

8th March 2020. 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19, Mat 4:1-11



The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Sunday 8th March 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass: 9.00am, 12noon and 7.30pm

Monday 9th March

Mass: 7.00am and 9.30am

Tuesday 10th March

Mass: 7.00am and 9.30am

Wednesday 11th March

Mass: 7.00am and 9.30am

Thursday 12th March

Mass: 7.00am and 9.30am

Friday 13th March

Mass: 7.00am and 12noon
Way of the Cross: 11.30am

Saturday 14th March

Mass: 9.30am

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 15th March 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass: 9.00am, 12noon and 7.30pm

3.30pm: Tamil Mass

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 8TH MARCH 2020

The Prayer and Readings begin on Page 155 of the Parish Mass Book

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Francis Glackin, William Rynne, Johnny Delaney, Terence and Maria St Clair, Nora Rynne, Patrick McMahon, Lisa Dacunoz, Shaker Chudasama, Nella Fournillier, Powuna Gomes, Catherine Nott, Cheryl Davis, Alister Goodman, Niona Johnson, Mary Wallace, Albert Kadiri, Nicolau Dias, Fr Danny Horan, Domingo Fernandes, Margaret Fay and Mary Toussaint that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His Peace.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Barrister Dominic Uka Anucha who died recently. May his soul rest in peace.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATIONS

Meditate: Jesus climbs up a mountain with some of his friends and there he is transfigured. In a few weeks we will contemplate him going up another mountain on which his face will be disfigured. The experiences of light help us go through experiences of darkness in our lives.

Act: The disciples had to remember the revelation of God's face in order to confront the Cross. At times we have to remind ourselves and others God's blessings in order to stand firm in the moment of trial. Consider if someone close to you needs that sort of encouragement.

CAFOD FAST DAY: There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD after all Sunday Masses this weekend.

PARISH RETREAT : Our Parish Retreat will be held from 6pm to 9pm on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday (March 20th to 22nd 2020)**. Led by **Fr. Elias CSSR**. All parishioners are encouraged to take part in this retreat.

Please pray for the success of the retreat

RETREAT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We ask you to bless us during our Parish Retreat. Open our hearts to your grace, that we may be better in following your way. Bless all the families in our parish. Help them in times of struggle to overcome difficulty and distress. Bless everybody in our parish in their joys and sorrows. Bless the old, the young, the lonely, the poor, the sick, those without work, those in grief, those in despair, those who have lost their way. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. Amen.

FOCUS

The Lent Edition of the our Parish Magazine is now available. Please take one. It is free.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2020

This weekend, please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet as you leave Mass. The Appeal contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation and Service in Society. With your support, the Cardinal has launched a new programme to alleviate food poverty, which affects people in every part of the Diocese. Your gift could help open up schools during the holidays—a time of hunger for many children who depend on the free meals they get at school. At the new school holiday activity clubs, children can have fun, help make a healthy meal to share, and families take home food to help them through this difficult time. You can support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020 by donating, volunteering and remembering the work in your prayers. Please visit cardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March. The novena in preparation for the Feast begins on 10th March.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

Almighty God, you have chosen Saint Joseph to be the mainstay of Jesus and Mary, the wise and faithful servant in whom they could trust.

We pray that he may truly be the guardian of your Church; that he may inspire with confidence those who are devoted to him; that he may give security to those who work in the vineyard of Your Son; and finally that he may be a source of strength to us, who wish, like him, to dedicate ourselves to Christ's service, now and in times to come. Amen.

A THANK YOU FROM MARY'S MEALS

A very big 'thank you' for allowing Mary's Meals to have its Rags to Riches collection at the Catholic Church of St Joseph last Sunday.

We are delighted to say that the parish managed to give 560kg of unwanted clothes making a contribution of £313.60p. Mary's Meals is very grateful for your support. The amount raised will feed 19 children who will not get one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: The retiring collection on 09/02/2020 amounted to £234.34. Thank you for your generosity.

CORONA VIRUS: Please observe the precautions listed on the notice boards and in the announcements at Mass.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2020 at 3pm.

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 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).