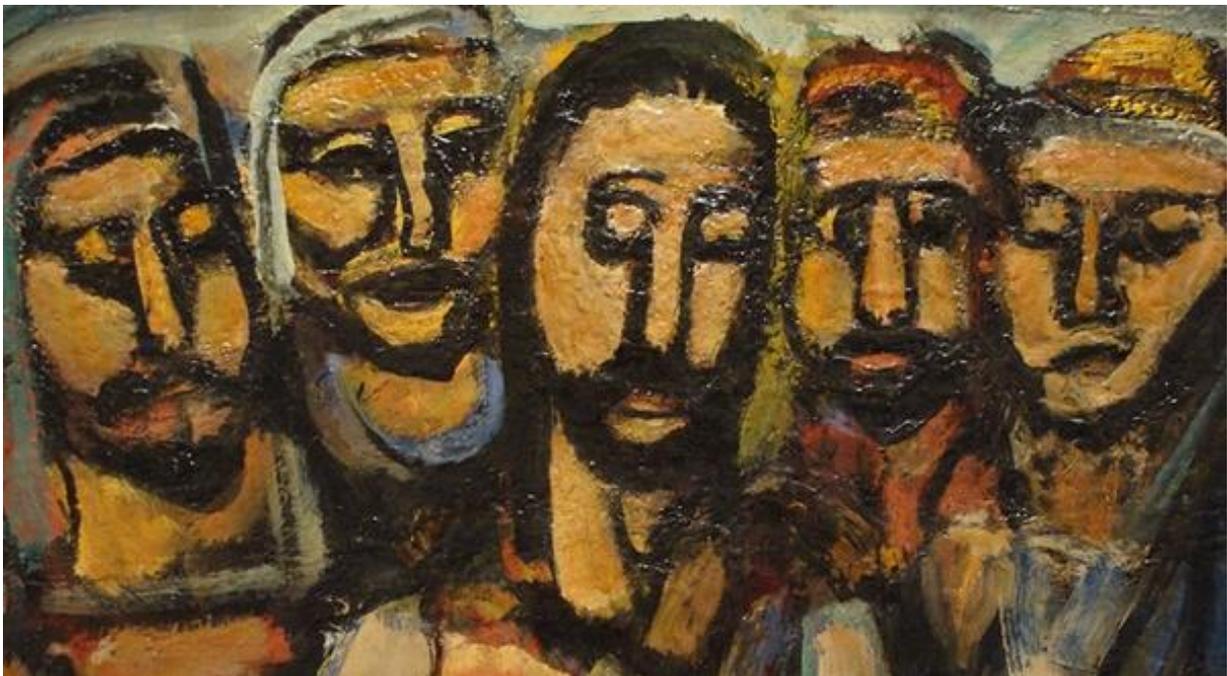


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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3 March 2019**

“A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart ... for a man’s words flow out from what fills his heart.”

**Luke 6, 45**

## THE SEASON OF LENT

commences on Ash Wednesday 6 March.

The diocese has provided us with Walk with Me, a prayer booklet to accompany us on our Lenten journey. Father Patrick is also preparing a Lenten booklet made up of thought-provoking quotations, biographical sketches, prayers and prayer intentions, which can be used in combination with Walk with Me. The latter booklet is entitled Forty Days and Forty Nights: Journey through Lent 2019. Both will be available on the weekend of 2/3 March and will have a purchase price of £1.

The parish Lent Course on The Creed commences on Monday 11 March at 19.30 in the Cenacle.

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The 10.00 Mass on Sunday 3 March will include the enrolment of all candidates for Confirmation in 2019 Wednesday 27 March at 19.00 hrs.

## PANCAKES!

We will be serving pancakes with a variety of toppings after 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd March in the Cenacle. Pancakes £1 each there will also be tea and filter coffee, all proceeds raised will go to CAFOD. Please come and join us.

