

## Diary of Services and Events February—April 2012

### FEBRUARY 2012

Thursday 2	<b>Candlemas</b>	12.45 pm	Mass
		7.30 pm	Sung Mass
The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 40 days after his birth			
Sunday 5	<b>Septuagesima</b>	10.30 am	Mass
	For the names 'Septuagesima' and 'Sexagesima' (12 February) see note under 'Quinquagesima', 19 February	5.30 pm	<i>Asperges</i> and Sung Mass
Thursday 9	S. Cyril of Alexandria	12.45 pm	Mass
Bishop of Alexandria 412-444 and an important participant in the theological struggle to understand the person of Christ as both fully human and fully divine			
Sunday 12	<b>Sexagesima</b>	5.30 pm	Sung Mass
Thursday 16	feria	12.45 pm	Mass
Sunday 19	<b>Quinquagesima</b>	10.30 am	Mass
	'Quinquagesima'—Latin, <i>fiftieth</i> . Today is the fiftieth day before Easter. Similarly 5 and 12 February are, roughly speaking, the seventieth and sixtieth days before Easter.	5.30 pm	Sung Mass
<b>LENT BEGINS</b>			
Lent is the season of preparation for the Passover of the Lord celebrated in the Great Three Days ('Triduum') from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day. It began as a time of preparation for baptism and confirmation at the Easter Vigil and for the reconciliation of those whose serious sin had separated them from the fellowship of the Church. Like our Lord's time in the wilderness it lasts 40 days, not counting Sundays as these are never days of fasting. Imposition of ashes is the traditional sign of penitence at the start of Lent.			
Wednesday 22	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	12.45 pm	Mass
	<i>Imposition of Ashes at each Mass</i>	7.30 pm	Sung Mass
Thursday 23	S. Peter Damian	12.45 pm	Mass
Reforming monk and teacher of the faith in 11th-century Italy			
Sunday 26	<b>Lent 1</b>	5.30 pm	Sung Mass

### MARCH 2012

Thursday 1	S. David	12.45 pm	Mass
6th-century archbishop of Wales, who died on this day in 589, he was renowned as a preacher and teacher, and as the founder of monasteries and churches in Wales and also in Devon and Brittany			
Sunday 4	<b>Lent 2</b>	10.30 am	Mass
		5.30 pm	<i>Asperges</i> and Sung Mass
Monday 5	feria	7.00 pm	Mass, then Annual Meeting
Thursday 8	S. John of God	12.45 pm	Mass
16th-century Portuguese friar in Spain who after a spell of mental illness devoted his life to caring for the sick and poor, founding the 'Order of Hospitallers' which continues his work			
Sunday 11	<b>Lent 3</b>	5.30 pm	Sung Mass
Thursday 15	feria	12.45 pm	Mass
Sunday 18	<b>Lent 4</b>	10.30 am	Mass
		5.30 pm	Sung Mass
Thursday 22	feria	12.45 pm	Mass
Sunday 25	<b>Passion Sunday</b>	5.30 pm	Sung Mass
Monday 26	<b>Annunciation of the BVM</b>	7.30 pm	Sung Mass
<i>Music: The Clerkes of All Saints</i>			
'Lady Day', for centuries observed as New Year's Day, being the dawn of the age of salvation. Our Lady's 'yes' to God's call to be the mother of the incarnate Word enabled the Incarnation to take place			
Thursday 29	feria	12.45 pm	Mass

### APRIL 2012

<b>HOLY WEEK</b>			
The holiest week of the year and the climax of Our Lord's redemptive work			
Sunday 1	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.30 am	Mass
		5.30 pm	Palm Procession and Sung Mass
<i>Palm Ceremonies at each Mass</i>			
<i>Sung Passion: The Clerkes of All Saints</i>			
<b>THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>			
The Paschal Triduum or 'Great Three Days' is a celebration of even greater antiquity than Lent. The Three Days each begin at sundown, starting with Thursday night/Friday and ending with Saturday night/Sunday. They constitute the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passover from death to new life, in which we participate sacramentally to enter the new life in Christ.			
Thursday 5	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Watch of the Passion until midnight and then from 8 am Friday until the Liturgy			
Friday 6	<b>Good Friday</b>	12 noon	Stations of the Cross
		7.30 pm	The Solemn Liturgy
<i>Music: The Ebor Singers</i>			
Saturday 7	<b>Easter Night</b>	7.30 pm	The Easter Vigil and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection
Sunday 8	<b>Easter Day</b>	10.30 am	Mass
		5.30 pm	Sung Mass and Benediction
Thursday 12	in Easter Octave	12.45 pm	Mass
Sunday 15	<b>Low Sunday</b>	10.30 am	Mass
		5.30 pm	Sung Mass
Thursday 19	S. Alphege	12.45 pm	Mass
Archbishop of Canterbury from 1006, he was captured by marauding Vikings in 1011 and murdered by them on this day in 1012 after refusing to allow a ransom to be paid for his release			
Sunday 22	<b>Easter 2</b>	5.30 pm	Sung Mass
Thursday 26	feria	12.45 pm	Mass
Sunday 29	<b>Easter 3</b>	10.30 am	Mass
		5.30 pm	Sung Mass