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19th March 2023 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent –Year -A

TIMES OF MASSES

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 9:30am

Sunday Masses

Saturday 6:00pm Vigil Mass of
Sunday

Sunday 9.00 am
10.30am Family Mass
12.30pm in Spanish

Confessions

Saturday 5pm to 5.30pm
Or by arrangement

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Monday—Friday 9:15am
Sunday-8.30am

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Today is Mothers Day.

God knows Mothers do not have much spare time. But somehow they do have a capacity to juggle things and even reflect. That's what's important; the ability to reflect.

For her children, mum is always a healer. From the first, we run to her when we are hurt and she makes us feel safe and assures us that we can recover from our fall or whatever. It is that is hurting us.

Mum is also the one who can open our eyes to what really matters. She is the one more than anyone else who opens in us the eyes of faith. She holds before us the bigger picture when we ourselves are getting lost in the detail.

In today's gospel, Jesus opens the blind man's eyes so he can see. Isn't this what every parent who has faith does when they pass on that faith to their children? And especially Mum. When she prays with her child as she tucks him or her into bed. As she reads the child the stories from the bible about Jesus's kindness and miracles for others. As she and the children's dad take the children to Mass each Sunday even when it is not that convenient for her, showing them that God in their lives is not to be an optional extra when they have time but an essential part of life who will always be there for us.

The greatest gift a parent, a mother, can give her child is the gift of faith. Because when she cannot be there for that child in the future the child knows, God will be.

May the Lord open all of our eyes today to his great love for us, heal us of the blindness's of the past and give us the sight we need to see which way to go in life and how to get there.

May God bless our Mums!



Announcements

Please pray for: Ellen Boyer age 99 of Hungerford House, Churchill Gardens, whose funeral will be at 3pm on Monday 20th March at South London crematorium, **Cesar Collazo-Torrado** age 75 of Peabody Estate, whose funeral will be at 10.00am on Friday 24th March and **Agnes Kenny** age 90 of Stourhead House whose funeral will be at 10.00am on Friday 31st March. **May they Rest in Peace.**

CAFOD Family Fast Day : raised a wonderful £915.50, thank you all so much.

Easter Offering: The envelope attached to the Newsletter this week is for your Easter Offering .

The First Communion Children and Parents meet today Sunday 19th March after the 10.30am Mass

The Clocks go forward at 1.00am next Sunday 26th March.

Reconciliation Service Monday 27th March at 7pm. We will have four priests available to hear confessions

Fridays in Lent Each Friday evening at 7.00pm we are invited to come together for **Stations of the Cross** in one of the Pimlico churches. Please do come and join us.

March 24th - **St Saviour's—St George's Square**

March 31st -**Holy Apostle's**

Good Friday 7th April—Walk of Witness starting at St Gabriel's Church Warwick Square at 9.45am for Morning Prayer.

SVP Lenten lunches: Every Friday in Lent at 1pm in the hall. All are welcome for a bowl of homemade soup & a bread roll. No charge but donations for the SVP welcome.

Pre marriage Course: The next Pre-Marriage Course for engaged couples will be in May 2023. It will be 3 sessions, 7.00pm On Thursday 11th May, Monday 15th May & Thursday 18th May. Please contact Sarah for an application form (sarahharcher@rcdow.org.uk) or download one from our website.

Emmaus Retreat for men Friday 24th March to Sunday 26th March 2023. The Oratory School, Reading. Contact Diego 07715 799 404 or Luis 07890 849 430 for more information

What Do You Think the World Needs Now? Add your voice to the Bidding Prayers at Mass! Currently collecting Justice and Peace Bidding Prayers for April--July 2023. More info or just send a prayer to judyanmasters@gmail.com Thanks.

Justice & Peace bidding Prayer: Rose Gallagher -Victims of Trafficking --We pray for all those victims of trafficking, that they may be encouraged to seek support and over time, to heal.

The standing orders including GYE & one off donations for February came to £7141.00 The Loose plate including Dona contactless payments for February was £2627.35 & the Offertory envelopes for February came to £1996.50 Thank you all very much indeed.

If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details: **WRCDT Pimlico** Sort code 40-05-20 A/C no: 81308416 Address: HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY, REF: Collection/Your surname.... **Or use our contactless card machines.**

The best way to support the parish is by standing order, you can download a standing order form from our website --just click the "Donate" button at the top of the screen, or Sarah at the parish office can give you a form.

Flowers for Easter: If you would like to contribute for flower for Easter please put your donation in an envelope marked "Flowers" & put in the collection or give to Sarah. Thank you.

World Youth Day 2023: This will be held in Lisbon on the first week of August. young people between 18 and 30 to sign up for it. The dates are Monday 31st July to Monday 7th August 2023. The cost is £570. It includes return flights All Meals and accommodations. Insurance and the world day package ie maps, t shirt, full programme, etc. Contact Sarah on sarah.harcher@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested in attending.

Important notice re Gift Aid. If your circumstances have changed and you are **NO LONGER** paying UK tax but have signed a gift aid form please let Ian Miller our Gift Aid coordinator know (by the end of March) as we cannot claim gift aid for someone who is not paying UK taxes.

Likewise if you have finished education and are now working please consider signing a gift aid form so that we can claim the tax on your donations. If you pay tax at the higher rate we can provide a statement of you gift aided donations .Ian's email is ianmillar@rcdow.org.uk

Action Prayer: The theme this weekend in our readings is sight, seeing as God sees. The anointing oil that that brought guidance. Anything that is exposed to the light will turn into light.

Light and Sight. The two go together. This Lent we have been reminded how freely God bestows his Divine Love upon us, and how it interacts with our heart and soul, spiritual and physical. Divine Love can be felt, seen, heard around and within us. Light and Sight. We just have to accept the gift. Our Action Prayer continues with what has God revealed to you as a focus? Your internal attention will correlate with an external action. We each are called differently and that call can change as we change--be it to protest social injustice, be a peacemaker or helping your housebound neighbours etc... Not sure yet, ask and listen. Light and Sight