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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - B

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

14th March 2021

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Today is traditionally referred to as *Laetare Sunday*, “**Rejoicing Sunday**”. To mark this, there is the option for the priest to put aside purple vestments and wear rose or pink! Because rose is only prescribed for two Sundays in the year, this usually means that the best preserved vestment in any parish is the pink one... if there is one at all! We are blessed to have a reddish-pink colour chasuble in St. John Fisher, which will make its appearance this weekend.

What is more important than the colour is the fact that we are now entering a phase in the Holy Season of Lent when we prepare especially for Holy Week, the Great Week of the year.

Thankfully, this year, we will be able to celebrate this great week here in the church, albeit with a few changes. There are some elements of the celebrations that we will not be able to do and some will be done differently. We will provide more detail over the coming weeks.

Below is an outline of what our parish celebrations will look like. For now, please take note of the dates and times and decide how you will engage in the most important events in the Church's year.

Sunday 28th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass on Saturday evening at 6.30pm and the two Masses on Sunday - 9.30am and 11.30am
Palms will be blessed and distributed at the end of all Masses.

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Thursday 1st April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

There will be no vigil before the Altar of Repose after Mass

Friday 2nd April

GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 3rd April

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm The Great Easter Vigil

Sunday 4th April

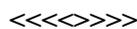
EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 9.30am & 11.30am ONLY

Places will need to be booked for each of the above Masses. This can be done via our website or, if you do not have access to the internet, by calling the parish office. **Bookings for each of the Masses will only open on Monday 22nd March therefore, please do not try to book before then.**

Please only book if you are certain that you will come and make a note of what you have booked. Unfortunately, there have been many instances of parishioners booking a place for Mass and then not coming.

Each of the Masses will be live-streamed, therefore if you cannot come or cannot get a place, you can always follow the services via our YouTube channel.



Today is also **Mother's Day**. Mothers are very special people and gifted by God with so many graces and blessings. Pray for all mothers today living and dead, as we thank God for all they have given to us.

Mothers-enjoy your day!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

CONGRATULATIONS! to all the children who will enrol on the 1st Reconciliation programme this weekend. Please pray for them as they begin their preparation for their first confession and also for their parents and catechists.

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:

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](#)

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.

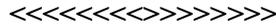
CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2021

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 leaflet as you leave Mass today (available in the lobby).

You can use the envelope to make your donation or you can use the QR code which you can scan with a phone camera to make your donation online. Alternatively, you can visit 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.

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

You can donate **online** at: 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

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.

REPOSITORY

Mass Cards, Rosaries, Sunday Missals, etc are available in the small shop at the back of the church.

If you would like to have a look, please ask a steward.

Please only one person at a time.

St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day cards are available as well as pins and key rings.

As St Patrick's Day falls on a Wednesday, we will not be having Mass here at St John Fisher but, you may wish to follow Mass at another parish via Church Services TV ChurchServices.tv live mass and services from Churches in the UK and Ireland

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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	3rd Lenten Talk - God's covenant with Israel	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 #2	6.30pm	via Zoom
	4th Lenten Talk - God's covenant with the Prophets	7.30pm	Live-stream/YouTube
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 or telephone: **0208 997 3164**

BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

**The next Baptism Course will be on
Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm.**

If you would like to baptise your child and register for this course, please contact the parish office as soon as possible at perivale@rcdow.org.uk

There will be more courses during the year.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church - your new box has arrived and over the next few weeks we need to arrange to get that box to you.

If you are planning to come to Mass on a Thursday or Friday, please see Ana after Mass to collect your box.

If you are planning to come to Mass on a Saturday or Sunday, 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 when you come.

If you are unable to come to Mass at all between now and 4th April, we will arrange to deliver your 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

Saturday	13	Mass	6.30pm	Francisco De Araujo RIP Lil & Paddy Kenny RIP
Sunday	14	Masses	9.30am	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Mary Nora Keigher RIP (Anniv)
			11.30am	Alcinda Ramos RIP
Monday	15	Private Mass	10.00am	Private Intention
Tuesday	16	Private Mass	10.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday	17	No Mass		
Thursday	18	Mass	10.00am	Iris D'Souza (Birthday Blessing) Rita Toms RIP
Friday	19	Mass	10.00am	Alcinda Ramos RIP (Anniv)
Saturday	20	Mass	6.30pm	Ronaldo Rozario (Anniv) Alcinda Ramos RIP (Anniv)
5th SUNDAY OF LENT - B				
Sunday	21	Mass	9.30am	Eugene Garcia RIP
			11.30am	Agnes Keaveny RIP (Anniv)

Confession

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

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'Collyse, Mary Kathleen Daly, Lil Kenny, Agnes Keaveny, James Hughes Catherine O'Driscoll, Margaret Knightson and Alcinda Ramos.