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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A — 12TH MARCH, 2023

THEME: A Deep Personal Encounter



Often we are not willing to listen to people who judge us or who look down on us. The people we can easily listen to and whom we can encounter from person to person are those who do not criticize us but respect us. Even though we have not always been the persons and Christians we should have been, we know that Jesus always treats us with respect and sees the potentials for good in us. Let us ask our Lord that we may treat one another with the same esteem as he shows us.

MEDITATE: In the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, we have a story with many levels of meaning.

ACT: In your own quiet, be in the presence of Jesus and listen to him as he did to the Samaritan woman.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TUESDAY 14th MARCH at 11.00am. Followed by soup and rolls.
This Mass is for everyone especially the sick and elderly.
[There will be no 9.30am Mass]



NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH: 11th – 19th MARCH 2023

St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, email novenamhm@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 18th March** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary from Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend 25th - 26th March to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families. Any help you could give them, will be greatly appreciated.

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.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse

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

REPOSITORY

Lenten books and Easter Cards are available from the Repository. We also have a new delivery of Graveyard Statues and Ornaments. St. Patrick's Day Cards, badges, candles and gifts.

If you do not see something you would like, please ask one of the Repository Team. You are welcome to browse.

SEASON OF LENT 2023



Lent is a time of grace, conversion, renewal and healing.
[Each Friday we recall the events of Good Friday by fasting in some way.]

Stations of the Cross: Weekdays [except Thursdays and Saturdays] at 9.00am. Friday evening at 6.30pm.

Rite of Penance: Every Saturday between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.
*Service of Reconciliation with Absolution on **Friday 31st March at 7.00pm**.*

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 envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information please visit www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

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].

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on **Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm** for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you qualify, please contact the Parish Office by the weekend 18th/19th March.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE



The Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses are going to be offered for the repose of the souls of our deceased relatives and friends. If you would like to have your loved one, family members, and friends included in the intentions of these Masses, please complete the Form provided, and place it, together with a donation, in the box marked "Easter Remembrance". Donations go towards the decoration of the Church at Easter.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY



Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Your generous gifts will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey.You can still donate on the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent)

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 THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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

Sunday 12th March: Third of Lent, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: Exodus 17.3-7; Psalm: 94; 2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8; Gospel: John 4.5-42. **Intention:** 10.00am: Bridie Quinn [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 13th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: 2Kings 5.1-15; Psalm: 41; Gospel: Luke 4.24-30. **Intention:** Cassie Carvalho [RIP]

Tuesday 14th March: 11.00am: Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday 15th March: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9; Psalm: 147; Gospel: Matthew 5.17-19. **Intention:** Noel Hogan [RIP] **followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 11.00am.**

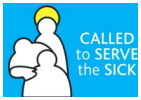
Thursday 16th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 17th March: St. Patrick: [9.30am and 7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-9; Psalm: 116; Gospel: Luke 10.1-12,17-20.
Intentions: 9.30am: Mary and Thomas Flaherty [RIP, A]
7.oopm: Mary Cunniffe [RIP]
6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 18th March: Fourth of Lent, Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: 1Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14; Gospel: John 9.1-41. **Intention:** Ennio Satti [RIP]

Sunday 19th March: Fourth of Lent, Year A: [10.00am/11.30am] Readings: 1Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13; Psalm: 22; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14; Gospel: John 9.1-41. **Intention:** 10.00am: People of the Parish
11.30am: Ellen and Edward Thompson [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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT: Feast of St. Erconwald: 22nd April
First Holy Communion & Confirmation Faire: 15th-16th April
Details to follow

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]*