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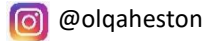
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

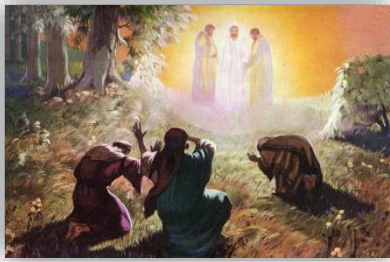
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25th February 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B make us think of God's revelation of Jesus Christ as his beloved son and also how God loves us. The first reading tells of how Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac, but God stopped him. The gospel tells of the Transfiguration, where the voice from the heavens revealed Jesus as God's beloved son to Peter, James, and

John.

The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B revolve around several profound themes that intertwine to offer a rich tapestry of faith, sacrifice, divine revelation, and salvation. Here are some of the central themes:

Faith and Obedience: The first reading from Genesis highlights Abraham's unwavering faith and obedience to God, even when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. This narrative underscores the depth of faith and trust in God's plan, despite not understanding it fully.

Divine Provision and Intervention: The provision of the ram as a substitute for Isaac in the Genesis account symbolizes God's intervention and provision. It prefigures God's ultimate provision of His Son as a sacrifice for humanity's sins.

Covenant and Promise: God's covenant with Abraham, promising countless descendants and blessings for all nations due to Abraham's obedience, emphasizes the theme of divine promise and the unfolding of salvation history.

The Suffering and Glory of Christ: The Gospel from Mark describes the Transfiguration of Jesus, revealing His divine glory. This event foreshadows the Paschal Mystery—His suffering, death, and resurrection. It also affirms Jesus as the beloved Son and the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah.

Divine Sonship and Mission: The divine voice during the Transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," highlights Jesus' divine sonship and His mission. It calls for heed to Jesus' teachings and understanding of His role in salvation history.

Victory Over Suffering: The second reading from Romans emphasizes that with God on our side, we can face any opposition. It highlights the victory over condemnation through Christ's intercession, reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation.

Reflection and Anticipation: The readings collectively invite believers to reflect on their journey of faith, anticipating the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises through the resurrection of Jesus. They encourage a deep trust in God's plan, even amidst trials and sufferings.

These themes for the 2nd Sunday in Lent Year B are interconnected, offering a message of hope, renewal, and deepened faith as believers journey through Lent, reflecting on God's salvific plan and the transformative power of faith and obedience.

***** NOTICES *****

POLITE NOTICE – If your child becomes noisy and disruptive can you please take them to the room at the back of the church for the duration of the mass. Also, accompany the kneelers when you are using them and do not drop them so to avoid loud noise especially at Consecration time.

SWITCH OFF YOUR PHONE: When you enter the Church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. It may be a good exercise to switch it off or at least put it on silent before you enter the Church. If you want to talk to God, find a quiet place, pray and talk to Him.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD following Lent Fast Day, gift aid envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

HESTON CATHOLIC SOCIAL CLUB: Extraordinary General Meeting, Friday, 1st March 2024 at 8.00 pm in the Club Lounge Bar. All are welcome to attend and elect a new committee.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Throughout the season of Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:15 pm.

CARDINAL’S LENTEN APPEAL DONATION ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church.

LENTEN ALMS: During the season of Lent, you will find a donation box by the Baptism Font where you can leave your donation of the Lenten Alms. Alms are donation that come from our fasting. As we fast from some food or the Friday abstinence from meat, that money we might have used to buy these we could donate it towards the Lenten Alms. The Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal Lenten appeal.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2024 AT 2:30PM: The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Details of attendees are sent to family@rcdow.org.uk

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS: Last year we run a fundraising to purchase new albs for the Altar Servers and those have been distributed, however, we have realised that some Altar Servers have kept the old albs as well. As we have new altar servers training, we would require albs for everyone, so if you have old albs at home please return them to us. Parents make sure that your children’s albs are clean before coming to Church.

DONATION ENVELOPES: We are at that time of the year when we need to put an order for Gift-Aid and Planned Giving envelopes and we want to make sure that we order the right number of boxes and do not have the Parish pay for boxes, which then will sit in the Office waiting to be collected. If you give your donations by Standing Order then we will not be ordering you a donation box, if you still wish to have a box of envelopes please let the Parish Secretary know so we can make sure we have our details up to date.

BACH’S ST JOHN’S PASSION: As part of its Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform J.S. Bach’s St John Passion on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm. Tickets (£45/35/20) are available via Ticketmaster. The Cathedral Choir will be conducted by Simon Johnson, the Cathedral’s Master of Music, accompanied by a Baroque orchestra and soloists James Gilchrist (as the Evangelist) and William Thomas (Christus).

