

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



**SOLEMN HIGH MASS**

*Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025*  
*6.30pm*

*Cover image:*

Drawing of the Brazen Serpent of Moses in the Basilica of Sant' Ambrogio,  
Milan.

*Mass setting:*

**MISSA BREVIS IN C, K259**

W.A. Mozart, 1756-1791

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

**THE ROYAL banners forward go,  
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,  
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.**

**Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
Life's torrent rushing from his side,  
To wash us in that precious flood,  
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.**

**Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old,  
The universal Lord is he,  
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.**

**O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,  
O Tree with royal purple dight,  
Elect on whose triumphal breast  
Those holy limbs should find their rest!**

**On whose dear arms, so widely flung,  
The weight of this world's ransom hung,  
The price of humankind to pay  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.**

**O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
So may thy power with us prevail  
To give new virtue to the saint,  
And pardon to the penitent. Amen.**

Venantius Fortunatus, 530-609

Tr J.M. Neale, 1818-1866

**GONFALON ROYAL**

Percy Buck, 1871-1947

*We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. Galatians 6.14*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, **we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ☩ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.*

§ *All sit.*

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

§ *All stand.*

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Numbers 21.4-9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY 22.23-28

*O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel. For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him. My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.*

### EPISTLE *Philippians 2.6-11*

Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 3.13-17*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a Burden: which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

### HOMILY

Fr Michael Bowie, Vicar, St Peter's, Eastern Hill, Melbourne, Australia

§ *All stand as the choir sing the Creed.*

*I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Christ be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

*O crux splendidior cunctis astris, hominibus multum amabilis, sanctior universis, quae sola fuisti digna portare talentum mundi. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulcia ferens pondera, salva praesentem catervam in tuis laudibus congregatam. Alleluia.*

O cross more splendid than the stars, much beloved by men, holier than any other, which alone was worthy to carry the treasure of the world. Sweet wood, sweet nails, bearing a sweet weight, save the present congregation gathered here for your praise. Alleluia.

§ *All stand.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

O Lord our God, who dost suffer us to be fulfilled with the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom thou hast sanctified unto us the standard of the Cross: we humbly beseech thee; that like as we have been counted worthy to venerate that Cross, so we may in everlasting glory be made partakers of the saving benefits of the same; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

§ *The Canon concludes: O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

§ *The celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer, which is sung by all.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. [x2]*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar, which also avoids the steps.*

*When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.*

John 12.32



§ *All sing:*

ONCE, only once, and once for all,  
His precious life he gave;  
Before the Cross in faith we fall,  
And own it strong to save.

“One offering, single and complete,”  
With lips and hearts we say;  
But what he never can repeat  
He shows forth day by day.

For as the priest of Aaron’s line  
Within the holiest stood,  
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine  
With sacrificial blood;

So he, who once atonement wrought,  
Our Priest of endless power,  
Presents himself for those he bought  
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives  
On heaven’s eternal throne,  
And where in mystic rite he gives  
Its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death, O Lord,  
Till thou again appear,  
And feel, when we approach thy board,  
We have an altar here.

William Bright, 1824-1901

**ALBANO**

Vincent Novello, 1781-1861

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord: that we, who have received this Sacrament of our salvation; may, through the merits and intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, whom thou hast assumed into heaven, be brought unto the glory of the resurrection. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *To the blessing, all respond: Amen.*

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**LIFT high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. *Lift high...***

**This is the sign that Satan's legions fear,  
And angels veil their faces to revere. *Lift high...***

**Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain,  
The heirs of Adam their lost home regain. *Lift high...***

George W. Kitchen, 1827-1912 & Michael R. Newbolt, 1875-1956

## CRUCIFER

Sidney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

## THE ANGELUS

THE Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

**And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among 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.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy word.** Hail Mary. . .

And the Word was made flesh.

**And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary. . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

§ *To the collect, all respond: Amen.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

## JÉSUS ACCEPTE LA SOUFFRANCE

*From La Nativité du Seigneur  
Olivier Messiaen, 1908-1992*

# PARISH NOTICES

*Please join us for coffee after Mass. The Parish Bar will also be open for an hour.*

## **Welcome back Fr Michael**

It is good to have Fr Michael Bowie, the former Assistant Priest here, back with us from Australia, to preach this morning. Welcome back!

## **Wedding Bells**

Please keep Tom Saxton and Amelia Graham in your prayers this week, as they prepare for their wedding here at All Saints' this coming Saturday.

## **Our Lady of Walsingham**

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham falls on Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Low Mass with hymns, at the High Altar at 6.30pm, followed by drinks at Fr Alan's. All welcome.

## **Parish Walk**

Our next Parish Walk will take place on St Luke's Day, Saturday October 18th. We'll take the 09.54 from Victoria to Lewes, and walk up to 10 miles, with some ascents. All welcome. Be in touch with Fr Alan.

## **Advent Retreat**

The Advent Retreat takes place from Friday 5th December to Sunday 7th December 2025 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. All those who gather for the retreat go into silence on Friday evening after supper. Silence is then kept in the Shrine grounds through the whole of Saturday until after the Solemn Mass on Sunday morning which takes place at St Mary's parish church. The cost is £260, and you can sign up via the Parish Office.

## **Choir and Music Trust Concert**

The fundraising campaign for our Choir and Music Trust Fund will be launched at a concert given by our choir on the Eve of All Saints'; Saturday 1st November at 7pm.

The programme will include Bairstow's *Blessed City*, Macdowell's *Annunciation*, Macmillan's *A special Appeal*, Finzi's *Lo the full and final sacrifice*, Holst's *Nunc Dimittis*, and Parry's *Songs of Farewell*. Tickets are £25 per head and all funds raised will go to our Choir and Music Trust. Please bring your friends.

*Please take away one of the **enclosed flyers** for full details of this year's Patronal celebrations!*

**The clergy can be contacted through the Parish Office:**

**020 7636 1788; [office@asms.uk](mailto:office@asms.uk)**

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Our Lady at the Cross	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 5.30pm <i>Holy Hour</i> ; 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Feria</i>	12noon; 6.30pm
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	St Andrew Kim Taegon	12noon Req.; 2.30pm Nuptial Mass 6pm <i>Confessions</i> ; 6.30pm Vigil
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>		8.30am Low Mass
<b>TRINITY XIV</b>		11am High Mass; 5.15pm Low Mass 6pm <i>Evensong &amp; Benediction</i>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The Friends of All Saints' Margaret Street:** *14th* – Karolyn Cooper, William Cooper Bailey, Peter Coulson, Steven Cox, Dr Yvonne Craig, Juliet Cridland; *15th* – Dr Ryan Danker, Kirill Dashkovskiy, Keith Day, Christopher Davies, Peter Dennis, Laura Denton, Joshua Dolphin; *16th* – Linda Edwards, Pamela Edwards, Jane Elliston, Dr Terrence Ellsworth, Richard Everton and Fr Philip Bevan, Carolyn Farrar, Dr Malcolm Faulkner; *17th* – Sue Feakin, Adrian Felaar, Elizabeth Ferguson, Daniel Fielden, Janice Fielden, Julia Fielden, Nigel Fisher, Mark Fleming; *18th* – Stuart Fletcher, Christopher Forman, Matthew Foster, Antony Fox, Dr Ralph Donald Fram, Dr Jason Frost, Derrick French, Derek Gatherer, Celia Gatherer, Dr Charlotte Gauthier, Dr Rebecca Gibbs, Margaret Goddard, Paul Golding, John Goldsmith; *19th* – Genevieve Gomi, Canon Michael Gudgeon, Sheelagh Gudgeon, Ginger and Del Hall, Monica Joan Hall; *20th* – Paul Hannah, Jillian Hargreaves, Christopher Harlow-Jennings, Patrick Hartley, The Rev'd Canon Jeremy Haselock

**The sick:** Cherry Burroughs, Jean Castledine, David Craig, Fr Michael Gudgeon, Catherine Hobden, Fr Harry Hodgetts, Carol Lyman-Price, James Rodger, Ingrid Slaughter, Juliet Windham

**The recently departed:** Joan Hindle, David Lodge

**and for those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:**

*14th* – Peggy Macmillan, Thomas Partridge; *15th* – Augusta Kirby, Gwen Duckett, Richard Dinnis *Pr*, Henrietta Osler; *16th* – Evelyn Hutt, Virginia Ambridge, Flora Subbiah; *17th* – Arthur Bouchier, Allan Duggan; *20th* – Guy Fleming *Pr*, Greville Howard, Anthony Andrews *Pr*, Susan Gill



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