

## 25-FEB | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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

*The "Binding of Isaac" shows Abraham's complete obedience to God*

### Responsorial: Psalm 114:9

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

### Second reading: Romans 8:31-34

*The Father's love for us is shown in his letting Son die for our sake*

### Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

*The apostles glimpse Christ's glory, to sustain them through his imminent passion*

## LET GOD

- Lent is a **time for letting go**.
- If we are to come to know God and the meaning of real love, then we must learn to **let go of our certainties and insisting on having things our own way**.
- Abraham and Jesus both learned to **entrust everything into the hands of God the Father**, even when this appeared to lead to the end of everything they had hoped for.
- **God** in Jesus would have us understand that he **is with us in every moment of our lives** and each moment, whether at the top of the mountain or in Gethsemane, is sacred.
- If we are to understand this, **we must develop the art of** doing what the Father has asked us and that is the art of **listening, really listening to His Son**.

*Imagine yourself breathing in the light of God.  
Let it fill your body bit by bit. Praise God for this light.  
**Light of God, love me, save me, and call me.***

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**SUNDAY, 25-Feb** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
3.30pm – *Syro-Malabar Rite*

**MONDAY, 26-Feb** Mass: 9.30am

**TUESDAY, 27-Feb** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 28-Feb** Mass: 9.30am  
Stations of the Cross for youth: 6.30pm

**THURSDAY, 29-Feb** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**FRIDAY, 01-March** **SAINT DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales**  
Stations of the Cross: 11.30am  
Mass: 12.00noon, 6.30pm  
Stations of the Cross for children: 6.00pm

**SATURDAY, 02-March** Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, 03-March** **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm  
4.00pm – *Konkani Mass*

### **POPE'S INTENTION – FEBRUARY 2024**

**For the terminally ill:** Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock 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**

Sarah Teresa Rynn who died on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The Reception of her body into the Church will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am followed by a cremation at West London Crematorium. May her soul rest in peace.

### **LENT AT ST JOSEPH'S 2024 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11.30am before the 12noon Mass, at 6.00pm for children and every Wednesday at 6.30pm for youth.

### **ANNUAL PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

The parish retreat will take place on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March starting at 5.30pm. More details to follow.

### **LENTEN MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL**

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – dedicated time for prayer for peace in the Holy Land**

“I write, first, to thank you most sincerely for the generosity with which you and your parishioners responded to my request for a collection to assist with the relief of suffering in Gaza and the West Bank. We have been able to send over £31,000 to the Latin Patriarchate. This will make a real difference to people living in such desperate circumstances.

As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved since I last wrote, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. As Lent begins, I would like to urge that we continue our efforts, not least in prayer. And so I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land across the diocese.

I hope that your Lenten journey this year will be a fruitful one. Those three pillars of observance-prayer, fasting and almsgiving-are so helpful, and I pray that you will find a way to make use of each of them, in whatever way or form, in the weeks ahead.”

+*Vincent Nichols*

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY RETIRING COLLECTION**

There will be a collection for CAFOD after all Sunday Masses this weekend. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Collect a CAFOD envelope in Church for your donation or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

### **ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY AT 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, 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).

### **CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2024**

Please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten appeal. Funds raised this year will go towards projects across our Diocese. They will be shared between Marriage & Family Life, Youth Ministry, 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 envelope 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](http://www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk)

### **PRO-LIFE LAW AMENDMENT**

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.