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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C): 31ST MARCH 2019 LAETARE SUNDAY

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.



Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother.

Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts: As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home.



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## 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 Book of Joshua 5: 9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.



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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 102

*R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

### SECOND READING

*A Reading from the second letter of St Paul to Corinthians*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as

though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'*

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

### GOSPEL

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3,11-32*

*The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

### 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



**SANCTUS:** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

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

## COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

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

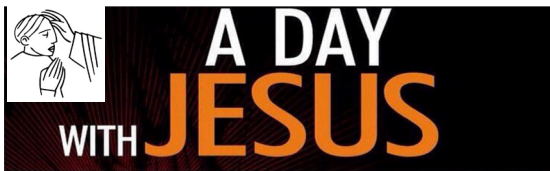
## Behold the Lamb of God...

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was  
lost and is found.*

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION



is on on SATURDAY 14th April  
starting at 9.15am. This month will  
be a special day of retreat as we  
begin the Holy Week on the follow-

ing day. The theme will be **"THE LAST SEVEN WORDS/  
SAYINGS OF JESUS"**. MASS at 11.00am followed by anointing of  
the sick. Lunch soup will be provided. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend  
time in prayer and reflection, and prepare for the Holy Week celebrations.



## COMMISSIONING OF NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We welcome Mgr Mathew Dickens, Vicar General of the diocese, to our parish family on this **Saturday 30th March at 6.30pm** Mass to commission new Eucharistic Ministers. We offer our prayers to all the new Ministers.

## WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

*The first one will be on 23rd March and the next one on Saturday 27th April.*

## MOTHER'S DAY



As we are celebrating today Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, we honour mothers and other mother figures, such as grandmothers, stepmothers and mothers-in-law. **MOTHERS, WE THANK YOU AND WE LOVE YOU. ALL MOTHERS ARE INVITED TO PARISH HALL AFTER WEEKEND MASSES FOR A CELEBRATION.**

## YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers all the nine Catechumens and candidates who will be baptised and confirmed at Easter Vigil.

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER

There will be a second collection Next Weekend 6th/ 7th April towards flowers for Easter.

## 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.



- ♦ Spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Mon-Sat 8.45am-9.15am, Friday 5.15pm-6.15pm.
- ♦ Don't fail in your Sunday Obligation
- ♦ Don't fail to make your confession before Easter.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every *Friday in Lent at 7pm & Wednesday at 10am* in the Church.



**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** on Good Friday at 10am.

## SENIORS' DAY

We value very much the presence and the contributions of Seniors to our Parish Family. To say a thank you to them, we celebrate a Day in honour of them which will be on **Sunday 9th June with a special Mass at 12:00** followed by a dinner & entertainment in the hall. If any senior parishioner would like to come for dinner, please put your name on the sheet on the table in the Porch.

## CLEANING TEAM

Parish thanks everyone who sacrifices their time to keep the Church clean. We need more people to join the team, if you can, please write your in the sheet which can be found in the Porch.

## GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PROCESSION

This year Good Friday Silent Procession of Witness returns to its full route, from the Salvation Army in Balham to our Church, St Boniface. We need volunteers to act as marshals for the Procession. There will be training sessions for volunteers on April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please contact Jane Milligan on 020 8767 3497 or [jane\\_milligan@btinternet.com](mailto:jane_milligan@btinternet.com).

## PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA

All those who are booked a place, you may make the full payment anytime before 27th April.



**ŚWIĘCONKA** ("the blessing of the Easter baskets") is on **Saturday 20th April at 10am.**

## ALTAR SERVERS ANNUAL MASS

All the Altar Servers and their families are invited to Aylesford for the annual Altar Servers Mass & outing on **Monday 6th May. Coach will leave 9am and will return Tooting at 5.30pm.**

## COMMUNITY DAYS

As our Parish hall is ready, we shall resume the community days in our parish. The dates for the celebrations: *Asian day: 26th May, African & Caribbean day: 7th July, European day: 22nd September & All Nations Thanksgiving Day: 24th November.*

*Asian community will meet on next Sunday after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall to plan the Asian Day.*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICE CARDS

Please take a card from the Porch which has all the details of the services of the Holy Week. If can, please take few and put though the letter boxes of the parishioners who cant come to the Church.

## ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING DAY

Next Training Session is on Saturday: *4th May.*

## THE ANNUAL EDEL QUINN PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

will take place on **Saturday 4 May 2019**. The coach will leave St Boniface Church, Tooting at 9 am sharp on that day. If you are interested, please contact Daisy on 020 8672 0484 or Monique on 020 8767 6777 to book a seat. The cost of the day trip would be £12 per person.