## SECOND COLLECTION - CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE

A collection will be taken after all Masses on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please be as generous as you are able.

## EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER

The Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools in Caversham Park, Reading is seeking a new Executive Headteacher. For more information please contact Jacqueline Campbell at [bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk) or by phoning 0118 937 5597 or view the advert in the Catholic Teachers Gazette. Closing date 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Please note that Mass will be at 08.00 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Children from St Anne's school will be coming to the morning Mass to receive ashes on the morning of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## NO MASS AT MAPLEDURHAM

at the end of February due to repairs on the roof.

## TAIZE PRAYER AND SOCIAL

Children aged 7 (school year 3) and up, together with a parent or guardian, are invited to join us for a pre-Lent gathering in the cenacle at 7pm on 4th March. For details & RSVP contact [simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com](mailto:simonandhilarysmart@gmail.com)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£149.50	Loose	£484.94
Standing Orders			£484.00

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke):** The advice given in the first reading, not to praise a man before he has spoken, would not be a cause of concern to Paul. In his letter to the early Christians of Corinth he has spoken about many problems, given a great deal of advice and above all encouraged the community to live their faith in a loving and generous way. The manner in which he did this shows the kind of man he was. His awareness of the transforming effect of the death and resurrection of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer show to what extent he lived and what he believed in the manner spoken of in today's gospel. That is why after 2000 years he is still so relevant to all who are searching for an authentic way to live as followers of Christ.

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27, 4 – 7:** Much of the wisdom tradition in the OT contains material which is common to the ancient literature of other civilisations. Indeed in its earliest form it probably took the shape of collections of sayings and proverbs which would be of help in preparing the young to take their place in society. In that sense much of this writing was not particularly Jewish nor did it concern itself with theological issues. Today's reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus contains a reflection on human speech which could be found in other similar writings. It does not have any specific reference to God and the truth of what is being said would be obvious to everyone, whether a believer or not. Using three images from everyday experience, the author wants to highlight the importance of what we say for showing what kind of people we really are. As surely as a sieve shows up impurities in the flour, or as a kiln will detect the weakness in the potter's work and as surely as an orchard will be judged by the quality of its fruit, so too our conversation will reveal our true selves. Therefore the author advises that care should be taken in listening to people before an opinion of them is formed.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 15, 54 – 58:** The verses we read today represent the climax of this long deliberation on the importance of the resurrection and, as one might expect, Paul ends on a stirring note, exhorting his readers to confidence in their glorious destiny. He sees the resurrection as the fulfilment of scripture which prophesied that death would be robbed of its power in the saving plan of God. Since death has been overcome so too has the cause of death which is sin and therefore we should live life celebrating the victory over sin and death which Christ has won for us. This is the source of our hope and this is why we should persevere in doing God's work, for such work will never be in vain.

**Gospel: Luke 6, 39 – 45:** Much of the teaching of Jesus reflected the style of the wisdom writing of the OT that was based on simple reflections on human experience. In this gospel those who would be disciples of Jesus are reminded that you cannot give what you do not have. As disciples we must 'learn' from the master and in the process become like him. Otherwise we are simply hypocrites who enjoy lording it over others and who lack the humility to see themselves as they really are.

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 145-146*

# Masses and Intentions

## Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10:00 Repose of Holy Souls  
*Feast of St Chad*

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	17:30	Kath Turner RIP
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10:00	Deceased of Finan family
		18:30	People of the parish
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>08:00</u>	Kath Turner RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	09:15	Ruby Mason RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	09.15	Repose of holy souls
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		(school joining us)	
		19:30	John Reilly & dec'd of Fitzsimons family
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	08:00	Deceased of Jones family
<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>			
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	12:30	Libby (intention)
<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>			
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>			

### First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> March	17:30	People of the parish
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00	Zachary Shabaz-Surina
		18:30	Bridie O'Sullivan RIP (10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### Year C

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45