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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B

Weekday Readings
Week Lent 2

Divine Office
Week 2 (Lent)

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THIS WEEK

Sun 28 Feb 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT NO EVENING MASS Bernard Welikala RIP Ignatius Fernandes RIP Eileen Nicklen RIP NO EVENING MASS
Mon 1 March 9.30am	S. DAVID Roger & Adam Ints. Richard Carroll RIP
Tues 2 March 9.30am	Lent feria Mary Kathleen Swarbrick RIP
Weds 3 March 9.30am	Lent feria Nancy Quinn RIP
Thurs 4 March 9.30am	Lent feria Pauline & Eddie Spencer RIP
Fri 5 March 9.30am	Lent feria Mrs A. Manuelpillai 
Sat 6 March 9.30am	Lent feria Sanda Whelan RIP John Onion RIP
Sun 7 March 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT NO EVENING MASS Sandra Whelan RIP Mary & Michael Hughes RIP Paul Turbull RIP NO EVENING MASS

TODAY'S MASS



Christ did not come to explain away suffering. He came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we must be prepared to sacrifice everything to God and thus in turn we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead pleads our cause before his Father in heaven.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendour of his beauty, to which he will shape and colour those who are his: 'He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of his glory.'"

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs,

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Errol Mark, Anne McCool

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Eileen Nicklen, Mrs A. Manuelpillai, Pauline & Eddie Spencer

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

SANCTUARY LAMP - *Private Intention*

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM *Private Intention*

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

The glory that shone around the disciples on the mount of the Transfiguration prefigures the contemplation of God in eternity. —Dionysius



The Word Among Us
wau.org

The season of Lent is fundamentally a time of preparation to celebrate the Mother of all liturgical feasts: The *Sacred Triduum*, which comprises *Maundy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, *Holy Saturday*; and opens the door to the Easter Vigil which ends with Resurrection Sunday. Each of the days of the Triduum has a particular meaning and significance. But in order to live them with the right spiritual disposition, it requires that we prepare well during these forty days of Lent. Traditionally we are reminded of the spiritual weapons that the Church gives us: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

However, there is more than just practicing them. Because we may fast, pray and give alms, but if these actions do not help us to get into ourselves, and see the things which prevent us from truly doing the Will of God; then all these things will be to no avail. Please notice the capital word for God's Will, which is different from my will or the will of someone else. Abraham tests may help us.

In the first reading, God tested if Abraham was willing to do His Will and asked Abraham to offer Him in sacrifice his beloved, and only son Isaac; the same one whom God has promised descendants as many as the stars of heaven. Abraham put his faith in God. He went to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, as painfully as this may have been for to him; believing that God has the power to even raise the dead. But, as we know, the angel of God stopped Abraham just before he extended the knife on the boy and provided a ram instead of the child. But there is more, the angel ratified God's blessing and protection on Abraham.

Each one of us has, figuratively speaking, an Isaac, someone, or something that God has given us as a part of his blessing. This may be a spouse, a child, family, a job, a career, etc... which God at a certain point in our life asks us to let them go. But instead of responding in faith, like Abraham, we cling to them, maybe thinking that God is a monster, that there is no reason for this. We forget of the resurrection. In the Gospel Jesus gives the condition for discipleship, *"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and the sake of the gospel, will save it"*

HM Government

We must keep on protecting each other.

NHS





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NEWS UPDATE



Confirmation 2021 Information Evening



Are you in Year 10 or above, part of our Parish and wishing to be confirmed in 2021?

If so, please join us, with one Parent/Carer only, in the Parish Centre for the

COVID Secure

Confirmation Information Evening

Monday 29th March

7.00-7.45pm - Surnames A-K

8.00-8.45pm - Surnames L-Z



MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am

The only change is that there is NO EVENING MASS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY

The church will open on:

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

LENT LEAFLET: Please take one if you didn't pick one up last week.

FUNERAL MASS of Errol Mark on Monday 29th March at 11.00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium.

VACCINATION: It has been wonderful to hear that parishioners are starting to receive the Covid 19 vaccination and also that some of our medical professionals are working hard to deliver these jobs. Thank you from us all, you are doing a great work of charity. Whether you have received your jab or not, please stay safe and continue to follow the guidelines for the sake of everyone.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN to all who come to steward and clean. Above all they make it possible for our church to stay open and follow the guidelines to make sure we are "Covid secure". Please do treat them with respect. They may ask you to change your seat or sit elsewhere. Please know

that they are simply doing their job—freely and willingly too.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - In accordance with current government guidelines to keep us all as safe as possible, the FHC Programme is continuing at home in the coming weeks. Each Tuesday morning that week's session plan is sent to all Parents/Carers by email. If, for any reason, you did not receive this week's session plan please check your Spam/Junk folder & ensure peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk is in your email contact list so all the important information sent about the FHC Programme arrives safely. Thank you.

STANDING ORDERS: April is the beginning of the new financial year, if you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

GIFT AID DETAILS: In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL please tell the staff to register you as Roman Catholic on your patient records and that you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Because of the current restrictions, parish clergy are not allowed to visit the wards, but the Catholic hospital chaplain will see you, just ask at the nurses station

SVP - During the current Pandemic, the Parish SVP Group is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call **0208 9000250, 0775 3654154 (Theresa)** or email StGeorgeSVP@pm.me

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during February, March and April.

MASS INTENTIONS Whilst the office is closed we know it is difficult to organise Mass Intentions. What we ask so that we can keep contact down to a minimum that you send us your requests with an SAE and we will return it to you ASAP. By the way, there are plenty of gaps this year if you want a Mass said on your behalf or for someone else living or departed.

DONA is a new Diocesan scheme to make your weekly giving (and any one-off giving) much easier. Basically it is a card/contactless system. You'll see the machine as you enter by the door. Please do use it as you wish, especially if you choose to carry no cash.

WANT TO HELP THE NHS & THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME? If you would like to be considered go to: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/join-the-nhs-covid-19-vaccine-team/>

SOME LITURGICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St Patrick -17th March

St Joseph -19th March

The Annunciation of the Lord - 25th Mar

Palm Sunday - beginning of Holy Week -28th Mar

Maundy Thursday - 1st April

Good Friday - 2nd April

Holy Saturday - 3rd April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection - 4th April

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

CATHOLIC VOICES: a recent survey gave a picture of how Catholics were coping with the pandemic. Clergy & Laypeople, Catholics and Non Catholics are invited now to take a second survey, to give insight into the lives of Christians in lockdown. Go to: <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: A St Joseph Novena - 11th-18th March. A diocesan resource from the Agency for Evangelisation and Caritas. Go to: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/evangelisation/st-joseph-novena/>

CAFOD LENT APPEAL: Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal> Or via the envelopes which can be obtained as you leave

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those not able to receive Holy Communion)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10,15-19

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. *R/.*

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. *R/.*

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. *R/.*

Second reading: Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there

at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

Praise to you, O Christ King of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in
body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal
festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things
of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful
to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire
and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed
in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

