

The church is open for quiet thought or prayer from 8am – 5.30pm Monday – Friday,
11am – 4pm on Saturdays.
Monday – Friday there will be daily mass at 12.15pm. Monday 1.05pm Mediation group.
On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.

Diary

Thursday	29 March	6.30pm	Celebration of the Last Supper to be held at St Mary's, Aldermay
Friday	30 March	12noon	Celebration of The Passion
Friday	30 March	1.30pm	Film of "Gods & Men" to be shown in The Rectory with hot cross buns.

St Vedast's Hall is available for hire for events, meetings, etc. Please contact the administrator for more information.

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St. Vedast alias Foster.

**The Parish of
Saint Vedast-alias-Foster**
Foster Lane, London EC2V 6HH
Fifth Sunday of Lent
18th March 2018

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Platten
Preacher: Edward Bunting

Hymn: 72 My Faith Looks up to Thee

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31–34

Psalm: Psalm 51.1–12

R A clean heart create in me, O God

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement. **R**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. **R**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; wash me and I shall be clean indeed. Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. **R**

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. **R**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5.5–10

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel: John 12.20–33

Intercessions

We pray for those who are sick especially those named in our Prayer

Intention book: Margaret Spencer, Roger Bloomfield

We pray for those who have died recently:

James Davie, Ernest Hecht

We pray for those whose anniversary falls during this time especially:

Donald Watson

If there is anyone you wish to be included in our prayers, please call the Church office on 020 7606 3998 or email administrator@vedast.org.uk.

Offertory Hymn: 86 My Song is Love Unknown

Anthem: Holy spirit ever dwelling - Howells

Communion: *All baptised communicant Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this service. Alternatively, please come forward for a Blessing. If you have difficulty kneeling, it is perfectly acceptable for you to remain standing to receive Holy Communion.*

Thanksgiving Hymn: 84 It is a Thing Most Wonderful