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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR (B) SUNDAY 4th MARCH 2018

We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. Hence, fulfilling our Sunday obligation only out of fear of mortal sin and consequent eternal punishment (a loss), is a non-Christian approach. In the same way, obeying the commandments and doing acts of charity merely as prerequisites for Heavenly reward (a gain), are acts driven by a profit motive, of which Jesus would not approve. Hence, let us ask these questions during this third week of Lent: Can leading worship become simply a business for the clergy for which they are paid? Do the laity sometimes think that they are "paying" the minister to do the worship for them -- thinking, "we pay them to do this for us"? Do we think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings? Do we use our acts of obedience to the Ten Commandments as bargaining chips with God? The theologian Karl Rahner put it this way: "The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles are what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable."

"Anyone can be angry. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, with the right purpose ... that is not easy." (Aristotle)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.



'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

*The law of the LORD is perfect,
it revives the soul;*

*The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.*

*The precepts of the LORD are right,
they gladden the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. R.*

*The fear of the LORD is holy,
abiding forever;
the decrees of the LORD are true,
and all of them just. R.*

*They are more to be desired than gold,
than a the purest gold;
and sweeter are they than honey,
Than honey from the comb. R*

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

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

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

*I Reading: 2Chr 36:14-23 Psalm: 136 O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not! II Reading: Eph 2:4-10 Gospel: John 3:14-21*
** 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.

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.

WE SHALL PRAY THIS WEEKEND:

Preface of Lent I & Eucharistic Prayer II

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

Save us, saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praises.*

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 FOR THE ORPHANAGE THIS WEEKEND

Thank you for keeping the poor in your prayers and observing a day of fast on Friday 23rd February. Whatever we saved of the fast is our contribution to the poor. We shall collect the money THIS weekend and send the money to the Orphanage. *If you are tax payer or member of the Gift Aid Scheme, please use the special Lent Fast Day envelop so that parish can claim the tax return. Many thanks.*

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Thanks for a good turn out for the meeting last Monday. As many people are interested, there will a REGULAR gathering of St Boniface Padre Pio's group every second and fourth Monday of the Month 7-8pm. The main focus of the group is 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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPS: thank you very much for all those who have joined the scheme. Tax return helps the parish in a big way to meet the expenses. If anyone has lost/mislaid your envelopes, please use a plain envelop with your number or name written on the envelop. Many thanks.

URDU MASS IN THE PARISH

Urdu community will have a mass in the Parish on **Third Sunday** of every month at **4pm**. **The first one will be on Sunday 18th March** . All Urdu speaking people are most welcome.

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.**

LENTEN PARISH RECOLLECTION & DAY WITH JESUS

Please do join the Parish for a retreat to prepare ourselves for the Holy Week on **Saturday 10th March 10am-3pm**. Lunch will be provided. THE theme of the RECOLLECTION is *THE THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE EUCHARIST*. There will be opportunity to make confessions. Please note: *Mass will be at 12:00 not at 11am* followed by Anointing of the Sick. Lunch will be provided.

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 10th March at 9.50am** in the Parish Hall.

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 9th March** from **6pm – 7.30pm**

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Next Programme is on **MONDAY 26th MARCH** 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. *Tickets are available from this weekend from the Coffee Shop.*

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, Terence Rodrigues, Marciana Tangcay.

Recently Deceased: Winston Devonish, Kathleen O'Regan, Cleveland Daley and Lucy Lartey.

Anniversaries: Marie Jhugroo, Joseph Oliver, James Ranjit, Patricia Cotter, Maureen Mulivihill, Catherine Meredith, Kathleen Kennedy, Michael Glakin, Edwin Almeida, Margaret Fitzgerald, Ivy Grimshaw, Elizabeth Robinson, Philip Coffey, Raphael Elwin, Luis Alvarez, Ropas Blanco, Anna Rodrigues.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

Kathleen O'Regan's funeral is on Tuesday, 13th March at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The collection last weekend was **£2,352.38**

[Loose plate **46%**; Gift Aid **54%**]. Thank you for your generosity



	3rd & 4th March	10th & 11th March
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza	Robi Kennedy, Finnuala Lynch
09.00	Anita and Gary Bennett	Faith Soriano, Angus Xavier
10.30	Fortune and Mischa Musonda	Kieran Kelly, Mary Sagoe
12.00	Ian Johnston, Tess Vallo	Sharon Wrightman, Mathewson Mathews
18.30	Michael Lobo, Philippa Keeling	Padraig Cronin, Ivon A Kandiah
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero	Agnela, David & Manuel Cabral
09.00	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper	Mary Donoghue, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues
10.30	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling
12.00	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayhe
18.30	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley

Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 5th Mar @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 12th Mar @ 7pm
Coffee Morning:	Juliana Adam, Liz McDonnell, Caroline Churchman,	Tigist Deneke, Shanique Blake, Genet Andemariam

Sunday 4th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Maura Ansbro Christine Smith Barbara and Michael Connolly Aires Fernandes RIP
Monday 5th March Feria	07.00 09.30 18.30	Henry Brogan RIP Christopher Cafferty Kathleen Gervan
Tuesday 6th March Feria	07.00 09.30 18.30	Vera Stevenson Fiona & Noel Manley & Family People of the Parish
Wednesday 7th March Sts Perpetua & Felicity	07.00 09.30 18:30	George Linfiyo Mary & Gerald Quinn Martin Mc Grath
Thursday 8th March St John of God	07.00 09.30 18.30	Anne McNamara RIP Rachel McGrath Mary & John Hanahoe RIP A
Friday 9th March St Frances of Rome	07.00 09.30 18.30	Prendergast Family Deceased Helen & Andrew Tsui Tricia & David Daniels
Saturday 10th March Feria	07.00 12.00 18.30	NO MASS RETREAT/ Day with Jesus Bridie Moore Intentions
Sunday 4th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Sharon Francis Intentions Sean McGrath Eduardo, Juanita & Riveline De Leon Michael McCarthy RIP

<u>Tuesday 6th March</u> Parent & Toddler Group (9.30-11am Function Suite) Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church) <u>Wednesday 7th March</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room)	<u>Thursday 8th March</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room) Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room) Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church) <u>Friday 9th March</u> 50+ Club (2pm Function Suite) Parish Open House (6pm – 7.30pm in Presbytery)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am-12.30pm	

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