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Mass this Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Lent (B) 17th March 2024

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jeremiah tells us of God's continuing patience with us even when we are most stubborn.

Hebrews 5:7-9 It is through Jesus' obedient suffering that we can be saved.

John 12:20-33 St John reveals to us Jesus' thoughts and apprehension about his coming suffering.

Mass This Week

Saturday 16th 6:30pm

Sunday 17th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 19th 6:00pm

ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Wednesday 20th 9:15am

Lent feria

Thursday 21st 9:15am

Lent feria

Friday 22nd 9:15am

Lent feria

Intentions

Brigid Nolan (RIP)

Mary Kavanagh (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Fathers

Candidates for First Holy

Communion

Candidates for Baptism

Those being received into the

Church

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Thomas Barry (RIP)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday

Saturday 6:30pm Mass

Sunday 9:00am Mass 10:30am Procession and Mass

Monday of Holy Week 9:15am Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week 9:15am Mass Wednesday of Holy Week 9:15am Mass

Holy Thursday 8:00pm **Mass of The Lord's Supper**

Watch by Altar of Repose in Martyrs' Chapel 10:45pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 10:40am *Ecumenical Walk of Witness starting at Queens's Rd Methodist Church*

12 noon Children's Stations

3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the Liturgy 6pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday **EASTER VIGIL** 8:00pm (GMT) *Beginning in Garden (if dry!)*

Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Service, East end of St John's Church

9am and 10:30am (BST) Mass of Easter Day

Holy Week Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help. We still need feet willing to be washed on Holy Thursday, a fire lighter for the Easter Vigil, and several more readers, especially for the Easter Vigil. Sign Up sheets are in the Sacristy. Please sign up as soon as you are able.

Children's Stations on Good Friday On Good Friday, at 12 noon, we will be praying Children's Stations of the Cross in the church or outside (weather permitting). Families with children are especially welcome. If your child would like to help with acting or reading the meditations, please message Lucia Retter on

07821418218. We will have a practice rehearsal on Palm Sunday in the afternoon.

Easter Flowers There will be a retiring collection after all the Masses **this weekend** to help pay towards the flowers in church for Easter. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Missio Red Boxes The time has come to empty your *Missio* Red Boxes. Please pick up an envelope and return it as soon as possible to the sacristy. If anyone would like a red box, please let us know. Many thanks for your continued support.



We now have managed to find hospitality for all the Pilgrims. Many

many thanks. As always we have been invited to join them for the final leg of the Walk into Royston - please do join us. The only requirements are a pair of sturdy shoes/boots and a High Vis jacket – there may be a few spares available. We anticipate meeting the Pilgrims as they come down Barkway Rd - exact location to be confirmed and then we walk along Priory Lane to the Church. If you could please drop Marion an email on marion.kett@btinternet.com or contact her on 07511 009472. Timings, I suspect, will be about 4.30pm to meet outside Church and we should be back at Church between 5.30pm and 6.00pm. On arrival at Church we join together in Prayer and enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea and then disperse.

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 and would like to attend the Mass, please give the following details to Sharon in the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). *This information is required by 10th April at the latest.*

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th to 26th July 2024 Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March For The New Martyrs We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



O God,
you sent our Saviour
to become truly human
and suffer death on the cross
as an example of humility and patience
to be imitated by the human race.
Mercifully grant that we may be worthy
to have the assurance
and the fellowship
of his resurrection;
through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Gelasian