

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Third Sunday of Lent – 7 March 2021**

“During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs he gave.”

**John 2, 23**

## LENT 2021

### LENT COURSE

This will happen on Zoom this year -

[OLASA LENT COURSE](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943731720>

Meeting ID: 849 4373 1720

Each session starts 19.30 and lasts approx. 1 hour.

This year's theme: The Passion Narratives & the Easter Story

8<sup>th</sup> March - Jesus before Pilate and Herod

15<sup>th</sup> March - The Crucifixion & Burial

22<sup>nd</sup> March - The empty Tomb & the Easter appearances

29<sup>th</sup> March - Resurrection faith in St Paul's epistles

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

These will take place on Fridays during Lent at 12noon followed by Mass at 12.30.

All welcome, no need to book.

### ADDITIONAL MASSES DURING LENT

The Friday Mass at 12.30 will be open during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12.00 before Mass.

Saturday morning Mass at 10am followed by exposition and benediction will be open to the public during Lent.

Everybody welcome, just turn up.

There is no need to book for these Masses.

### EASTER BOOKINGS

The next newsletter will contain details about booking for Holy Week and Easter Masses. Thankfully we are able to celebrate in church this year but we will have to do some things differently to stay safe and be COVID secure.

With this in mind, please be considerate when booking eg if you have been to the Easter Vigil Mass perhaps you might consider leaving room for somebody else on Easter Sunday morning.

### OSCOTT MEMORIAL FOR FR GILES

The Parish has been contacted by the Student body of Oscott College where Canon Giles Goward was Rector for a short six months.

They are anxious to have a plaque placed in the chapel in his honour and thought to purchase a set of Mass vestments in his honour. They felt parishioners here might like to contribute to this memorial Fund.

Any donations can be sent to: Senior Student, St. Mary's College Oscott, Chester Road, SUTTON COLDFIELD B73 5AA.

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**Third Sunday of Lent (Year B – Mark):** Holy/sacred places, sanctuaries, are as old as human history itself. Right back to the dawn of time, people built temples or buildings on locations where they believed God/the deity had made himself present. This was also true of Israel. Solomon had set about building a temple in Jerusalem. Nonetheless criticism arose among the Israelites about tying God to a specific location. Their God had never indicated that he was tied to a particular location. In fact, the Hebrews developed their awareness of God as a deity who accompanied them on their pilgrim journey, who travelled with them and led them. The realisation of God's presence, especially wherever the poor and the marginalised were to be found, was also in the minds of those who set about building the Jerusalem temple. The often strident voice of the prophets kept reminding their co-religionists of this fact. Temples and churches are architecturally imposing edifices, they are places of gathering for God's people, and deserve due reverence on that account. Yet the God of the Israelites is one whose abiding presence is with his people.

**First Reading (OT): Exodus 20, 1 – 17:** There are many people who have a purely pragmatic approach to religion, it is fine so long as it makes them feel good. The Judeo-Christian tradition sees religion differently, it always has an ethical dimension. This ethical perspective is directed towards God as well as towards our fellow man. A civilised and peaceful society can only exist when everyone has due regard for the well-being of his fellow human being. The common good (a central idea in Catholic social teaching), with especial deference to the needs of the poor, must always remain of primary concern. The whole Bible is shot through with this idea. A belief in God is not possible without due regard being paid to this on-going need of the poor.

**Second Reading (NT): Romans 1, 22 – 25:** In the Roman world in which the Christian gospel was preached in the 1st century AD the idea of crucifixion was greeted with profound distaste. In Greek culture (eastern part of the Roman Empire) the idea offended their aesthetic of a deity who was true, good and beautiful. And for the Jews, anyone who was crucified was cursed by God. History changed all that and as Christianity became an official approved religion of the Empire the cross became a sign and token of triumph, and a profoundly venerated symbol of God's loved. We think of the cross in Lent, we participate in Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, and we have the crucifix displayed in our homes: all indicate how profoundly we are attached to it.

**Gospel: John 2, 13 – 15:** The relationship between Jesus and the Temple is very complex. The nativity narratives tell us of Jesus as a child and young adult in the Temple. Today we hear of his great anger as those who run the Temple exploit the poor. Those who ignore the needs of the poor have lost their right to access to the sacred precincts of the Temple. God's blessing does not rest with a Temple which excludes or exploits the poor. Jesus makes the divine presence a reality in all of us.

## Mass Intentions for Third Week in Lent

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>10.00</u>	People of the parish Exposition & Benediction
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>			<b>Year B</b>
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	17.30	Hazel Bell
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	09.15	Thanksgiving for grand-daughter
<i>Memorial St. John of God, Religious</i>			
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	09.15	Holy Souls
<i>Memorial St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>			
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> March	09.15	Dan O'Hara
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	08.00	Jim Aherne Intentions
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>12.00</u>	Stations of the Cross
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	<u>12.30</u>	Our Lady & St. Anne
<i>Lenten Feria</i>			
		<u>10.00</u>	Kath Turner
		<u>Exposition</u>	
		<u>&amp;</u>	
		<u>Benediction</u>	
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>			<b>Year B</b>
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	17.30	Jay Blundell
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00	Special Intention
		12.00	Baby Olivia
		[Family Mass]	

Weekday Masses in bold and underlined are open to the public.