



Sunday 26 February 2023 ASHING SUNDAY

Year A 23/8

Welcomer | Eva Kasella
 Readers | Thomas G, Mostyn Goodwin
 Interceder | Ken Thompson
 E Min | Maria Flavius
 Coffee | Vicky Bellamy
Music:
 Entry | AM121 Forty days and forty nights
 Gradual | TP171 God of mercy
 Offertory | TP158 What do you want
 P-Comm | TP70 Jesu, Jesu
 Final | TP44 God when human bonds
 Mass | Geordie Mass

ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FRIDAY FILM NIGHTS

On the big screen

Feb 24th	The Mission (UK, 1986)
March 3th	The Gospel According to St. Matthew (Italy, 1964)
March 10th	Decalogue (Poland, 1989)
March 17th	Paul, Apostle of Christ (US, 2018)
March 24th	Nazarin (Mexico, 1959)

Films start at 7:30 pm

Free Entry
Refreshements

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ASHING SUNDAY leads us into six weeks of ... what? More busyness? I hope not! Can we try to slow down a bit and find some time to look at who we are and the direction in which God is leading us. With the Lent films and some Bible passages from St Mark to help, I hope we can give our work/life balance a bit of TLC.

JUNIOR MUSIC GROUP Last Sunday Francesca Falcioni followed Matteo in providing some lovely music during the administration. Today Sam Lewis plays an exam piece on the trombone.

RED BUCKETS will be available for the next three weeks for donations to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

GREEN ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS are now available at the back of Church. We hope that new members will take this opportunity to support the work at St James'.

AUTISM Thanks for the feedback. Please pray for all those affected.

WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass. We are very grateful for your kind support.
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

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PASSION READING Last autumn we encouraged you to read sections of St Mark's Gospel each week but we stopped at Christmas when we reached the last week of Jesus' life. During Lent we hope you will take up these readings again. This coming week we look at St Mark 11: 1-19. There are

print-outs on the back table. Sermons will take up themes from the readings too.
UKRAINE ANNIVERSARY It was very moving to meet a group of Russians last Sunday. Not all support Putin! Please pray for these exiles waiting for peace.



PACK UP for the street community always very grateful for these items:

- Instant coffee
- Biscuits
- (in packets rather than in tins)
- Tinned soup
- Sugar

THIS WEEK

Sun **ASHING SUNDAY/LENT 1** 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL 2-10pm Thomas Kelly piano recital.

Weekdays: Monday 27th February to Friday 24th March
CHURCH CLOSED FOR THE REINSTALLATION OF THE ORGAN
 No Weekday Masses or daytime music rehearsals.

Mon Paul Mortier the organ builder delivers the remaining pipework from Swindon and Finchfield.
 Tues 8.30pm Robert Woodman starts gilding the façade pipework. 7.15-9.15pm Corsican Brass. 6.45 Grp B Catch-up session. 7.30pm Confirmation Grp B meets at the Vicarage. 'Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist'.
 Wed 7-9pm Sing rehearsal.
 Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office Session. 7pm Cantalini.
 Fri 7.30pm Lent Film 2: 'The Gospel according to St Matthew'.
 Sun 5 **LENT 2** 8am Mass. 10am All Age PARISH MASS.

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 26	ASHING SUNDAY/LENT 1	Chris Wright; Lisa Ahmet-Baker
Mon 27	DEL Lent 1	Louise Ahmet, Vinney, Benjy and Sienna Payne
Tues 28	Feria	Martin, Kerri, Rebecca and Joseph Allen
Wed 1	St David	Lebby and Sara Anafu; Richard and Elizabeth Batchelor
Thurs 2	St Chad	Vicky Bellamy; Soanne Berner and Kit Rickard
Fri 3	Ember Day	Albert and Albert Bryan; Fr John, Maria and Sinead Bumiston
Sat 4	Ember Day	Fabiola and Beatrice Cadillo; Vivienne Carlton
Sun 5	LENT 2	Cheris, Katja, Arnold and Egon Carter; Dionne Carter

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy returns on Friday to Claire Church.
- CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** Please continue to pray for Mohammad Bagheri, Thomas G, Karensa Greenaway, Eva Kasella, Jade Nicholson, Anneke Pol, Rebecca Lee and Belle Williams.
- ANNIVERSARY** Mohammad Bagheri reminds me that this week marks his first anniversary at St James'. We are delighted he has made his home here and pray that his case with the Home Office, one of the backlog of over 160,000 asylum applications, will soon be settled so that he can begin to rebuild his life in the UK.
- SICK** Peter Freeth, Charity Garnett, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Beryl Lloyd, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Arthur Ward, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- MEMORIALS** 29th: Bill Blackmore (1996); 2nd: Paddy Woollard.
- INTERNATIONAL LINKS** *In the US:* Fr Travis Smith, Rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton and Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, now transferred to a university chaplaincy in Tokyo.
- PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** We pray for the release of *Peter Jovenal*, held by the Taliban since December 2021
- ALSO** We pray for all those being held in Iran as the result of the recent riots; for peace in Ukraine; for all these affected by the earthquake in Turkey and in Syria and for the work of the DEC.



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12 noon each
Monday.





PARISH MASS
for Lent 1 / Ashing Sunday
February 26th 2023

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1



May God bless every
£1 we give so that St
James' will be here,
not just for today and
for tomorrow, but for
the future he wants to
create.

