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FIFTH SUNDAY, YEAR A **5TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

THEME: Light Should Shine: Salt Should Make Tasty.



What is striking in today's message is how much trust Christ puts in us, perhaps more than we do in him. He entrusts to us the mission of being his light shining in the world, the salt that preserves and spices the world with the aroma of the gospel, the mission of being a city of light that attracts people to the Lord. What a responsibility. This week, let us ask Jesus to kindle his light in us.

MEDITATE: The words following the beatitudes are a more earthy and more understood challenge, offering guidance to his followers.

ACT: Let someone who has been a light in your life know how much his or her light, have meant to you.

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme is: "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together."

PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the middle of February for use on Ash Wednesday [22nd February].



FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Bridie McLafferty. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 12 noon at St. John the Evangelist Church Islington, N1. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanistise your hands** when you come to Church.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.
There are also a number of cashless methods now available:

Make a donation via our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268
Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. *You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*
Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

There will be a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses. Cash only please, no "Planned Giving Envelopes", these should be placed into the boxes provided at the entrance/exit of the Church marked "Offertory" etc.



SAVE THE DAY
St. PATRICK'S DAY: BACON AND CABBAGE

will be held on **Sunday 12th March**.
Details to follow.

REPOSITORY

Lenten books are now available from the Repository.
We also have a new delivery of Graveyard Statues and Ornaments.
St. Patrick's Day cards will be available from next weekend.
If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.

The Metropolitan Police have kindly sent us information on
"How to stay safe against fraud".
Please see the noticeboards for details.

RADIO TIMES 2 – THE SEQUELL

The Chameleons are delighted to return to the St. Ercon-wald's stage this March with the follow up to our 2014 re-view show. Come and join us on **4th March at 8.00pm** for a selection of radio themed sketches, monologues, music, laughter and much more! With a licenced bar. A St. Ercs's discount price of £7. It will be a night to remember. Online sales open shortly at www.the chameleons.co.uk

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



On Saturday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral at 2.30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered.



VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fr. Anthony is at the moment visiting the sick and housebound. If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit please see Fr. Anthony or contact the Parish Office. [If in hospital, please contact the hospital chaplain].

THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on **Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Full information and invitation will be issued shortly.

THE PASSAGE

Celebrate St David's Day with *The Passage* on Thursday 2nd March at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. Hear an inspiring mix of traditional Welsh music, as well as some popular classic tunes in a stunning venue. The London Welsh Male Voice Choir will be joined by special guests Eiry Price [soprano] and John Ieuan Jones [baritone].
All proceeds from this event will go directly to *The Passage*, helping to provide essential support for those who have experienced homelessness, and preventative action to support those at risk of becoming homeless. Tickets can be purchased at: https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/st-davids-day-concert/

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays.
If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

LITURGY FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF YEAR 1

[All services can be followed online: https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 5th February: Fifth Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 58.7-10; Psalm: 111; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 2.1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5.1-3-16. **Intention:** 10.00am: Mary and Pat Cafferkey [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 6th February: St. Paul Miki & Companions: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Galatians 2.19-20; Psalm: 125; Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20. **Intention:** Bernard Kirwan [RIP]

Tuesday 7th February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 1.20-2.4; Psalm: 8; Gospel: Mark 7.1-13. **Intention:** Ian Norman [RIP, A]

Wednesday 8th February: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 2.4-9,15-17; Psalm: 103; Gospel: Mark 7.14-23. **Intention:** Michael Donleavy [RIP, A]

Thursday 9th February: NO SERVICE

Friday 10th February: St. Scholastica: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Song of Songs 8.6-7; Psalm: 148; Gospel: Luke 10.38-42. **Intention:** Roy Brattesani [RIP, A]

Saturday 11th February: Sixth Sunday of Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20; Psalm: 118; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 2.6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37. **Intention:** People of the Parish

Sunday 12th February: Sixth Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20; Psalm: 118; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 2.6-10; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37. **Intention:** 10.00am: Julia Hayes [RIP, A]
11.30am: Dorothy and Jerry O'Shea [RIP, A]

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Denton Allen, and Radwan Naffa.
We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate *on entering hospital* that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.
Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

SPIRITUAL 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.
[*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*