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First Sunday in LENT 18th February 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7 - 8pm (animated by HAKUNA)

FRIDAYS IN LENT

7pm

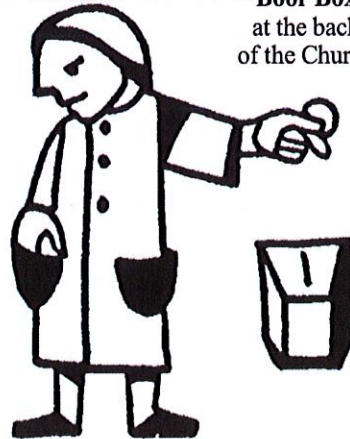
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ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

LENTEN ALMS

Boor Box
at the back
of the Church



*Keep your deeds of
mercy secret*

Marriage Course: 5-weeks course will commence this month.

8:15-9:15pm Fridays: 23rd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March & Sat 23rd March afternoon.

VOLUNTEERING?

Even if you are shy,
maybe you can help...

flowers arrangements,
cleaning of the church,
Tea & Coffee,
parish website
reading or singing...

don't be too shy!

SCAN to GIVE

You can scan this **QR
code** for your weekly
Sunday donation.

Thank you.

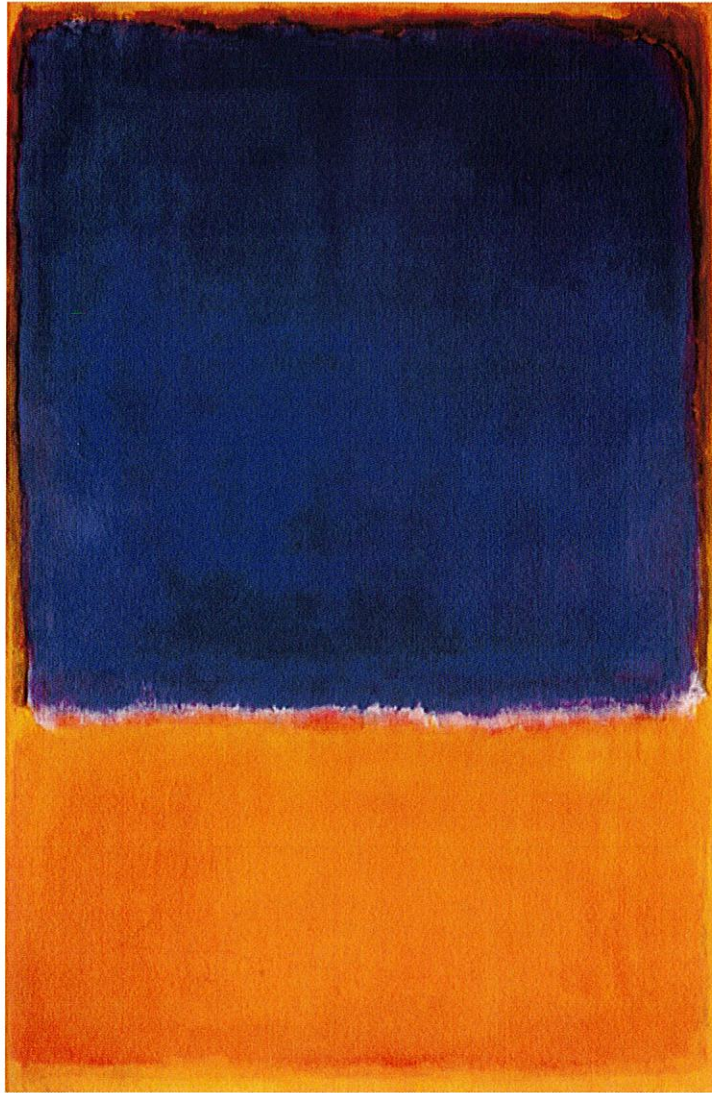


YEAR of PRAYER

RESONATE, the official Catholic
intellectual formation for young
adults aged 18-35 within the Diocese
of Westminster, has organised a
series of Talks on the 'Our Father'.



ABSTRACT LENT



The Lenten journey has begun: out of the slavery of the land of Egypt, through the desert, to the freedom of the Promise Land. Sorry, can you repeat? What do you mean by 'slavery' and 'freedom'? Pharaoh, Egypt, desert? What are they?

We all run a huge risk: Lent in abstract. In his Lenten Message Pope Francis spoke very clearly: "No abstract journey! If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to **open our eyes to reality**, (our reality)."

Pharaoh wants subjects, not sons and daughters. The house of Egypt is a house of slaveries and idols. We can become attached to money, projects and ideas, our position or a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. When we serve idols we become like them: mute, blind, deaf, immobile.

The desert is the place and time where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In the desert, during these 40 days of Lent, we take concrete actions. Prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down and all the attachments that imprison us.

It is Lent, no abstract Lent! We act, we chose, we desire.

In manus.

Father Ivano