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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR (B) SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2018



Lent is a time for letting go and these readings make the point very well. 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.

A state of mind that sees God in everything is evidence of growth in grace and a thankful heart. -(Charles G Finney)

LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'"

The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

*I trusted, even when I said,
"I am sorely afflicted."*

*O precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful. **R***

*Your servant LORD, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make,
and I will call on the Lord's name. **R***

*My vows to the LORD I will fulfill
before all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. R*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:

‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.’

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

I Reading: Exod 20:1-17 Psalm: 18 You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

II Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 Gospel: John 2:13-25

** Full Text is available from Universalis.com*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WE SHALL PRAY THIS WEEKEND:

Preface of The Transfiguration & Eucharistic Prayer III

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION, NEWS & MISSION

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YOU AT THIS LENT

- *If possible attend regular Mass (weekdays)*
- *Do your Morning & Evening Prayer and Examination of Conscience*
- *Spend time in prayer- may be by meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary.*
 - *Read Spiritual Books*
 - *Do Stations of the Cross or join the Parish Fridays at 7pm.*
 - *Spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Mon-Sat*
7.30am-9am
 - *Join the Parish for Lenten Retreat on Saturday 10th March.*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please come and join in praying the STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7pm every Friday in Lent.



EARLY MORNING MASS IN LENT

Until Wednesday 28th March, there will be a 7.00am early morning Mass, Adoration 7.30am-9am, Rosary 8am, Morning Prayer 9am from Monday-Saturday at St Boniface.

LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Thank you for keeping the poor in your prayers and observing a day of fast for them last Friday. Whatever we saved of the fast is our contribution to the poor. We shall collect the money **next weekend** and send the money to the Orphanage.

RITE OF ELECTION

We congratulate all the fourteen catechumens and candidates who attended the Rite of election at St George's Cathedral last Saturday. We continue to pray for them as they are preparing for their baptism, Confirmation and reception into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Thanks for a good turn out for the meeting last Monday. As many people are interested, there will be regular gatherings of **St Boniface Padre Pio's group every second and fourth Monday of the Month 7-8pm. The main focus of the group to pray and support, and to know more about the spirituality of St padre Pio. The group will meet 12th & 26th in March at 7pm. Anyone wishes to join the group, you are most welcome to come along.**

RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Parish is organizing a Lenten Retreat for **Young People 17-30 Years on Friday 23rd March 7pm-9pm.** The retreat begins with Mass at 6.30pm. **All young people are invited.**

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

As three people cant travel, there are three seats available for the Pilgrimage, 23-28 June. If anyone interested, please contact Parish Office.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

Please do join the Parish for a retreat to prepare ourselves for the Holy Week on **Saturday 10th March 10am-3pm**. The retreat will focus on the spirituality of the Eucharist. Lunch will be provided.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE

If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House. No appointment needed on **FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY** from **6pm—7.30pm**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

RCIA: Next Programme is on **Tuesday 6th March** at **7.30pm** in the **Parish Meeting Room**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: next programme is on **Saturday 3rd March** at **9.50am**.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Next Programme is on **MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY** at **7.30pm** in the presbytery.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Parish invites all of you to join for the **feast day Mass at 6.30pm on SATURDAY 17th MARCH**, followed by celebrations in the hall with live music, Irish Dance and lot more.

TO BAPTISE A BABY

First please see a priest at the Parish Open House, then you will need to attend a **Baptismal Preparation programme** that takes place on the **last Monday of every month** at **7.30pm** in the Presbytery.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Jonathon Routh, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

To anyone celebrating their birthday or wedding anniversary this week, the Parish wishes you every blessing and thanks God for you, a special gift to the Parish.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Norah Bolger, Nino Abel, Patricia Xerri, Mike & Monique Nash, Geoffrey Bowydin, Albert Folvi

Recently Deceased: Winston Devonish, Fr John Ehichioya, Kathleen Regan, Anthony Olisa Okafor and Wanita Cowl.

Anniversaries: Annetta Miller, James Jones, Anthony Leyland, Joy Duggan, Pobre Fernandes, Edward Bambury, Eileen Connolly, Louis Chan, Rita Reynolds, Rita Coote, Monica D'Souza, Leopoldo Bizzarro, Marietta Fleury, Thomas Keating, John Soo, Nora Hodnett, Maria Sukhdeo, Iris Browne, Maria DeSouza, Marie Bowden, James Bates, Laurence Rafferty. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection last weekend was **£2,389.03**

[Loose plate **49%**; Gift Aid **51%**]. Thank you for your generosity



	24th & 25th February	3rd & 4th March
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Daren Alfred, Adrian Alfred	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza
09.00	Robin Thomas, Sandra Nyakudya	Anita and Gary Bennett
10.30	Cyprian Rutkowski, Christi Anoop	Fortune and Mischa Musonda
12.00	Charmaine & Callum Fernandes	Ian Johnston, Tess Vallo
18.30	Angel Babu, Emie Roberts	Michael Lobo, Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power, Michael Soupraya	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper
10.30	Ann Lusena, Srikanth Lusena, Therese Onyebalu	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, David Lobo, Rosemary Kanagaratnam	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Daisy Jhguroo	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley

Church Cleaning:	Wk. 4 Mon 26th Feb @ 7pm	Wk. 1 Mon 5th Mar @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Trisha Creegan, Ann Gillespie, Sharon Wrightman	Juliana Adam, Liz McDonnell, Caroline Churchman,

Sunday 25th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Mary Edwards Maura & Chubby Chhabra Aires Fernandes, RIP Julia Matthews, RIP
Monday 26th February Feria	07.00 09.30 18.30	Varkey, RIP Anne Harti and family Helen, Andrew & soul of baby Aimee
Tuesday 27th February Feria	07.00 09.30 18.30	November Altar List Intentions of Kamala For Karunana Dan
Wednesday 28th February Feria	07.00 09.30 18:30	Annamary Samarakone Margaret McGrath and family People of the Parish
Thursday 1st March St David	07.00 09.30 18.30	Michael Crowley Bridget and Dermot Casey Lena Machale, RIP
Friday 2nd March Feria	07.00 09.30 18.30	Holy Souls Josephine Sheard and family Grachita Rivera RIP
Saturday 3rd March Feria	07.00 09.30 18.30	People of the Parish Anthony de Souza Tom Moffatt get well
Sunday 4th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Maura Ansbro, RIP Christine Smith Barbara and Michael Connolly Aires Fernandes RIP

<p><u>Tuesday 27th February</u> Parent & Toddler Group (9.30-11am Function Suite) Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 28th February</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Presbytery Meeting Room)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 1st March</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Presbytery Meeting Room) Legion of Mary (7.15pm Presbytery Meeting Room) Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church) <u>Friday 2nd March</u> 50+ Club (2pm Function Suite) <u>HOLY HOUR ADORATION</u> <u>Parish Open House</u> (6pm – 7.30pm in Presbytery)</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am-12.30pm</p>	

<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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