PARISH MASS FOR LENT I - ASHING SUNDAY

Entry Hymn: **AM121 Forty days and forty nights** [t. Aus der Tiefe]

*Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled.*

*Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.*

*And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.*

*So shall we have peace divine,
holier gladness ours shall be,
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.*

*Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side,
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.*

(Words: George Smyttan and Francis Pott)

The Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy;
we look to you to save and help us.
**By your cross and your life laid down you set your people free:
we look to you to save and help us.**

When they were ready to perish you saved your disciples:
we look to you to come to our help.
**In the greatness of your mercy
loose us from our chains:
forgive the sins of all your people.**

Make yourself known as our saviour and mighty deliverer:
save and help us that we may praise you.

**Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:
hear our prayer and be with us always.**

And when you come in your glory:
**make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom.**

Collect: **God of the desert, as we follow Jesus into the unknown, may we recognise the tempter when he comes. Let it be your bread we eat, your world we serve and you alone we worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1st Reading: (Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7) The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,* knowing good and evil.'

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

We stay seated for the Gradual: **TP171 God of mercy and compassion**

Chorus



Je- sus, Lord, I ask for mer- cy; let me not im- plore in vain; all my
sins I now de- test them, nev- er will I sin a- gain.

Psalm 51

Cantor: **God of mercy and compassion
look with pity upon me,
O wash me from my wickedness,
from my sin O set me free.**

Chorus, sung by all: Jesus Lord...

All: **Do not send me from your presence,
take your Spirit not from me.
Make instead a heart of steadfastness,
full of love and purity.
Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy, let me not implore in vain;
all my sins I now detest them, never will I sin again.**

**You have said a broken spirit
is the perfect gift for you.
You despise an empty sacrifice,
all that's hollow or not true. (R)**

**Lord you teach an inner wisdom;
may my heart know all your ways,
that my lips may speak of gladness
and my mouth ever sing your praise. (R)**

2nd Reading: (Romans 5: 12-19 CEV) Sin came into the world because of the disobedience of one man, Adam. And because all the descendants of Adam sinned, death spread to everyone who ever lived. Sin ruled on the earth from Adam to Moses.

But thanks be to God, freedom from the sin of Adam has also been achieved through one man. While all died as a result of Adam's sinful nature, by the grace of God all may be saved by one man, Jesus Christ.

Just as judgement was pronounced on all who sinned as Adam did, so God has bestowed on us his everlasting gifts of forgiveness and justification.

Where once sin brought death, and death ruled over all things, so now all those who receive God's grace and the free gift of righteousness are set free from punishment and death through the sacrificial love of one man, Jesus Christ.

Where one man's sin led to all being condemned, so one man's act of righteousness enables each one to be made right with God.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

We keep a moment of silence to reflect on what we have heard and sung

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel

We sing:

Freely *Tonus Peregrinus*



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

We say together:

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

We sing once more: Praise to you, O Christ...

Gospel: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

(St John 8: 1-11) Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Early Irish Litany of Penitence and the Jesus Prayer

Let us call to mind our sins and the infinite mercy of God:

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins that I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the good actions I have omitted. *Silence*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times when I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. *Silence*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. *Silence*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me and make me whole.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word: *Silence*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Make in us a clean spirit, O God: **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

The Imposition of Ashes

As a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of preparation for Easter, I invite you to receive on your head in ash the sign of the cross, the symbol of our salvation.

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



Remember you are dust; dust you are and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

At the end **TP47 He has showed you, O Man, what is good**

He has showed you, O Man, what is good—and what does the Lord require of you? He has showed you, O Man, what is good – and what does the Lord require of you: but to * act justly and to * love mercy and to * walk humbly with your God; but to * act justly and to * love mercy and to * walk humbly with your God. He has showed...

(Words from Micah adapted by Graham Kendrick)

Silence

The Lord enrich you with his grace and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayer, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, and our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your Kingdom. Amen.

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: **TPI58 What do you want of me, Lord?**

*What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises? I am your song.*

Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

*I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing your songs in me.*

Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

*Above, below and around me, before, behind and all through me,
your Spirit burns within me. Fire my life with your love.*

Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

*You are the light in my darkness. You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded. Come see for me.*

Jesus, Jesus, you are my light. Jesus, Jesus you are the way.

*I am your song and servant, singing your praise like Mary.
Surrendered to your Spirit, 'Let it be done to me.'*

Jesus, Jesus, 'Let it be done to me.' Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

(Words: Sr Donna Cargill)

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth as given and human hands have made.

It will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, Almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with the saints and angels, for ever praising you and singing:



Geordie Mass



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of might and God of power.
Glory fills all heaven and earth;
sing to him Hosanna!**

The Lord's Prayer

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of Christ our Lord.
Holy, holy, holy Lord;
sing to him Hosanna!**

Sit/ Kneel All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
**Lord, by your Cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei



**Lamb of God, you take our sins,
take away our sins, Lord.
So have mercy on us all,
so have mercy on us.** (repeat)

**Lamb of God, you take our sins,
take away our sins, Lord.
Grant us peace, O grant us peace.
Grant us peace for ever.**

Invitation to Communion

Come and kneel at the altar of God, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loves you, and gave himself for you.

Lift up your hearts and minds above the cares and fears and let this bread and wine be to you the token of the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you will accept them in humble faith; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

JMG: Dances with Bears, Jim Parker Sam Lewis, Trombone Adam Dickson, piano

After Communion: **TP70 Jesu, Jesu**

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu...*

*Neighbours are rich and are poor,
neighbours are black and are white,
neighbours are near and are far away. Jesu, Jesu...*

*Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu...* (Words: Tom Colven)

Post Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Community Notices

Acclamation

This is love, not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son.
He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.
If we love one another
God lives in us.

God grant you grace to live in holiness, deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: **TP44 God, when human bonds are broken** [t AM503 Laus Deo]

*God! When human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.*

*Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.*

*You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.*

*Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.*

*Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!*

(Words: Fred Kaan)