

MARCH 05, 2023 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Abraham shows complete obedience to God, prepared even to sacrifice Isaac

Responsorial: Psalm 32

R. /: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Suffering for the gospel will be repaid by our Saviour Jesus Christ

Gospel: Mathew 17:1-9

Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor prepares his apostles for his passion

What does God require of us?



Our Lenten motto becomes: **It is wonderful for us to be here.** In addition, we are encouraged by Jesus' words: **'Do not be afraid.'**

They remind us that **He is in control.** Jesus also spoke these words to Peter in the boat when a storm raged all around them. He was teaching them — and us — not to fret but to trust in God's providence.

A **central message of Lent** is that, at least metaphorically, **we put on sackcloth and ashes, do penance for our sins and seek to make progress in the spiritual life, thereby uniting ourselves with the suffering Christ.**

By taking such practical steps, we can be sure of pleasing God and growing in true happiness and real joy.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, 05-Mar **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm – *Konkani Mass*

MONDAY, 06-Mar Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 07-Mar Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 08-Mar Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 09-Mar Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 10-Mar 11.30am & 6.00pm - *Stations of the Cross*
Mass: 12.00noon

SATURDAY, 11-Mar Mass: 9.30am, 6.30pm *Vigil Mass of Sunday*

SUNDAY, 12-Mar **3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

POPE'S INTENTION - MARCH 2023

For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S

Stations of the Cross	Every Friday 11.30am and 6.00pm (<i>led by Children</i>)
Faith Sharing	Every Tuesday 10.15am and Thursday 6.30pm
Parish Lenten Confessions	Tuesday 14 th & Thursday 16 th (5.30pm to 7.50pm) Saturday 18 th March (10.30am to 11.30am)
Parish Annual Lenten Retreat	Friday 17 th March 2023 (5:30pm to 8.45pm) Saturday 18 th March 2023 (5:30pm to 8.45pm) Sunday 19 th March 2023 (5:30pm to 9.00pm)
Youth Retreat	Saturday 18 th March 2023 (2:00pm to 4.30pm)

WE ARE NOW IN THE SEASON OF LENT

What have you decided to give up; only to take it up again immediately after Easter?

For this Lenten period do something positive for yourself (gain knowledge, understand further, grow and deepen your faith) by joining one of the Faith Sharing Groups. The theme is '*Enlarging the Space of our Tent*' Isaiah 54:2. Come and join the discussions. This is a time of return and renewal. Groups will meet on **Tuesday mornings: 10.15am** (after 9.30 mass) and **Thursday evenings: 6.30pm**.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a collection for CAFOD after all Sunday Masses **this weekend**. It is an opportunity for the Church to help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL

Funds raised this year will be shared between Marriage & Family Life, Youth & Evangelisation, The Education Service, and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. **Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today.** You can use the envelope to make your donation **or by using the QR code** which you can scan with a phone camera to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

WORD OF GOD

"Man shall not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Mathew 4:4.

Over the **next weekend Masses**; we will be distributing scripture quotations for each parishioner. The intention is that you repeatedly read the quotation and make the Word into your life.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13th May 2023 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 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

PARISH REGISTRATION

The form for registering in St Joseph's Parish is now available on the website. Please download, complete all the Sections, and drop it through the letterbox. If you would like a personal box of envelopes for your weekly donation at Mass, and you pay tax, you will need to fill in a Gift Aid Declaration form that is available in the parish office. You must come to the Presbytery, fill in the form and a box of envelopes will be given to you at the same time.