



# St Albert's CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

  
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 10TH MARCH 2024 HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

**READINGS FOR 10TH MARCH 2024:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Ps 136, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!



*"The Entombment of Christ", Caravaggio, 1602/3, Pinacoteca Vaticana, Rome. (originally in Chiesa Nuova, where there is good replica in situ)*

Nicodemus stares out at us as he and St John lower the dead body of Christ into the tomb. Everything about him, from his bent back to the swollen vein in his right leg, draws us into the physical act of lowering the body into the ground. Like the stone slab on which they stand, his elbow pieces the pictorial boundary. But it is our thoughts and our hearts which are penetrated by the quiet gaze of this humble man. As he holds the corpse in his arms, is he trying to hold in his heart the memory of something Jesus had once said: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." This Entombment scene with the three Mary's in distress was painted to replace an existing *Pietà*. Indeed, Caravaggio may have wished to surpass Michelangelo's *Pietà* just up the road in St Peter's. But the most distinctive aspect of this work is that he chose Nicodemus, who once came to Jesus by night, for the starring role.

### TODAY'S GOSPEL : Jn 3:14 - 21

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

### NO FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

### Readings for Sunday 17th March 2024:

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 50, Web 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

### LENTEN PROJECT

This Lent we are raising funds for the Charity "Star for Harris" <https://starforharris.co.uk>. This charity supports the treatment of cancer in young children. It was founded by Alan and Tanya Ross, who live near Fort William, and whose young boy, Harris, died from a brain tumour in 2010. They have a special link with us as they often came here to Mass while Harris was undergoing treatment at the Sick Kids hospital. **You can donate online page and also give aid our donation at <https://www.justgiving.com/starforharris>. If you donate let Fr Dermot know the amount he can add it to the total.**

**So far we have raised £252.43**

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND TOULOUSE 26.05 - 02.06 POSSIBLE CANCELTION

So far only 14 people have signed up. We need 20 to make it viable. If we don't get 6 more people by Tuesday evening then we will have to cancel. The deposits which have been paid will be refunded.

### ITINERARY

The plan is to fly direct from Edinburgh to Toulouse with Ryanair leaving at 15:20 on Sunday 26th May and returning at 20:35 on Sunday 2nd June. We will spend two nights in Toulouse and the remainder in Lourdes. Cost £737 plus flights. **Please book by Tuesday.** For the booking form or more information please contact Fr Dermot at [dermot.morrin@english.op.org](mailto:dermot.morrin@english.op.org)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIO TODAY

Next Sunday there will be a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities (including SCIAF) at all Masses. Archbishop Leo Cushley said: "The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for poorer people across the world and we pray for all those involved in the charitable works of the Church. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent."

### LECTURE ON AQUINAS & THE EUCHARIST

Fr Reginald Lynch OP will give a lecture on "Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Trinitarian Communion" on Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm in the Meadows Lecture Theatre at the Old Medical School (Doorway 4). All welcome.

### DAY CONFERENCE ON EVOLUTION AND THEISM

The Thomistic and Albertus Institutes present a joint day conference on "Evolution and Theism", 9am-5pm on Saturday 23rd March at New College. Do come along for discussions on evolution, creation, transhumanism and more! For more details and the registration follow this link: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/upcoming-events/edinburgh-conference-evolution>

### PRO-LIFE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This takes place every Monday in Lent at 7.45pm, praying for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at <https://bit.ly/lentstations>

### PATHWAYS OF HOPE

There will be a forum on Catholic Social Teaching and Poverty entitled 'Pathways of Hope' which takes place on Saturday 16th March 10:30am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at [bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent](http://bit.ly/pathwaysofhopeevent)

### CALLED TO BE SAINTS: YOUTH DAY

A day of inspiration, friendship and prayer for S1-S4 pupils that asks the question 'what does it mean to be a saint in the modern world?' Run by Fr Robert Taylor and Fr Martin Eckersley, it features talks from guests including Judith Ralston, BBC Scotland weather presenter. It takes place on Saturday 23rd March, midday to 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register your child for this FREE event at [bit.ly/calledtobesaints](http://bit.ly/calledtobesaints)

### ANNUAL HOLY GROUND LECTURE 21.03

Fr Michael Dunleavy OP will speak on "Andante Cantabile – Fra Angelico's Celestial Concerts". The lecture will begin at 7pm on 21st March in the Meadows Lecture Hall, in the Old Medical School, followed by a reception here at St Albert's. **You must book this week on Eventbrite at [bit.ly/3ONRwLD](http://bit.ly/3ONRwLD) . SO FAR ONLY 20 PEOPLE HAVE BOOKED.**

### TOP 10 HYMNS

It would greatly help our musicians and singers if they knew what hymns members of the 10 and 12 Mass congregations liked. Please look through our Laudate hymnal and choose up to 10 hymns and write their numbers on the form provided and put it in the box near the door. The box will remain until next Sunday.

