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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(MARCH 3, 2024)

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Entrance Antiphon: **My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.**

Response to the Psalm: **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

Gospel Acclamation: Reader: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
All: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Communion Antiphon: **The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
forever singing your praise.**

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm

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### THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Marie & Henry Cini (RIP) Norah Dias (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Liora Da Cunha (Intentions) Edwin Coutinho (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Frazer D'Costa (Intentions)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>REQUIEM MASS – MATT SMITH</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Maria Rinna (RIP) Rosario Rossi (RIP) Hugo Pereira (Intentions)
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Shane Pereira (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass - Silveira (Thanksgiving) Shaun Murphy (Anniversary)

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (MARCH 10, 2024)

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Albert Leitaó (RIP)
	09.00am	Mass – Caetan Godinho (Anniversary) Maria Pereira (Intentions) Aaron Vales (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Rosa Florinda Fernandes (Anniversary) Nazia Goes (Intentions)

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Church cleaning this week will be on Thursday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Benjamin Gavrilesco and Oscar Parkinson who are being baptised this weekend.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Please pray for the soul of Matthew Smith who has died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am. Please also remember his family in your prayers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross each Sunday during Lent and will begin at 4pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm.

**POVITR KHURSACHI VATT** (Way of the Cross): There will be Stations of the Cross in Konkani (Goan language) on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March after 9am Mass in the Church. *Church Cleaning this week will be on Thursday after Morning Mass.*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** During Lent there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday after morning Mass until 11am. There should always be someone present, during this time of prayer.

**LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION:** Bishop Declan invites you to join him during this season of lent to celebrate the abundant mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be held at one of the five venues across the diocese as part of your Lenten Pilgrimage. He will lead us in prayer and spend some time hearing confessions. There will also be several Priests available to hear confession in English and in Konkani. Please make a note of this special liturgy and make it a part of your Lenten preparation for Easter. Poster at the back of the Church with all details.

**NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** (10-18 March 2024) at St Joseph Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, with a special Novena Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessings on the work of the missionary outreach, and for intentions for all who support the work. For contact details and information see poster at the back of the Church.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August :** The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting [lourdes@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@cliftondiocese.com) /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment is full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

**GIFT AID DONATIONS:** Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £ 1531.30 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** *The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOU PRAYERS** all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Connor McLaughlin, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Third Sunday of Lent

#### First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**                  Psalm 18(19):8-11

*You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

**Second reading**                          I Corinthians 1:22-25

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**                  Jn 11:25, 26

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## Gospel

John 2:13-25

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.