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY

At the beginning of 10.30am Mass on Sunday, all children, 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

## COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join for a Cup of Tea/ Coffee after the Sunday morning masses. It is an opportunity to meet other members of the parish family. Cooked breakfast is available 10am-1pm and after 12:00 Mass a priced lunch is available for those interested. *We need volunteers to look after Coffe/ Tea after 10.30am & 12:00 Masses. If you can be in the Rota, please put down your name in the sheet on the table in the Porch.*

## CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is Week (Team 1) at 10am.

## FUNERALS

We offer our prayers to our loved ones who have died recently. The funeral arrangements as follows:

**Patricia Mc Guinness on Mon 1st April at 12.30pm**

**James Bolger on Mon 8th April at 12.15pm**

**Maria D'Silva on Tuesday 16th April at 2pm**

**Leola Fernandes 25th April at 12.15pm**

*To all those who are keeping the anniversary of their gift of life & wedding anniversary,*



***Wish you all a Blessed Week!***

## NEED TO SEE A PRIEST

If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House**. Next open house is on **Friday 5th April 4.30pm-6pm**. No appointment needed.

## TO BAPTISE A BABY

before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from **4.30pm–6.00pm** in the Parish Office. Next **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** will be on **Monday 29th April at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

## HOSPITAL VISITS

For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

**The Sick:** Michael D'Souza, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Cecilia Figueira.

**Anniversaries:** Cleveland Daley, Lucy Lartey, Helen Murphy, Antonio Suarez, Madeline Lawrence, Susan Calder, Monica Bostwick, Michaela Friedrich, Philomena Busuttill, Richard Deehan, Roger Painter, Brian McGuinness, Edward Sullivan, John McCann, Michael Fitzgerald, Louisa Coopey, Patrick Joyce, Mary Kearns, Philippe Kishtoo, Leonie Bielak, Francisco Barros, Mary Moran, Agata Misek, Helen Baker, Mary O'Driscoll, Olimpio Rodrigues, Maureen Compton, Yvonne Jason. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	30th & 31st March	6th & 7th April
	<b>READERS</b>	
<b>Sat18.30</b>	Merichel Austria, Matchel Bibat	Ethna Power, Nancy Biney
<b>09.00</b>	Luiza Lobo, Pat Wills	Barri Ellis-Daley, Rexon Rebidelmo
<b>10.30</b>	Emily Singh, Rose Adroa	Gary Bennett, Anita Bennett
<b>12.00</b>	Mathewson Mathews, Callum Fernandez	Tess Vallo, Ann Mary Kuriakose
<b>18.30</b>	Susan Daniel, Ivon Kandiah	Katherine Bennet, Emie Roberts
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	
<b>Sat18.30</b>	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, Doris Cubero	Agnela, David and Manuel Cabral
<b>09.00</b>	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers, Jane Parper	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues
<b>10.30</b>	Josie McCarthy, Brenda McGrath, Rui Rodrigues	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling
<b>12.00</b>	Bernardine & Denis Fernandes, Mary Rainford	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne
<b>18.30</b>	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Reya Mathai, Julian De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley

Church Cleaning:	Wk1: Mon 1st April @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 8th April @ 7pm
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## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Collection last weekend was £2,378.15 [Loose plate 49%; Gift Aid 51%]  
Thank you for your generosity



<b>Sunday 31st March</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>(YEAR C) Laetare Sunday</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Domingue Family Alan & Cathy Sutton (40th Wed. Ann.) John Tierney, RIP Patty Ryan, RIP
Monday 1st April <b>Feria</b>	09.30 <b>12:30</b> 18.30	Angelo Russo, RIP <b>Funeral: Patricia McGuinness</b> Kenny Mafeni
Tuesday 2nd April <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Linda Olanipekun (B/D) Int. Bridget MacGivern
Wednesday 3rd April <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18:30	Pro Populo For Piers Bazley White
Thursday 4th April <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Sepiencia Noronha, RIP Majella Murphy, RIP
Friday 5th April <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Irene Mendonca (B/D) Tulinave Mangula, RIP
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday 6th April  <b>Feria</b>	09.30 <b>14:00</b> 18.30	Int. Tony D'Souza <b>Wedding</b> Mary McCauley, RIP
Sunday 7th April <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>(YEAR C)</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	For Angela O'Riordan James Bolger, RIP Chukwuma Onyiukah, RIP Int. Kennedy

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Monday 1st April</u></b> Padre Pio Group Meet 7.30pm 2nd&amp;4th Monday each mth</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tuesday 2nd April</u></b> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesday 3rd April</u></b> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room) SVP (Meet 8.15pm 2nd &amp; 4th Wed)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday 4th April</u></b> <b>Knit &amp; Natter Group</b> (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Legion of Mary</b> (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tamil Mass</b> (7.30pm Church)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Friday 5th April</u></b> <b>50+ Club</b> (2pm at St Anselm's Church)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Parish Open House</u></b> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	

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