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4th Sunday in Lent (Year C) 27th March 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th March	Vigil: 4th Sunday in Lent	6.00pm	Lorraine Costello Ints
Sunday 27th March	4th Sunday in Lent	8.30am	For the people of the parish
		10.30am	Mary Ginty RIP
Tuesday 29th March	Lent Feria	7.00pm	David Craig
Wednesday 30th March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Funeral of William George
Thursday 31st March	Lent Feria	9.15am	Estela Bartolazo RIP
Friday 1st April	Lent Feria	9.15am	Alan Ardin RIP & Family
Saturday 2nd April	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Lent	6.00pm	Elish Doyle RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions: please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Funeral Mass of William George Wednesday 30th March 9.15am

Liturgy of the Word: 27th March 2022

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Responsorial Psalm:

*Be Joyful, all who were in mourning:
exult & be satisfied at her consoling breast*

Gospel Acclamation:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you"

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 125, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

Fr. Dominic writes:

The Parable of the Prodigal Son - a great parable for the Season of Lent.

This parable could also be called the Parable of the Older Son or the Parable of the forgiving Father. Each of these persons speaks to us in different, but equally powerful ways. They mark out three paths to Easter. We will deal with the Prodigal Son in this short reflection. This son demands his inheritance, goes off to a distant country and loses it all. This unnamed 'Country' is more than a place. It is really a way of living, a condition of the heart. Maybe we have known the "distant country" where we leave Church and Gospel to follow our own way.

We are lured to a place where "sin" is made to look like fun. But sin is not fun for long. Sin is fun until a person becomes addicted to drugs. Sin is fun until drinking harms or hurts another or ourselves. Sin is fun until infidelity destroys a marriage and a family. Sin is fun until greed, arrogance or deception distort our lives out of shape and leave us isolated from God and from others, morally ruined. This the "distant country" we all have known in some way.

When the prodigal son comes to his senses, we have the moment of recognition: "I have sinned." It is the moment when he no longer blamed his father, for being too indulgent, when he no longer blamed society for being too immoral, when he no longer blamed his employer for being unfair, when he longer blamed his own immaturity for being unwise, when he no longer blamed his genetic makeup or birth order for making him rebellious. "I have sinned!" That moment is the key to a different future for him and the Key to the rest of his life.

It is a sign of moral awakening and spiritual maturity to be able to say, "I have sinned". The path to Easter for the prodigal son and for us lies in the crucial importance of being able to say, "I have sinned."

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.



FOOD BANK This weekend the Catholic Women's League will hold a bucket collection. All money raised will go to the Food Bank run by the Baptist Church in Gosforth Lane which supports the people of South Oxhey.

Calling all Doctors and Nurses and Carers

The Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference 2022
At St Mary's University, Twickenham April 23rd 2022
" Palliative Care : The Christian Way " Details and Application
cygnetdoc@aol.com cmaconf39@gmail.com



ALTAR SERVERS

We would love to welcome back our altar servers. Also anyone who would like to train as an altar server. Could a parent please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.
Many thanks.

There will be a refresher training session (which will also help to prepare for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies) for those with previous altar serving experience on **Saturday 9th April at 4pm** in the church.

A training session for new altar servers will take place after Easter.

This lent, Greg Birch is fighting malnutrition by taking part in the Walk against Hunger challenge. He'll be walking 200km during lent to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. You can make a donation in support at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-against-hunger> | 343 .



Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) **by Sunday 27th March please**

Caritas Deaf Service

The Caritas Deaf Service is helping enable the full participation of Deaf people in our communities throughout Lent and Easter, with Signed Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon at Westminster Cathedral, and all the Holy Week services at Maria Assumpta Chapel in Kensington Square. Find out more at <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/deaf-service-events.php>

Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.



Donations can be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

Alternately, donations can also be made to Cafod, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

Lent Retreat for Young Adults (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 2nd April 2022** in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Information on hosting Ukrainian refugees who come to the UK



The document in the link below addresses key points, what is needed and how best to respond. Please read CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) document <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>

The Financials....	Total offertory for the last month	Last Year's offertory for February
Envelopes	£1,081.54	Envelopes £ 649.77
Loose Plate	£ 939.35	Loose plate £ 832.85
Standing Orders	£ 1,548.50	Standing Orders £ 1,009.50
Online	£ 20.00	Online £ 31.25

