

# St. Patrick's, Soho

Go out and proclaim the joy of love

SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

<b>SUNDAY 1.3.20</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	11am 5pm 6pm	Parishioners  Spanish
<b>MONDAY 2.3.20</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	12.45pm	Holy Souls
<b>TUESDAY 3.3.20</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	12.45pm	Evangelisation
<b>WEDNESDAY 4.3.20</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	12.45pm	Monsignor Anthony Stark – RIP
<b>THURSDAY 5.3.20</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	12.45pm	Mick Dempsey – RIP
<b>FRIDAY 6.3.20</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	12.45pm	Friends and Benefactors
<b>SATURDAY 7.3.20</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	6pm	Rene Tkacik – RIP

## PRAYER GROUPS

**CENACOLO** – The Group prays for those who are most afflicted by addiction and seeks to bring them to the healing love of the Lord. All welcome. **Every Monday in the Church – 7pm-8.30pm**  
**LEGION OF MARY** – Every Wednesday: 7pm-8.15pm.  
**DAILY PRAYER** – Tuesday to Friday – Morning Prayer: 7.45pm.

**CONFESSION** – Monday to Friday – 12.15-12.40pm; Saturday – 5.30pm-6pm  
**SOS PRAYER LINE** – “Because nothing is impossible to God” – Request for prayer answered personally by telephone – 020 7434 9211 – 7 days a week, 7pm-11pm  
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Monday to Friday - 1.30pm-5pm; Saturday – 7pm-9pm.  
**DAILY ROSARY** – Monday to Friday – 12noon

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: THE YEAR OF THE WORD

One of the themes of "Year of the Word 2020", is **living God's Word**. Lent is an excellent time to put this into practice, with its emphasis on fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Our Bishops say: “The Scriptures inspire us to put faith into action, living God's word and doing God's word...Throughout 2020, dioceses and communities are invited to explore (the following): In what good ways do we live God's Word? Where might there be gaps? Is anyone excluded? What new ways and opportunities might be open to us?” <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/living/>

## MUSIC AT THE 11AM MASS

**Entrance Hymn:** Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days (54)

**Kyrie:** Missa de Angelis (285 pg 419)

**Psalm:** *Have mercy on us Lord, for we have sinned.*

**Offertory Hymn:** Soul of My Saviour (129)

**Offertory Solo:** Ave Maria Op. 67 No2 (G. Faure 1845 – 1924)

**Trans:** *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

**Sanctus & Benedictus:** Missa de Angelis (285 pg 423)

**Agnus Dei:** Missa de Angelis (285 pg 424)

**Communion Solo:** Attende Domine – Hymn No: 292 Catholic Hymn Book (The Lent Prose, traditional, The Roman Rite. Translation at Hymn No: 293)

**Recessional Hymn:** Praise to the Holiest in the Height (260)

DURING THE LENTEN SEASON THE ORGAN MAY ONLY BE PLAYED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUSTAINING THE SINGING.

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## REFLECTION

### Matt 4: 1-11

"The wind had dropped, and the snow, tired of rushing around in circles trying to catch itself up, now fluttered gently down until it found a place on which to rest, and sometimes the place was Poob's nose and sometimes it wasn't." Our Lenten season has begun, the time for rushing around has gone - at least for the next 6 weeks. Now is the opportunity when we can flutter down gently and seek out a place to rest - and just 'be' in the presence of God. I promise you - it's not difficult.

In the Gospel passage today, Jesus does not shy away from his time in the wilderness nor from time spent in prayer and fasting. This time is as much part of his formation as the time spent as a dutiful son living with Joseph and Mary, learning the trade of carpentry. Satan tries to use Jesus' divinity to bypass the laws and demands of his humanity. This will be anathema to Jesus because his self-sacrifice on the cross will only be validated by his total embrace of humanity.

