

THE Gospel today is at the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in St Matthew's Gospel. We think of the Sermon as a kind of summary for our discipleship and religious life. We also have a kind of summary for the Old Testament pointed to in the first reading.

When we read, "fasten (these words) on your hands as a sign and on your forehead as a circlet", we are reminded of three Old Testament passages where we meet similar words used to accentuate certain readings. The Jewish men at prayer would, and still do, enclose a copy of the texts in boxes attached to holding straps on their arms and heads, here called circlets, but also phylacteries or Tefillin. One of the texts has the familiar words, "Yahweh is one God; love your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength". With the affirmation went service to others and observance of precepts. It included the idea of teaching to be handed on to future generations. Jesus, in St Matthew's Gospel combines this commandment with the commandment to love your neighbour. The acts of wearing the circlets are to reinforce frequent dedication to the worship of God.

The second reading explains that since the death of Christ we live in a wider landscape than that of the Law and Prophets. That is because we live our graced faith in the justifying, reconciling, redeeming sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is the last section of the Sermon on the Mount. It tells us that the foundation to a religious life lies not in our acquaintance with Jesus, but in our dedication to him. Our foundation lies in our listening to his words and acting upon them. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus has said that he did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. He describes the Golden Rule, "treat others as you would have them treat you" as the meaning of the Law and the Prophets. Having commented, during the Sermon on the Mount, on misunderstandings of religion, Jesus sees the reliable person as having wisdom. This is being sensibly prudent, insightful and far-seeing, with lots of other qualities that we read about in the Wisdom books of the Bible. The gifts chime with the Gifts given us in Confirmation.

Fr Jonathan, OP



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'	O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone. See my hardship and my poverty, and pardon all my sins.
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(+	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Asperges p 40; Mass Proper, p 124
), *	•Sung setting: Missa Orbis Factor p 210; Credo III, p 216
" ,*	•Communion motet: God is our refuge Mozart; Marian Antiphon 3, p 220
# *	•Organ sortie: Prelude in C BWV 547 J S Bach
" ,*	Deuteronomy 11: 18.26-28
# *	- . , & / (Ps 31)
" ,*	Romans 3: 21-25.28
(*	I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit.
0) *	Matthew 7: 21-27
!	<u>Either</u> – I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and
() *	hear my prayer. <u>Or</u> – I tell you solemnly, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours, says the Lord.
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(to take an elderly gentleman to the 9:30am Sunday Mass. He lives near Leicester prison and is able to walk, but is liable to get confused or lost. He also needs to return home soon after Mass in time for his meals-on-wheels delivery. Please give Father Leon your name and number printed clearly if you are able and willing to help. (Could Sinead who volunteered earlier please also get in touch with Fr Leon. Thank you.)

\$! 5) after the Wednesday and Friday 12:30pm Masses. The first one is this Wednesday.

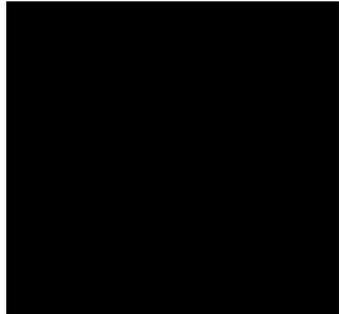
(1 . , a day of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence here means "not eating meat", to be observed by all Catholics 16 years old and older. Fasting is reducing what you eat, applicable to all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. (People outside these age ranges are also enjoined to make acts of penitence and sacrifice; it is good to promote this with your children.) The minimum fasting the Church enjoins is eating only one meal in the day, and all other things eaten in the day not adding up to a meal. Remember: that's only the minimum the Church asks. You are free to do more for God. Fasting does not apply to drinking water of course.

(" % 3 ' -\$-' \$ 4 1"2/ This is the title of a series on each Book of the Bible, written by one of the friars, and inserted into the Newsletter. We continue today with St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The series also appears on the Parish website.

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/ These will be given by one of the friars on Fridays in Lent after the 10am and 12.30pm Masses. On Friday, Fr Thomas will set the ball rolling with 'St Edmund Campion'. We hope you can stay for some of these talks.

6 next talk will be given by Professor Eleanor Nesbitt, Professor in Religions & Education at the University of Warwick, on "Young Peoples' Religious & Spiritual Nurture in a Diverse Society" on Friday 11 March. All are welcome. Meetings are held at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road (near Queens Road) at 7:30pm.



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! - . @ ? A — a draft programme for the Trinity Term is posted on the noticeboard. Also see <http://www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/events.php>.

1 () ! , at the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Kraków, Poland, will be held from 29 September to 6 October. Approx cost is £500 for flight, B&B and registration. For further details phone Kath (234 0103) or Mary (291 2103).

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 . / The Schola will be singing Compline with the friars at 9pm on Friday evening, Vespers on Saturday at 5.15pm (note special time) and Compline at 9pm, and they will also sing at the 11am Mass on Sunday. There will be an extra Mass on Saturday, sung in the older form, at 11am for the Feast of St Gregory the Great, whose name was given to 'Gregorian' Chant. Everyone is welcome to all these services. For further details please contact Bernard Marriott on 285 6158.

Sat 26 Mar	Parish cycle ride, following the 10am Mass, to Burton Overy. Contact Liz on 270 7953.
Sat 2 Apr	Ceilidh, 7pm. Listen or dance to the band. Supper included. Contact Jeff on 243 1289.

, the Rosary will be recited in common at 12 noon, before the 12:30pm Mass. Please make the effort in Lent to come and join in prayer.

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Confessions	10.30 to 11.30	Fr Isidore, and 17.00 to 18.00	Fr Duncan
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Vigil	18.00	Pro populo	
	8.00	Eric Wright	
Family	9.30	Fr Pat Lucey's intentions	
Solemn	11.00	Our Holy Father Pope Benedict	
OP Rite	12.30	For peace in the world	
Students	17.00	(!)	
	19.00	Eamon Farrell	
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	10.00	Michael Legg	
	12.30	Kathryn Ann Taylor	
	10.00	Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30	Fr Pat Lucey's intentions	
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	the 8am Mass in the older form, there will be an additional		
	low Mass in the older form at 6pm. Stations of the Cross at		
	pm.		
	10.00	Thomas Barlett	
	12.30	Liban Pinto	
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	10.00	Private intention (atonement)	
	12.30	Vocations on behalf of Catenians	
	; (1 /	Stations of the Cross at	pm.
	10.00	Albert Impey	
	12.30	Private intention (atonement)	
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	at am, sun#b.\$ the Schola Mariana and 'espers will be		
	at the earlier time of (. (pm.)osar.\$ at *noon.		
	10.00	Private intention(atonement)	
	12.30	Deceased Lay Dominicans of the Leicester Fraternity	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30	Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00	Fr Peter
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	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Romans 5: 12-19	Matthew 4: 1-11

.6 3 & Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane, at 11am by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Refreshments afterwards, and a dance at 8pm. Admission by ticket only, £7 – tel 235 3329.

5 #)) , organised by the Filipino Chaplaincy, every First Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Mother of God Church, New Parks. See noticeboard.

1 = , / Churches Together in the City of Leicester has put together a programme of Lenten talks, including our own Friday talks, at churches in the City Centre. See noticeboard.

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 7.30 Lauds
 10.00 Mass
 12.30 Mass
 17.45 Vespers
 Old Rite Masses as announced.
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 10.30 Exposition until 12.30
 11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet,
 Rosary & Benediction
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 9.00 Lauds
 10.00 Mass
 10.30 Novena to Our Lady
 10.30 Confessions until 11.30
 12.30 Mass
 17.00 Confessions until 18.00
 17.45 Vespers
 18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Old Rite Masses as announced.
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 18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass
 7.30 Lauds
 10.00 Mass
 12.30 Mass
 17.45 Vespers
 19.00 Mass
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 7.30 Lauds
 12.30 Mass, after which the
 church is closed
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 8.00 Mass
 9.00 Lauds
 9.30 Mass (Family)
 11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on
 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)
 12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin)
 17.00 Mass (for Students, term
 time only)
 17.45 Vespers
 18.00 Rosary
 18.20 Sung Latin Compline
 18.40 Benediction
 19.00 Mass
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 visits, ask ward staff to bleep
 the Roman Catholic Chaplain.
 For non-urgent visits leave
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 Chaplains' Office. Messages may
 not be picked up until the end of
 the day.
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