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5th Sunday of Lent (Year B) 17th March 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 16th March | Vigil: 5th Sunday | 6.00pm | Elizabeth & David Griffin |
| Sunday 17th March | 5th Sunday of Lent | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 10.30am | William Byrne & Christopher Petch RIP |
| Tuesday 19th March | St Joseph | 9.15am | St Joseph's Parish & School (No 7pm Mass) |
| Wednesday 20th March | Lent Feria | 9.15am | Helen Birch RIP |
| Thursday 21st March | Lent Feria | 9.15am | Alex Stout |
| Friday 22nd March | Lent Feria | 9.15am | Private Intention followed by Holy Hour |
| Saturday 23rd March | Vigil: Palm Sunday | 6.00pm | Joe O'Sullivan RIP |

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Liturgy of the Word: 17th March 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

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Next week's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21, Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 15:1-47

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death. (Hebrews 5:7)

As Holy Week approaches we might reflect on the seven last sayings of Jesus as he hung on the Cross, sometimes known as the seven last words.

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Those who were responsible for the death of Jesus sinned against someone of infinite virtue. He nevertheless forgave them. There is no sin we can commit for which Jesus will not forgive us

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. Jesus addresses the good thief being crucified alongside him. If our sincere prayer too is to ask Jesus to remember us as he sits in glory at the right hand of the Father, we will be with him in paradise.

Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother. By giving over his Blessed Mother to the beloved disciple, Jesus gives Mary to be Mother of the Church, Mother of all Christians, Mother of humanity.

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? In very nature God, the second person of the Trinity which is love ineffable, empties himself fully to assume the condition of a slave and cries out to the Father in his anguish.

I thirst. "People thought He was thirsty in an ordinary way and they gave Him vinegar straight away; but it was not for that he thirsted; it was for our love, our affection, that intimate attachment to Him, and that sharing of His passion." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

It is finished. A phrase found three places in Scripture; in Genesis after creation, in Revelation at the end of time, and on the cross. Jesus' offering of himself is now perfected.

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. The sun stops shining; the veil of the Temple is torn apart and with a loud cry Jesus speaks his last words. He uses his perfect freedom to choose to die; surrendering himself totally to the will of the Father.

Feast of St Joseph

Mass will be offered at 9:15am on Tuesday 19th March and will be attended by pupils and staff of St Joseph's School. There will be no 7pm Mass on Tuesday.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER Services

Palm Sunday 24th March -10:30 Mass. Please gather in the hall from 10:15 for a procession into Church.

Maundy Thursday 28th March- Mass of The Lord's Supper at 8pm

Good Friday 29th March –Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm and Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Holy Saturday 30th March–Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday 31st March–Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am

Note: on *Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April*– No Masses



Leonor, one of our altar servers, is on the student council of Greenfields Primary School who are raising money for the Marie Curie charity this week. Leonor and her Mum will be accepting your donations after 10:30 Mass.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024 If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in the Diocese. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code on the poster to make your donation online or place it in the box at the back of Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Right to Life

Support an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill to *reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks*. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the Church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment. URGENT ACTION needed.

Vacancy-Part time hospital chaplain

There is a vacancy for a part time, Catholic chaplain for West Herts NHS Hospital Trust. Further details can be found at <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/14158316>

Vocations Days: 'Come and See'

Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Mornings on one of the following days:

- **Sat 20th April** 10am-2pm at Our Lady and St Vincent Church Hall, 243 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT
- **Sat 1st June** 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance at one of the days, please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director Permanent Diaconate at: adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.**

Parish Hall for Rent

The parish hall is available for groups who are interested in renting on a regular, weekly basis.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Kathleen Andrews, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Alton Headley.

Offertory for 10th March

Loose £323.23 Envelopes £229.32 Total £552.55

Many thanks