



St Albert's CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



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Fifth Sunday of Lent • 18th March 2018

READINGS, YEAR 2 (B), 5th Sunday of Lent: **Jer 31:31-34, Ps 50, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: **A pure heart create for me, O God.**



"Madonna of the Meadow", c.1500-5, Giovanni Bellini (c.1426-1516), National Gallery London. The mother contemplates her sleeping child, sitting on the ground in a meadow. It is early spring, the time when the church celebrates Holy Week and Easter. This madonna is in harmony with scene behind her. The blue of her cloak intensifies the blue of the sky and her white veil is echoed in the clouds. She forms a triangle like the blue hills in the distance. The pose of the sleeping child is as in a *pietà*, when the same mother holds the dead body of her son. The peace of the walled town behind her, so familiar to Bellini's patrons, suggests the peace that is given to the world through the sacrifice of her child. To the left and right cattle graze with their herdsman keeping watch. On the right, there is a sheep and a goat and a well, with a mechanism for drawing water which sounded like the noise made by stocks. To the left is a stork killing a serpent, an obvious reference to Christ's victory over sin. In the tree is a black bird which might be a crow. Whilst the bird on the bare branch has a clear sense of foreboding it is also a symbol of motherhood. In fact the literature of Bellini's day, described crows and storks as exemplary parents. Bellini wants us to see in them an echo of Mary's love for her child and to hear once again the words of Christ on the cross to the beloved disciple, "Behold your mother". This painting is linked with one the paintings discussed in Fr Dermot's Talk on Monday. However, you will have to come to the talk to find out why!

TODAY'S GOSPEL, John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Beth-saida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew went with Philip and they told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die.

LOVE LENT

Archbishop Leo invites young people, 16 to 35, to join him last of three talks exploring what lent is about and how to live it better. The talk is at St Mary's Cathedral, 61 York Place, EH1 3JD. on this coming Friday 23rd March at 7pm. **Palm Sunday Invite to Young Adults: Archbishop Leo Cushley would like to invite you to join him on Palm Sunday, 25 March 2018, for a gathering of young adults from across the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Venue: Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. 2pm: Talk by Archbishop Cushley. 4pm: Mass. 5pm: Buffet.**

Readings for Palm Sunday 25th March 2018: **Is 50:4-7, Ps 21, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1-15:47.**

The text of the Mass can be found on the cards near the entrance to the Chapel and at **no 479** in the hymnal.

MUSIC AT 12 O'CLOCK MASS

Organist and more singers needed. New singers needed, and if you are able to play the organ fairly regularly at the 12noon Mass, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fr John, or speak to the singers after Mass.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 19th is of the Feast of St Joseph

MASSES AND SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, 25th to Wednesday 28th March

Masses as normal at St Albert's.

Holy Thursday, 29th March

9.30am Tenebrae

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 30th March

9.30am Tenebrae

3pm Passion.

7pm Stations of the Cross with St Michael & All Saints beginning at St Michael's and proceeding along the northern edge of the Meadows to finish here at St Albert's.

Holy Saturday, 31st March

9.30am Tenebrae

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 1st April

Masses at 9am, 10am, 12 noon

There will not be a Student Mass on Easter Sunday.

JOHN LEONARD RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Leonard who died on Tuesday and for Sofia and all their family. John's funeral Mass will be here at St Albert's on Monday 19th at 11am. The burial will be private. John has been a parishioner here for many years and has been a stalwart of the 12 O'Clock Sunday Mass congregation. He will be sadly missed by us all. May he rest in peace.

THE ORBIT DRAWINGS

Drawings by Lee Paterson from the 9am Mass are on display in the Garden Room. "The focus is both on the person of Jesus and the silently, unrelenting, reality of the beam of the cross and what it represents. The tomb drawing I have tentatively called the triumph of the Trinity and the fish is simply 'Come, have breakfast' which is a joyous statement about the extraordinary every-day-ness of the resurrection."

DONATION TO THE DOMINICANS AT EASTER

The collections taken up at Easter goes to Parish Funds. If you would like to give money to the Dominican Community at Easter please use the envelopes with the blue strip which are beside the newsletter.

NEXT HOLY GROUND TALK TOMORROW

The next talk is given by Dermot Morrin OP on "Two Agonies in the Garden: Mantegna & Bellini, Mark and John", on Monday 19th March at 7pm in the Garden Room. These talks are free and open to all.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING LEVEL I TODAY

If you have not completed Level 1 training as a requirement for all those with PVG through this parish, please try to attend one of the sessions organised by the Diocese and let Trish Mckeown know that you have attended. The next date and time is: **Sunday 18 March 2018 at 1pm** Venue: St Mary, Star of the Sea, 106 Constitution Street, Edinburgh EH6 6AW. Duration: Approximately 2 hours

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Book Group will be on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.30pm in The Library, St Albert's Chaplaincy, 24 George Square, when the group will be discussing "The Garden of Evening Mists" by Tan Twang Eng. New members are welcome, and for contact details please see the entry on the Parish website.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you would like to start supporting St Albert's by making a standing order or by using envelopes, please speak to Fr Dermot.

DIVINE OFFICE & MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday:

Morning Prayer 8am
Mass 1.15pm, 5:15pm
Evening Prayer after 5:15pm Mass

Saturday:

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass 12pm

Sunday:

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass 9, 10, 12noon
Evening Prayer 5:30pm
Student Mass 7.15pm

Exposition: Wednesdays after 1.15pm Mass until 2.30pm,
Sundays from 6.45pm until 7.10pm

Confessions: After 1.15pm Mass on Wednesdays until 2pm.

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