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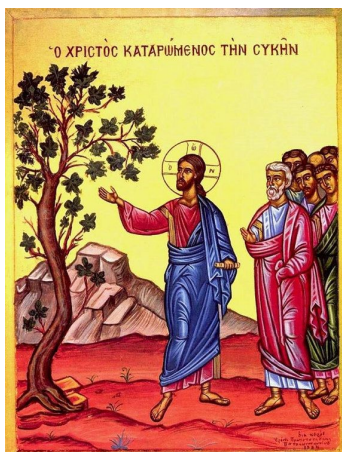


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C): 24TH MARCH 2019



Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people, invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, one can say, "A Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life." We need to live lives of repentance, because (a) we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession, and there is no better time to go to confession than during Lent. (b) repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people and helps us to face death without fear. (c) We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us second chances. Let us make use this second chance.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Book of Exodus 3;1-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.



And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 102

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul , give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My souls give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
give judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so string is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

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.

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION



**A DAY
WITH JESUS**

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 following 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.



WORKING PARTY MEETINGS

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

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, begin this Friday at 7pm in the Church.

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 4th and April 6th. If you can, please contact Jane Milligan on 020 8767 3497 or 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.

LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION

Thanks for keeping a day of fasting on last Friday for the poor. The money saved by our fasting will be collected **this Weekend** and sent it to the poor.

We offer our prayers to those who are suffering because of tragedies and natural disasters especially people of New Zealand, China, Mozambique, Zimbabwe & Malawi.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

RCIA: Next session is on SATURDAY 6th April at 1.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: Next two sessions are on SATURDAY 30th March & 27th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Next two sessions are on SATURDAY 27TH APRIL & 4TH MAY at 11.15am in the Parish Hall.

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.*

COMMISSIONING OF NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY MASS

We welcome all the candidates and their families for the Family Mass **this Sunday at 10.30am.**

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.

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 4) at 7pm.

FUNERALS

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

Brian Marsden: Wed 28th March at 2pm
Hannah Bruce on Thurs 29th March at 2.30pm
John Tierney on Fri 29th March at 10am
Patricia Mc Guinness on Mon 1st April at 12.30pm
James Bolger on Mon 8th April at 12.15pm
Maria D'Silva on Tuesday 9th April at 10am
May they rest in Peace!



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 29th March 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 25th March 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: Ellen Cahill, Simon Prospere, Jean Halford, Cleveland Daley, Lucy Lartey, Philippe Delechat, Derek Stagles, Eric King, Leo Gordon, Josephine Scanlon, Mark Chachaj, Francis Camilleqi, John Gallagher, Joseph Roddicks, Mary Byrne, Elizabeth Wass, Baby Janelle Renee-Senior, Janusz Zielinski, Phylis Kilpatrick, Monica Flanagan, Claudette Smith, Henrietta Insaideo, Elizabeth Jackson, Kathleen Chambers, John Nwodo, John Alvares, Cynthia Robertson and Fiona Hardy.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

	23rd & 24th March	30th & 31st March
	READERS	
Sat18.30	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero	Merichel Austria, Matchel Bibat
09.00	Jeanet Leyton, Frances Baltazar	Luiza Lobo, Pat Wills
10.30	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary sagoe	Emily Singh, Rose Adroa
12.00	Cecilia Francis, Finnuala Lynch	Mathewson Mathews, Callum Fernandez
18.30	Padraig Cronin, Remija Mponzi	Susan Daniel, Ivon Kandiah
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat18.30	Juliana DeSouza, 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 & 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 Thiviva Robenet	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman, Barrie Ellis-Daley
Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 25th Mar @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 1st April @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was £2,218.08 [Loose plate 50%; Gift Aid 50%]
Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 24th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Hazel Lynch (B/D) Fiona Hardy, RIP (A) Mr & Mrs Zerafa, RIP Hannah Flynn, RIP
Monday 25th March Feria	09.30 18.30	Okey Orefo, RIP (A) Ajulu Uzodike
Tuesday 26th March St Joseph	09.30 18.30	Int. The Sheard Family Int. Teresa Barnes
Wednesday 27th March Feria	09.30 14:00 18:30	Fr Ernest Bonvini, RIP Funeral: Brian Marsden Michael Connolly (get well)
Thursday 28th March Feria	09.30 18.30	Int. Anne & Richard Jackson Mary Healy, RIP
Friday 29th March Feria	09.30 10:00 18.30	Pro Populo Funeral: John Tierney John Alvares
Saturday 30th March Feria	09.30 11:00 18.30	Larry Connors, RIP Jubilee Mass– Mary & Tony Hardy Len Phillips, RIP
Sunday 31st March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) Laetare Sunday	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Domingue Family Alan & Cathy Sutton (40th Wed. Ann.) John Tierney, RIP Patty Ryan, RIP

<p><u>Monday 25th March</u> Padre Pio Group Meet 7.30pm 2nd&4th Monday each mth</p> <p><u>Tuesday 26th March February</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 27th March</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room) SVP (Meet 8.15pm 2nd & 4th Wed)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 28th March</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><u>Friday 29th March</u> 50+ Club (2pm at St Anselm's Church)</p> <p><u>Parish Open House</u> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the 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</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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