### NEW MONTHLY FOLK MASS AT 12 TODAY

We hope that every month or so, the 12 noon Mass on Sundays will be a folk Mass with a number of instruments. This will begin today, 10th March. If you would like to be involved moving forward, please speak to our musicians and singers or email Fr Dermot.

### 100 ASKS CAMPAIGN

(1) Watch the film. (2) Ask someone to watch "The Letter". (3) Write that person's first name on the page provided in the Chapel porch. (4) Pray during Lent and attend Mass in Holy Week on Wednesday 27th March at 5.15pm. There are more details on the sheet in the chapel porch.

### JUSTICE & PEACE MEETING

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group will take place on Tuesday 19th March in the library 24 George Square at 6.15pm. This meeting is open to any parishioner who wishes to attend. There will be someone around to let you in from 6.15pm but maybe not before this time.

### MEET JONAH 14.03, 25.03

Fr Matthew and Fr Thomas lead as we listen to and discuss together the Book of Jonah, It continues first on 14th March, at 7pm-9pm, in the Garden Room. The fourth session is on the Monday of Holy Week. Please bring food to share from 7pm. Drinks will be provided. This is a great way to go deeper with the Scriptures this Lent!

### FRENCH MASS 11.03

The next Mass in French will be celebrated on Monday 11th March at 6.30pm.

### ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR LENT 12.03

There will be a service of readings and Taizé chants for Lent on Tuesday 12th March at 7.15pm. Please bring your friends and family.

### TALK ON THE VERDI REQUIEM, 18.03

Fr Matthew will give a talk about the music and theology of Verdi's Requiem, at 7pm on Monday 18th March in the Garden Room. You can then hear it performed in concert at the Usher Hall on Sunday 24th March, 3pm, with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra & Edinburgh Festival Chorus conducted by Ryan Wigglesworth.

### PARISH BOOK GROUP 09.05

The Parish Book Group meeting scheduled for Thursday 21st March has had to be rescheduled for Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm, in the Priory Library; when the group will discuss the novel, "I, Claudius" by Robert Graves (387 pages). The meeting will be in hybrid format. For further details please contact [stevenpmale@gmail.com](mailto:stevenpmale@gmail.com).

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**12.03** Taizé Service  
**14.03** Meet Jonah  
**18.03** Verdi Requiem Talk  
**21.03** Holy Ground Lecture  
**24.03** Palm Sunday  
**27.03** Mass for 100 asks  
**25.03** Meet Jonah  
**09.05** Book Group  
**29.06** God'

#### MASS TIMES

**Mon to Fri** 7.30am & 5.15pm  
**Sat** 12pm  
**Sun** 9am, 10am (family Mass),  
12pm & 6.15pm (student Mass)

#### EXPOSITION WITH CONFESSIONS

**Wed** 4pm to 5pm  
**Sat** 11am to 12pm  
**EXPOSITION ONLY**  
**Sun** 5.50pm - 6.10pm

**DIVINE OFFICE & MASS TIMES AT ST ALBERT'S:** Each day: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8am, **Monday to Friday**, Mass at 7.30am (*term time*) & 5.15pm (*live-streamed*) followed by Evening Prayer, **Saturday**, Mass at 12 noon (*live-streamed*), **Sunday**: Masses at 9am (*live-streamed*), 10am, 12 noon, 6.15pm (*students, term time*). Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. **For live streaming go to <https://scotland.op.org/live/> . You can also view our live stream at <https://www.churchservices.tv/edinburgh>.** **Exposition only** at 5.45pm after Evening Prayer on Sundays until just before Mass at 6.15pm, **Exposition with Confessions**, Wednesday from 4pm until 5pm, Saturday from 11am until Mass at 12 noon

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