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Second Sunday of Lent



2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A) 5th March 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th March	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th March	2nd Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Georgette Gornall
		10.30am	Phil Carey
Tuesday 7th March	Lent feria	7.00pm	Kasandra de Barros Webb RIP
Wednesday 8th March	Lent feria	9.15am	John Buckley RIP
Thursday 9th March	Lent feria	9.15am	David Keogh
Friday 10th March	Lent feria	9.15am	James Joseph Cunningham followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 11th March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Peter Molloy RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 5th March 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Next week's Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7, Psalm 94, Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42

God made a promise to Abraham that he would make him a channel of great blessing not only to his own family and future descendants, but to all the families of the earth. God chose Abraham as his instrument of blessing - that through him and his descendants would come the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who would reveal the glory of God's kingdom and bring salvation for all who would call upon his name.

Jesus warned his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the mountain. The Gospel tells us that Jesus *was transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light* (Matthew 17:2).

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The presence of Moses and Elijah points to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets and the voice of God the Father is heard giving his approval: *This is my beloved Son; listen to him*.

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be available to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we too will follow in his footsteps.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The collection for CAFOD will remain open for another week. There are still some envelopes left at the back of church. Or cash is accepted! Please return your envelopes by next Sunday 12th March.

There is also a poster at the back of Church with a QR code which you can scan with your mobile to donate.



SAVE THE DATE-SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

We will be welcoming Bishop Paul at all Masses on the weekend 18/19 March. As it coincides with the Feast of St Joseph, it's the perfect opportunity to have a Parish Get Together in the Hall, straight after 6pm Mass. Please contact Linda in the Parish Office if you can volunteer in any capacity.



Bach's St John Passion at Westminster Cathedral



As part of its Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform of J.S. Bach's St John Passion on **Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7.30pm**. Parishioners of the diocese now have the opportunity to buy their tickets at a discount of 50%. Discounted tickets are available at:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john> using offer code: **SJP50**

See poster at the back of Church.

Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Mary's Meals have also launched an emergency appeal to support children and families as they fight for survival. With their trusted local partner Dorcas, they are working around the clock to feed people in the city of Aleppo, Syria. They stand ready to expand emergency response as funds allow. Please give what you can today – no donation is too small. www.marysmeals.org.uk



We will shortly be ordering envelopes for offertory collections for the next financial year. We are grateful for all your financial help, though in a few cases your envelopes were rarely used and didn't even cover the cost to us of supplying them! Please help us if you can, to meet our increasing costs- particularly in heating and lighting. **The most helpful way of supporting the parish is donating by standing order**, which also reduces our volunteers' work in counting .

If you would like to switch from envelopes or cash, to standing order, please let us know asap. Alternatively, pick up a standing order form at the back of the church.

Invitation for all our young adults (age 16-28)

Joel's Bar is a young adults ministry which runs Catholic Charismatic events.

They are passionate about seeing young people inspired and equipped to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit. They are holding a retreat in Worth Abbey, Crawley from **9-14 April**. For further details check out <https://www.joelsbar.co.uk/>



Lent Retreat for Young Adults (18-30s)

Led by the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 18th March 2023 in Kensington**. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-5pm) including talks • Mass • Stations of the Cross • Confessions • Adoration • Faith sharing and Social. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock Church Hall, London W8 4BB.

Donations only. Register: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially

Helen Birch, Bebe Ryan and Alice Sheppard.

Offertory for Sunday 26th February 2023

Envelopes £252.70

Loose £358.68

Total £611.38

Many thanks