

Lenten Reconciliation Service – 7.30 pm, Friday 7th April.

TIMES of SERVICES OVER HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Sunday 9th April – Palm Sunday

Masses at 7.00 pm (Saturday),

8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm.

Thursday 13th April – Holy Thursday

NO mid-day Mass

7.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Friday 14th April – Good Friday

*10.00 am - Morning Prayer in the Visitation Church,
followed by the Walk of Witness to Holy Cross Church.*

12.00 noon – The Passion (short version)

4.00 pm - The Passion of the Lord

7.30 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th April – Holy Saturday

11.00 am, 11.30 am and 12.00 noon – Polish Blessing of Food

8.00 pm - EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY - 16th APRIL

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

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COMMUNITY

Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA,

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 – 1.30 pm

MASSES

Monday – Friday	12.00 noon
Saturday	12.00 noon
Sunday	7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass
	8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am
	12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and
(Saturday)	6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

1st SUNDAY IN LENT

The readings for today's Masses start on
page 151 of the Mass book.

The Creed – page 11 The Lord's Prayer - page 56

The response to the Psalm

**HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD, FOR WE
HAVE SINNED**

The Acclamation is:

**SAVE US SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD, FOR BY YOUR
CROSS AND RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SET US
FREE**

Second Collection
RESTORATION FUND

Remembering 50 years since the passing of the Abortion Act.

BAPTISM MEETING

The Baptism meeting for March will take place THIS Sunday, 5th March, (next meetings 2nd April, 7th May) at 10.00 am in the Church Meeting Room, which is around the church and up the ramp near the car park. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

ANNUAL MASS for MATRIMONY 2017

This mass will take place from 3.00 pm – to 5.30 pm, at Westminster Cathedral, London SW1P 1LT, on Saturday 3rd June 2017. The Cardinal will be inviting all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2017. If you qualify, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number, if no email).

RCIA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE FROM THE PARISH WHO GO TO THE CATHEDRAL THIS SUNDAY TO BE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CHURCH AS THEY BEGIN THIS LAST STAGE OF THEIR PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF THE EASTER SACRAMENTS

Stations of the Cross

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30 pm

RESPONSES AT MASS

IT WOULD BE GREAT IF DURING THIS TIME OF LENT, WE MADE A NEW COMMITMENT TOWARDS OUR PARTICIPATION IN MASS ESPECIALLY IN OUR RESPONSES.

IT WOULD BE GOOD IF WE COULD RESPOND LOUDLY AND EAGERLY TO ALL THE PRAYERS

MASS IS A CELEBRATION BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY SO MAYBE WE COULD RESPOND EAGERLY, SING FROM OUR HEARTS, MINISTER WITH GRACE AND WORSHIP WITH DEVOTION.

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Lent is a season that is inspired and informed by the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness at the outset of his earthly ministry. Seeking to determine his purpose and vocation, he was tempted to pursue pathways that did not belong to the way of God's Kingdom. Yet in those temptations there is more than an echo of the kind of religion that we can all too easily find ourselves pursuing. Lent is a time for us also to free ourselves of such inclinations, and be reminded again of their emphatic rejection.:

St Luke 4: 1-13

To each of the temptations Jesus responds with a quote from scripture, and every time from the Book of Deuteronomy, back where we began with the people of Israel struggling in the wilderness. Time and time again on that hazardous route out of Egypt, out of slavery, the people of Israel were at their weakest, their most vulnerable, lost and hungry and tired and tempted to call it a day, to give in and go back, or to change direction and find an easier path. During his own forty days wandering in the wilderness, Jesus finds inspiration in their persistence and strength neither to turn back nor to change course. As we begin once again our own journey through these forty days of Lent we are reminded inevitably of the times when we too are the lost in the desert, when we are at our weakest, our most vulnerable to temptation. Tempted to give in and go back or to change direction and to find an easier path. Above all we are reminded too, even as we wander and even as we wonder, of the overwhelming strength, sympathy and salvation of Jesus.