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**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - B**

Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

**7th March 2021**

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**LENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

This year, in preparation for the Lenten season, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has recorded a special message for young people (You still can watch it on YouTube - [Cardinal Vincent Nichols message for young people - Lent 2021 - YouTube](#) )

Our Cardinal invites young people to accept the challenges of Lent in order to prepare themselves well for Easter.

In response to the Cardinal's invitation, one of our young parishioners, Aisling Aherne, has written a short article about her experience and how she is living the Lenten season this year, marked, of course, by the pandemic. Here are her inspiring words:

This Lent, being part of the first community of Perivale in the Neocatechumenal Way has helped me during this time of lockdown to grow my faith. Although we have not been able to meet face to face, our regular zoom liturgies have helped me to understand the Word of God and apply it to my own life, which has helped me to prepare myself spiritually for the Easter season by allowing me to reflect more deeply on the word of God and His message for me in my life. As a young person, during lockdown it is easy to have a pessimistic outlook, and it is hard to find hope when we are surrounded by so much bad news. We cannot see our friends and family, or socialise as we normally would, so it is important that we hear and truly understand the message of hope that Jesus holds for us. This Lenten season we have learnt to adapt and change to new routines under covid restrictions, such as having to receive the ashes sprinkled on our heads instead of the traditional cross. However, the fundamental aspects of Lent remain the same; We should still use this time to deepen our relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

*Aisling Aherne*

We thank Aisling for sharing her experience with us and for leading the Stations of the Cross last Friday together with some other members of the Perivale Neocat. Community. Let's remember our young people in our prayers as we continue our journey towards Easter.

*Fr Agustin*

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

*'Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God'.*

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

In the video that has been published, [Pope's prayer intention for March: Vatican News](#) , the Pope's message is one full of hope, in which he invites us to rediscover the power of personal renewal that the Sacrament of Confession has in our life. It opens with the Pope himself going to confession, "in order to be healed, to heal my soul."

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*(Full text of the Pope's prayer intention)*

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.

To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The centre of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.

The centre of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

**If you would like to come to Confession during Lent, please contact the parish office to book an appointment.**

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

CONGRATULATIONS! to all the children who will enrol on the 1st Reconciliation programme this weekend. After a long delay we will soon be starting the sessions, which, for the first time, will be delivered online.

Please pray for them as they begin their preparation for their first confession and also for their catechists, who are embracing the wonders of technology and a new way of working.

### LENTEN TALKS AT ST JOHN FISHER, PERIVALE BY FR. AGUSTIN

“GOD IS MINDFUL OF HIS COVENANT FOREVER” (Psalm 105:8)

For this Lent (year B of the liturgical calendar), the Church presents us with a running theme in the first reading we will proclaim at Mass on Sundays.

During this Lent, we will listen to a series of covenants that God made with his people. There are four such covenants in the Pentateuch (the first 5 books of the bible, sometimes referred to as the Torah) and three of them will be the topics of our talks, namely, the covenants with Noah, Abraham and Israel. The fourth covenant in the Pentateuch, which happens to be the first one chronologically, will be left out from these talks on purpose, as it will be presented to us as the first reading of the Easter Vigil; the covenant with Adam. A fifth covenant, will therefore be covered and this is found in the book of the Prophet Jeremiah. It took place during the exile and served as a preparation for the New Covenant to come.

These covenants are crucial moments in God’s history of Salvation and act as building blocks preparing us for the definitive covenant in the blood of Christ. In exploring these covenants we also get to know some of the most important characters of the Old Testament. We will look at these characters and reflect on how they might relate to us. We know that in each one of them, God is speaking to us. Each of them is a “Word” of God for us and for our lives and they will help us better prepare for Easter.

Lent is not an end in itself but a journey, a preparation for the Triduum: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Hopefully these 4 talks will help us, this Lent, recall the great love God has for us, that he expressed so wonderfully in those covenants of old and thus prepared humanity for the ultimate, new covenant in Christ.

**Talks will be live-streamed from our YouTube channel on Thursdays from 7.30pm - 8.15pm**

**The next talks are:**

- 11th March:** God’s Covenant with Abraham “Through you all generations will be blessed”.  
**Part 2 - continuation from last week**
- 18th March:** God’s covenant with Israel “You will be my People”.
- 25th March:** God’s covenant with the Prophets “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah”.

If you have missed any of the talks from previous weeks, these are still available on YouTube.

[St John Fisher RC Church Perivale - YouTube](#)

### OTHER WAYS TO PREPARE DURING LENT

During Lent we prepare ourselves for the Great Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (1st - 3rd April). Below are some suggestions for how we can prepare:

- **Use the prayer and reflection resources available**  
Copies of the ‘My Day by Day’ booklet, with daily reflections and prayers are still available in the church lobby ( £1 per copy)  
If you are unable to come to the church and would like to receive a copy at home, please ask a friend to pick one up for you or contact the parish office.
- **Come to Mass during the week**  
There is Public Mass at 10.00am on Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Accompany the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament online**  
**On Mondays after the 10.00am Mass** there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Praying of the Rosary.  
Both the Mass and adoration can be followed on our YouTube channel.
- **Follow the Stations of the Cross online**  
**Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm.** Follow the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Agustin online via our YouTube channel.

## CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021

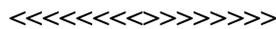
Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. **Marriage and Family Life:** enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. **Youth and Evangelisation:** helping young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. **Caritas Westminster:** putting our faith into action by serving those in need. **Education Service:** supporting our schools.



This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope.

**Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today** (available in the lobby). You can use the envelope to make your donation or by using the QR code which you can scan with a phone camera to make your donation online. Alternatively, you can visit [www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk).

**Thank you for your generosity**



## CAFOD'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021



Thank you so much to those who have already been able to support CAFOD this Lent. Your generous gifts will help people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and drier climate. Hagos and his family nearly starved due to drought, but thanks to our Church family and support like yours, CAFOD were able to help him with solar-powered water pumps. Hagos and his neighbours now have flowing water to cultivate their land.

Remember, it's not too late to give to the CAFOD Lenten appeal. Below are the many ways in which you can donate...

You can donate **online** at: [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

You can also easily give **via text**:  
Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5  
Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10  
Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

**By telephone:** Call 0303 303 3030 to donate

\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.

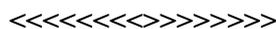
If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

**By cash or cheque:** If you are unable to donate using the methods above and would like to donate by cash or cheque, there is a collection box in the lobby for your donations. Cheques should be made payable to 'CAFOD'

If you are a UK Tax Payer and would like to Gift Aid your cash or cheque donations, please pick up a special CAFOD envelope available in the lobby.

**Thank you for supporting CAFOD**



## MISSION TODAY

The Spring Edition of Mission Today is now available in the lobby. This is the magazine published by Missio - the Pope's charity for world mission.

Please pick up a copy as you leave and maybe think about taking a red Missio donation box.



Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.

**Information leaflets with all you need to know about the red boxes are next to the boxes.**

**If you already have a Missio donation box which is full or nearly full and you are unable to bring it to the church, please contact the parish office to arrange a collection.**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 8th March	Private Funeral	11.30am	
Thursday 11th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Lesson	6.30pm	via Zoom
	3rd Lenten Talk - God's covenant with Israel	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Friday 12th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Saturday 13th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Enrolment	6.30pm	During Mass
Sunday 14th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Enrolment	9.30am and 11.30am	During Mass
Thursday 18th March	4th Lenten Talk - God's covenant with the Prophets	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Friday 19th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
Thursday 25th March	First Reconciliation and Holy Communion - Lesson	6.30pm	via Zoom
Friday 26th March	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021

Registration is open for the next Confirmation programme.

**Young people in Year 8 or above**, who feel ready to prepare for this Sacrament, can apply.

Please note that the programme will start later than usual this year due to the current situation.

If you would like to apply, please contact the parish office by email: [perivale@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:perivale@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone: **0208 997 3164**

### BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

If you are planning to have your child baptised, it is necessary for you to attend a brief baptism course first.

If you would like to attend the next course, please contact the parish office via email at [perivale@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:perivale@rcdow.org.uk) or by telephone 020 8997 3164, and request a Baptism Registration Form.

### NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those who donate using the planned giving envelopes, **your new box of envelopes** (starting 11th April 2021) **will be available from next weekend.**

If you are planning to come to Mass during the next 4 weeks, we will see from your booking that you are coming and will have your box ready for you. Simply ask the steward in the lobby for your box.

If you are unable to come to Mass during the next 4 weeks, we will arrange to deliver the box to you.

#### Please help us keep our information up-to-date

If you are an existing planned giver and have either changed address or are no longer paying tax, please contact us and let us know, so that we can update our records.

### LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Jose Fernandes RIP Alcinda Ramos RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Masses</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	Michael O'Shea RIP (Anniv) Evelyn Elizabeth Silva RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Deceased members of the Gilhooley family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Cestaro Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Rita Thomas RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	A Special Intention An intention In Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Francisco De Araujo RIP Lil & Paddy Kenny RIP
<b>4th SUNDAY OF LENT - B</b>				
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>  <b>11.30am</b>	Nora Keigher RIP (Anniv) In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Mary Alcinda Ramos RIP

**Confession: By appointment only at this time.**

### SUNDAY 11.30AM MASS

The 11:30 Mass has now resumed.  
Please book places for this Mass in the usual way.

**Please pray for:** William Swords, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Terril Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stanley Cummins, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Margaret Taylor, José Fernandes, Eugene Garcia, Teresa Warner and Michael Murray (brother of Charlie Murray), **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Kathleen Stocker, Nora O'Neill, Maria Felisa Wood, Kevin Connellan, Jesus Alvint Castillo, John Boyle, Tommy Cummings, James Hughes, Julia Caulfield, Josef Sautschak, Pat Galvin, Bridie McGovern, Imre 'Jim' Horvath, Helen Bastian, Peggie Hayes, Martial D'Colyse, Mary Kathleen Daly, Lil Kenny and James Hughes.