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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A — 5TH MARCH, 2023

THEME: A Face Transformed



Lent is for us the privileged season of change, of transformation, transfiguration. Our complacent and guilty faces have to be changed into faces of joy and love and service. The face of our world is to be changed from injustice into integrity, from hatred into kindness and friendship. We are afraid of change, especially at the cost of ourselves. Today Jesus shows us the way. He saw suffering and death waiting for him and so his face and heart were sad. But then the Father made Jesus' face radiant for he would find life and resurrection and his face became radiant with joy and glory. If we follow Jesus and let him transform us our face will become radiant too.

MEDITATE: Jesus' face became as brilliant as the sun, his clothes, as shining as the light. Can you imagine how amazing this was for the apostles?

ACT: Name specific ways you will pray, fast, and give alms during this Lent..

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TUESDAY 14th MARCH at 11.00am. Followed by soup and rolls.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY – BACON & CABBAGE CELEBRATION SUNDAY 12th MARCH, 12.30 – 3.00pm

Food will be served from 12.30pm – 2.00pm. Doors open 12.30pm. After lunch there will be entertainment by George Harte, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets: Adults: £10, Family [2 Adults & 2 Children]: £30. In aid of the Church Refurbishment Fund.

APF/MISSIO

The Spring issue of *Missio* is now available for collection.
Please, do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Carl Patrick Rosario. His funeral will take place on Monday 6th March at 10.00am. The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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].

DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you care for someone who is living with Dementia (incl. Alzheimer's)? We next meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 6th March between 1.00 - 3.00pm**. COME AND BE SUPPORTED. For further information please contact Frank Arrojo on 07867 903917 (email frankj.arrojo@gmail.com).

Online meeting: Tuesday 14th March between 4.00 – 6.00pm

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.

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.

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 SECOND 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 5th March: Second of Lent, Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4; Psalm: 32; 2nd Reading: 2Timothy 1.8-10; Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9. **Intention:** 10.00am: Jean and Sam Greck [RIP]
11.30am: People of the Parish

Monday 6th March: 10.00am Funeral Mass for Carl Patrick Rosario RIP. [The Mass will be live-streamed and recorded]

Tuesday 7th March: Lent Feria [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm: 49; Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12. **Intention:** Anna Sullivan [RIP]

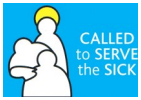
Wednesday 8th March: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 18.18-20, Psalm: 30; Gospel: Matthew 20.17-28. **Intention:** Sean Devaney [Intention]; **followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 11.00am.**

Thursday 9th March: NO SERVICE

Friday 10th March: Lent Feria: [9.30am and 7.00pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Genesis 37.3-4,12-13,17-28; Psalm: 104; Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43,45-46.
Intentions: 9.30am: Eunice Oyeleke RIP]
7.oopm: Olga Carvalho [RIP, A]
6.30pm: Meditative Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 11th March: Third of Lent, Year A: [5.30pm] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7; Psalm: 94; 2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8; Gospel: John 4.5-42.
Intention: Marcilly and Lawrence Mascrinas [RIP, A]

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



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]*