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### Mass this Sunday: Third Sunday in Lent (B) 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

#### Today's Readings

*Exodus 20:1-17* The Law is given to the people through Moses, teaching them how to live their lives and how to treat one another.

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

The Risen Christ reveals the wisdom of God, a wisdom that is beyond anything we can imagine.

*John 2:13-25* Jesus drives the money-changers out of the Temple and proclaims that he will make all things new.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 2nd	6:30pm
Sunday 3rd	9:00am
	10:30am

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Lent feria
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Lent feria
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Lent feria
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Lent feria

#### Intentions

Madeleine O'Dea (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Bill Rowley (anniversary)

Fr Geoffrey Webb (RIP)

Madeleine O'Dea (RIP)

Peace

Penitents

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace

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** will be with us soon. Sign Up sheets for volunteers (Sacristans, Greeters, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Servers, volunteers for the foot washing on Holy Thursday and more) are in the Sacristy. Please sign up as soon as you are able. Holy Week always invites us into the very heart of the Gospel, the core of our faith. We will publish the full details of our Holy Week programme next week but please prioritise in your diaries the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm on Holy Thursday, the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at 3pm and the Easter Vigil at 8pm on Holy Saturday.

Our Parish **Lent Penitential Service** will be Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. There will be three priests available for individual reconciliation and the opportunity for us as a community to open ourselves to the loving mercy of God.

**Lent Lunches** Please come and join us for Lent Lunch in the Parish Hall between 12 noon and 1:15pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Lunch will consist of home-made soup, bread and fruit, followed by tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds from the lunches will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome!

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024.** The Cardinal has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Pilgrim Cross - Palm Sunday 24th March 2024**

We are looking for some lovely hosts for the evening of Palm Sunday from about 5pm until Monday at 8am. The Pilgrims always appreciate a warm comfortable bed, a hot meal in the evening and breakfast to restore them for the onward journey on Monday. Last year we were able to host all our Pilgrims and it would be wonderful to be able to open our homes to them again this year. Prior to their visit we are made aware of any dietary needs and we do know that we have a Pilgrim who has an Assistance Dog. Please contact Marion on 07511 009472 or email [marion.kett@btinternet.com](mailto:marion.kett@btinternet.com).

### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2:30pm**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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 10<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.***

### **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.



### **Lenten Prayer**

My hope is in Jesus, my only treasure is the Cross...I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall be always in my mouth. I adore the will of my God.

What does it matter to me, O beloved and lovable will of God, if you take from me all earthly goods, reputation, honour, health, and life; what does it matter that you make me descend into the depth of humiliations. What does it matter – if, I find the hidden fire of Thy heavenly love? How happy I should be if I could die for Thee and for my fellow creatures.

Jesus, Priest and Victim, I unite the sacrifice of my life and the cross I carry to Thy blood shed for me. I shelter myself in Thy wounds and I expect all strength from Thee. My heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready. I only wish to do all for Thy greater glory. I rely upon Thy strength when the supreme moment comes and not upon my own. I have put my hopes in Thy mercy. I recommend to Thee all to whom I may die indebted, and I beg Thee, that having given my life and my blood for them, my friends will pay my debts after my death.

Amen.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot