

## 10-MARCH|FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

### First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-23

*For their sins the people were exiled to Babylon. But God's mercy will bring them back*

### Responsorial: Psalm 136:6

*R. / O let my tongue cleave to my mouth, if I remember you not!*

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

*We are saved not through our own efforts through the mercy of God*

### Gospel: John 3:14-21

*God sent his only Son, not to condemn but to save us*

- In our day-to-day struggle just to get on with the business of living it is unlikely that we go around with the image of ourselves as '*God's work of art*'.
- There are many forces at work both within us and outside us which tend to pull us down and to leave us with negative feelings about ourselves and those around us.
- By contrast, **at the heart of the gospel message** is the wonderful assertion that **we are the handiwork of a God** who does not make mistakes.
- This is the **God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son not to bully us into obedience** or to threaten us with hellfire **but to bring us to life in its fullness.**
- This is terrific news indeed, so let us take steps to ensure that other messages do not drown it out.

*Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free;  
you are the Saviour of the world and...*

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, 10-March	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm
MONDAY, 11-March	Mass: 9.30am
TUESDAY, 12-March	Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY, 13-March	Mass: 9.30am Stations of the Cross led by youth: 6.30pm
THURSDAY, 14-March	Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
FRIDAY, 15-March	Stations of the Cross: 11.30am Mass: 12.00noon Stations of the Cross led by children: 6.00pm 5.30pm Parish Retreat Day 1 - Holy Mass 6.30pm
SATURDAY, 16-March	Mass: 9.30am 6.30pm - Sunday Vigil Mass 5.30pm Parish Retreat Day 2
SUNDAY, 17-March	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 6.30pm 5.30 Parish Retreat Day 3

### POPE'S INTENTION – MARCH 2024

**For new Martyrs:** Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

### 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.

### ANNUAL PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

The Parish Lenten Retreat will take place on **15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March** starting each day with the Holy Rosary at 5.30pm. The Retreat will be led by Bishop Anthony Pascal Rebello, Bishop of Francistown, Botswana. Bishop Anthony was born in Nairobi Kenya and has held many ministries and has served as a missionary in Kenya, Antigua and Angola. He was ordained Bishop of Francistown in July 2021. There will be **RETIRING COLLECTION** for the Lenten Retreat after all the Retreat Masses and all Sunday Masses.

### YOUTH GROUP LENTEN WALK

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the Youth Group will be walking with the Holy Cross from St Joseph's Church to St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing leaving at 9am and arriving by 10.30am approximately. We will return to St Joseph's by public transport and expect to arrive back by 1pm. All welcome to attend (ages 18-35)

### 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 led by children and every Wednesday at 6.30pm led by youth.

### St JOHN PASSION – J.S. Bach

#### Westminster Cathedral Thursday 14 March 2024 7.30pm

A spiritual preparation to the Holy Week, performed by the Westminster Cathedral Choir. Tickets available to purchase at a discount of 30% at [www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30) and use **password SJP30**

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

There is a 7 Day - 7 Night pilgrimage to Medjugorje planned for this year to start on April 16th. For those interested please register your name with Carmen at the earliest possible. For more details please look at the church notice board.

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY AT 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, please give your following details to the parish office **before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**: 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)

### PILGRIMAGES 2024

The parish is organising following trip to:

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| Medjugorje and Split              | - 17th to 23rd June          |
| Lisieux, Lourdes and Paris        | - 29th July to 3rd August    |
| Lourdes, Fatima and SD Compostela | - 12th to 22nd August        |
| Krakow and Czestochowa            | - 9th to 14th September 2024 |
| Rome and Assisi                   | - 14th to 19th October       |

For further information, please see the notice board at the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899.

### CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Every year up to 6 boys join **Westminster Cathedral Choir School** as choristers in Years 4 or 5. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in a world-famous choir, and to join a top school for boys age 4 – 13, with up to 100% off fees. For more information contact Lucy Auger - **Email** [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com)  
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