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## THIRD Sunday in LENT 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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

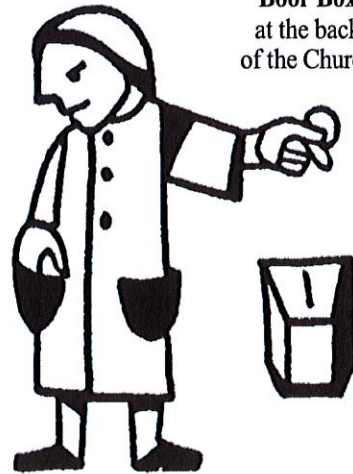
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### LENTEN ALMS

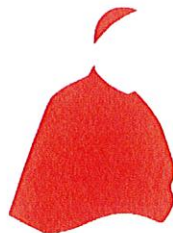
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of the Church



ADORATION & 7-8pm

CONFESSIONS THURSDAYS IN LENT

SCAN to GIVE  
You can scan this QR  
code for your weekly  
Sunday donation.  
Thank you.



CARDINAL'S  
LENTEN  
APPEAL

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal:

All funds raised will be shared between the four pillars of: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster.

Please take a donation envelope.

You can use the QR code to make your donation online.

Thank you for your generosity  
(see poster at the back of the Church)

# ORPHAN LENT



After the risk of an 'Abstract Lent' and the deception of a 'Formal Lent', there is third, even more dangerous risk, an 'Orphan Lent'. What do I mean?

Lent does not exist by itself, it does not have meaning on its own. Lent has a 'father', and the father of Lent is the Passover. Lent has a 'mother', and the mother of Lent is Easter Sunday.

If we want to understand the meaning of Lent and keep its spirit we cannot start off from Ash Wednesday, from fasting and penance. No! The only place we can start is *Easter*.

Easter, the Passover the Lord, is not simply a date among many others at the top of the list of holy days. No, Easter is the 'Feast of feasts', it is the one feast which 'gives birth' and gives meaning to all the others.

At the centre of our Christian life is the *Easter Triduum*. These 'Three Days' (*Triduum* in Latin) cannot be split; they are one single liturgy, making up one movement, a 'passing-over', the Passover of the Lord, the death and resurrection of Christ and of every Christian. What precedes them are the Forty Days of Lent, what follows are the Fifty Days of Easter leading to Pentecost.

When we add up Forty Days (40) of Lent, Three Days (3) of Passover, and Fifty Days (50) of Easter, what do we get?

Very simple, we get Christianity!

We cannot split the desert from the Promised Land, we need to keep united the call to conversion with the promise of the Holy Spirit.

It is Lent.

Not an 'Abstract Lent', dissociated from our reality.

Not a 'Formal Lent', emptied of its deep meaning.

Not an 'Orphan Lent', separated from its origin and destination.

One journey, one pass-over, one people.

*In manus.*

Father Ivano