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SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020 – YEAR (A) FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

It is a great sadness for us all that we cant have public Mass celebrated as a parish family. But in this extraordinary most painful and difficult moments in history, we are called to change our normal routines and regular patterns of life for the greater good of the communities we live in and, in particular, to protect the most vulnerable within our parish and society. Even if you cant receive communion, be in spiritual communion with the parish as a private Mass is celebrated every day at 10am in the Church for you and most welcome to spend a little time in prayers in front of the blessed sacrament as there will be Exposition from 10.30am-8pm everyday. Please take seriously the advices of the government and the medical people. It is not just about ourselves, it is all about to safe lives. It will be bring great joy if we can save one life. But think about the opposite...what about if one dies because of our carelessness. We have to walk as family mindful of others united in prayer. Please check in your area who are housebound. If anyone needs help in shopping or meal, please let the parish know about it. Please phone often and find out how the elderly and vulnerable people whom you know or/and who are in your area. Please see next page for more information about our parish life in relation to the Coronavirus pandemic.



MOTHER'S DAY



As we are celebrating Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday this Sunday, we honour mothers and other mother figures, such as grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers-in-law. Mothers, we thank you and we love you.



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PARISH LIFE IN RELATION TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

This is a lent like we never haven't experienced before. It is like we are in real terms entering into wilderness with the Lord. A time of testing and growing closure to God. A time where we have to learn how to live with limitations and less resources. We therefore want you to assure you of our spiritual closeness at this time: will be praying for you everyday and celebrate Mass everyday for you.

- Even though no public Mass will be celebrated from this Friday evening, 20th March until further notice, private Mass will be celebrated at 10am everyday in our Church in spiritual communion with all the Parishioners. If you cant watch live streaming of the Mass at home, please be in spiritual communion with the parish by praying liturgy of the word at this time (please pick up a leaflet for liturgy of the Word).
- Until a lockdown for the city/country is implemented, there will be exposition of the blessed sacrament everyday from 10.30am onwards. If you want to spend time with the blessed sacrament, please make sure you keep a safe distance from others in the Church, family may sit together.
- No baptism, confirmation, wedding and funeral will be held in the Church until further notice. Funeral service will be held at the cemetery or crematorium. The sacrament of reconciliation on request.
- Holy Week celebrations will depend on the development of the situation and the decisions of the bishops.
- Please pray stations of the cross (take a stations of the cross leaflet from the Church)
- Be in communion with Our Lady and Please pray Rosary if possible.
- If possible, please pray divine mercy chaplet at 3pm remembering the parish and the whole world.
- Please check in your area who are housebound. If anyone needs help in shopping or meal, please let the parish know about it. Please phone often and find out how the elderly and vulnerable people whom you know or/and who are in your area. The same with your friends and family.
- Live streaming of Mass is available at: www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/ or [www. Walsingham.org.uk](http://www.Walsingham.org.uk) or at EWTN
- Morning Prayers, evening prayers, other office of prayers and daily reading of the Mass is available from "universalis.com". Just type on your web browser **universalis .com** to access the site.

We appreciate that these measures will have a significant and direct impact on your spiritual life and the life of our parish family. It is vital that we look after ourselves and one another in our parish family and the neighbourhood.

Be assured of our prayers
Parish Team, St Boniface Parish, Tooting

19 March 2019

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13



The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 22(23)*

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose. Near restful
Waters he leads me, to revive my dropping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name. if I should walk in
The valley of darkness no evil would I fear
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes. My head you have
Anointed with oil; my cups is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life. In the Lord's own house
Shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Second letter of St Paul to Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

We shall be offering private Masses in this week for the intentions that you have booked.