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: We have noticed that a number of families do not have an attendance card for their children. The attendance card is for children who are 2yo up to those in Year 5 and you will need for when you are going to apply for a Catholic School as it will help priests make sure you have attended Mass regularly and therefore they can sign the form. If you do not have one please contact the office.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2024: Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock,

Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Would any boys with musical potential in Years 2, 3 or 4 consider becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral? Becoming a chorister at Westminster Cathedral is a wonderful, one-off opportunity to join a thriving choir and school. There are no financial barriers to entry: all boys receive a generous scholarship with bursaries worth up to 100% of fees available on a means-tested basis. For more information contact Lucy Auger at lauger@choirschool.com.

THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is seeking new Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. Like all school governors, Foundation Governors work to support the Leadership team and staff but also have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school. This is an important voluntary role, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference, working with the team to promote the school's success. If you would be interested in receiving more information about the role and an application form, please email Mrs Dulko at admin@rosary.hounslow.sch.uk

*****SACRAMENTS*****

BAPTISMS: Please use the form on the Parish Website to enquire about the Baptism for your child. We celebrate Baptisms on a Saturday only; we ask that you give us minimum 6 weeks' notice.

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to marry, we can only start the paperwork needed by the diocese 6 months prior your wedding day. Whether you are marrying in the UK or abroad we need minimum 6 months' notice, especially if we need to arrange a marriage course. Please do not leave it to the last minute!

***** USEFUL PRAYERS *****

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF SAINT JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

INVOCATION OF OUR LADY – THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you, I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

PRAYER FOR ASKING FAVOURS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the wellbeing of the Church you endowed with extraordinary gifts Saint Justin Maria Russolillo, and you made him a pious and zealous Priest, an apostle of "Divine Vocations" and a fervent promoter of your Glory, Love and Will for the Universal Sanctification and for the "Divine Union" of all souls, grant us the grace of experiencing the power of his intercession while imitating his devotion, humility, patience, zeal and kindness. May the Grace (...) that you will grant us through his intercession, be of spiritual advantage to us, for your own glory and for the growth of Your Kingdom on earth. (*Three "Glory Be" in honour of the Holy Trinity*)

FEBRUARY 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 24th	7 pm Vigil Mass	Deacon of St Augustine's Seminary
Sunday 25th +SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	Celin Uraon – RIP (4 th Ann) + Nandu Uraon & Suresh Uraon – RIP Declan Mc Dermott – Anniversary Father Maxy & Marie Leiban – RIP Safe Delivery of Yan + Thanksgiving for Baby Isabel
Monday 26th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Anne O'Connor - RIP -
Tuesday 27th <i>St Gregory of Narek</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass*	Prayer of the Rosary Peter D'Souza – RIP Lino Fernandes - Birthday
Wednesday 28th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Souls of the Viegas Family George Smith - RIP (3 rd Anniversary)
Thursday 29th	9 am 9:30 am Mass 6:30 pm 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary - Adoration and Prayer for Vocations Hema Chandra Fernando - RIP
MARCH 2024	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Friday 1st <i>ST DAVID</i> <i>Patron Saint of Wales</i>	9 am 9:30 am Mass 6:15 pm 7 pm Mass	Prayer of the Rosary Hugh Joseph Slack - RIP Stations of the Cross -
Saturday 2nd	9:30 am Mass 10-10:45 am 7 pm Vigil Mass	Joanita Carneiro - RIP Adoration & Confessions Tony Clarke & Mary Clarke - RIP
Sunday 3rd +THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8 am Mass 9:30 am Family Mass 11:30 am Mass 5:30 pm	St Edmund – Thanksgiving Lelis Fernandes & Virginia De Souza Souls of the Rodrigues Family Menino Fernandes - RIP
*Mass will be celebrated in the Martyrs' Chapel, please use the Car Park Entrance.		

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish

Catherine Jennings, Ann Duckmanton, and Grace Gauci.

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Mabel Ruth Harrison, Theo Vaz, Michael Joseph Murphy, Declan McDermott, Patricia Benton,
Canon Peter Edmund Moore, Patrick Joseph O'Neill, Camille Agnes Morton, Elsie Ford, Norman Nicholas,
Dennis O'Donovan, Ann Eckford, William Phelan, Denis Kennedy

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6:15 PM

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY: Second Collection for CAFOD

25 FEBRUARY: FHC Class after 9:30 am Mass

3 MARCH: Confirmation Class after 9:30 am Mass

CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your donation to the Parish via bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order? If you wish to do so, you can use the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Heston Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, forms are available at the back of the Church or on the website. Gift-aid is available to all UK taxpayer and comes at no extra cost to you.