We face many temptations in life. We are encouraged to focus on self, to buy more, to possess more, to consume more. We are told such an approach will make life easier and we forget to 'be'. For many, life is summed up and validated by what we have rather than who we are. You might remember Aesop's Fables from your time at school. If you do, you'll remember the argument between the Sun and the Wind as to which of them is the most powerful. Wind reminded the Sun of his immense strength, he could uproot trees, flatten buildings; whereas the Sun had no such power. All he could do was sit in the sky. They agreed on a wager and spotted a man walking along the road. Whichever could make the man take off his coat was the more powerful. The wind summoned all of his power and blew and blew. The man pulled the coat tight around his shoulders and curled up into a tight ball. The coat remained. Then the Sun started to shine, the man grew warm, then he grew hot and started to feel uncomfortable in the heat. He took off his coat in an effort to cool down.

Do we take our lead from the Wind or the Sun? Do we aggressively grab as much as we can - or do we radiate love and generosity and spiritual warmth? Stop rushing around, be like a gently fluttering snowflake. Take time just to 'be' in his presence.

OPEN HOUSE CONTINUES ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AND THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

## NOTICES

**LENTEN ALMS GIVING – CARDINAL'S APPEAL** – an opportunity in this Season to support initiatives in marriage and family life, youth and Evangelisation and the Church's service to society with particular reference to serving the poor, lonely and marginalised people. This collection will be taken after Masses next weekend, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** – Christianity is the most persecuted religion in the world. On the weekend of 14-15 March, John Pontifex, who has visited many counties of persecution, will give an appeal at all Masses on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need which provides emergency and pastoral help: food, medicine, shelter, support so Sisters and priests can minister, Child's Bibles and other catechetical materials, building and repairing churches. Please pray for persecuted Christians and please give generously. Lent and Easter cards, books, music, rosaries on sale. Visit [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)

**REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY** - at the 11am Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. In preparation, take part from now in a do-it-yourself prayer retreat *33 Days to Morning Glory*, visit the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham at Westminster Cathedral between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March and devote 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March to praying for Mary to embrace England, instilling in us "truthfulness and a love of justice" (Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Pastoral Letter 16/02/20).

**PARISH RESTORATION** – this project has started. From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Monday to Friday Masses, Adoration and confession will all happen in the Parish Centre. The entrance to the Parish Centre is along Sutton Row through the opening at the far end. On a weekend, all the Masses and Adoration and confession will happen in the main Church, albeit surrounded by scaffolding and empty of statues and pictures. Please take a copy of the restoration news from the back of the Church to find out more.

**NIGHT SHELTER** - every Friday night from 20<sup>th</sup> March to end of May, we will host 15 homeless guests in the parish centre. Volunteers help prepare the meal, which they sit down with the guests to eat. A few volunteers stay overnight and help with the breakfast; a wonderful opportunity for fellowship in a lovely, relaxed atmosphere. Would-be volunteers to email Mike at [mikeg@1025transform.co.uk](mailto:mikeg@1025transform.co.uk).

**ENVELOPES FOR GIVING** – at the back of the Church there are envelopes for general offertory, stained glass window, music and Open House.

**BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE**: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the parish centre. Registration for this course now closed.

**OPEN HOUSE BREAKFAST CLUB** - a cooked breakfast and shower for homeless guests around Soho, running early mornings on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteers please email [outreach@stpatriksoho.org](mailto:outreach@stpatriksoho.org) to sign up to the rota.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY IS ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** - The Mass to anticipate the Feast will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm and then on 17<sup>th</sup> March, Mass will be at 8am, 12.45pm and 6pm. At all the Masses we hope to bless and distribute the Shamrock. Both on Ash Wednesday and St Patrick's Day, the Masses will be in the Church, **NOT** in the Parish Centre, notwithstanding the scaffolding.

**POCKET-SIZED ST MATTHEW'S GOSPELS** – are available for sale after the 11am Mass on Sundays for £1.50. To read daily during this Year of the Word.

**FRASSATI SOCIETY FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS** - meets after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome!