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21 MARCH 2021– YEAR (B) FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

"Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. (John 12:24)

One of the features of the Gospel of John is that Jesus is frequently in Jerusalem. This particular episode comes as his ministry ends. The following chapters will tell of the washing of the disciples' feet and report the words of Jesus to the disciples on the night before he died. The story of the passion will then begin. This text is therefore particularly apt as we draw closer to Holy Week. The arrival of some Greeks shows how the ministry of Jesus breaks the bounds of Judaism. Their coming allows Jesus to speak of his hour and his willingness to give his life for all. The seed which must die to produce a harvest is a powerful image of his death. A voice is heard from the cloud, as at the Transfiguration in the other gospels, but here it speaks of the 'glory' that will come to Jesus for giving up his life. Once again, as in earlier chapters, Jesus speaks of being lifted up. It is in his death and resurrection that he draws all people to himself, both Jew and Greek. Do I still desire to 'see Jesus' and learn about him? Whom have I brought to Jesus recently? Let us pray for the mission of the Church to the nations of the world Let us pray for a deeper faith and love as we approach the 'hour' of Jesus in Holy Week.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault
Through my fault
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I asked blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**



A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.*

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours 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.

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

MAUNDY THURSDAY : Morning Mass: 9.30am, Solemn Mass of the Last Supper: 8 pm, Watch and Pray until 10 pm & Night Prayer 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY : Station of the Cross for Children: 10am, Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday: 3 pm & 5pm and Stations of the Cross: 7pm.

HOLY SATURDAY : Easter Vigil: 8 pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 9am, 10.30am, 12noon, 1pm & 2pm

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

EXTRA MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY: at 2pm, no 6.30pm Mass.

LENTEN JOURNEY PROGRAMMES: Next programmes this Sunday at 5.15pm & Wednesday (24th) at 7pm.

LENTEN RETREAT: To prepare ourselves for the Triduum, Parish will have a retreat on 29th , 30th & 31st March- Monday (on Last Supper), Tuesday (on Passion of Our Lord) & Wednesday (on Resurrection) of Holy week 7pm-7.45pm



HOLY WEEK CARD: Please take a card from the Church Porch, it has all the details of the Holy Week, Easter Triduum & Divine Mercy Sunday services.

HOLY HOUR IN LENT: In Lent there will be Holy Hour every Friday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT: At 9.05am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY IN LENT: Monday– Saturday after morning Mass & on Sunday 20 minutes before Masses.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church. It will be live streamed.

TICKETS FOR GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER VIGIL: You need a ticket to join for 3pm & 5pm Services on Good Friday and Easter Vigil at 8pm on Holy Saturday. Please collect the tickets from the back of the Church.

LENT FAST DAY: Every year, one Friday in Lent, we keep as Lent Fast Day to fulfill our Almsgiving aspect of the lent. We shall keep this Friday, 26th March, as Lent Fast Day in our parish. Whatever we save of our fasting we shall give to the poor. Please collect an envelope from the Porch and you may bring the offering next weekend. There will be a second collection next weekend.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Is on Sunday 11th April. Devotions & Confession start at 2pm followed by 3pm Mass.

ST BONIFACE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S LENTEN

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Thank to for all the children and young people who have signed up for Lenten fasting & abstinence from 8th March for the orphans. Please pray for them and support them. May I request all the parishioners to support their project with whatever money you save of your fasting & abstinence. Please collect an envelop from the Porch. Many thanks. *Last week they raised £707.78.*

PARISH COUNCIL: *Will meet this Tuesday at 7.15pm in the hall.*

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Fridays 4-6pm.



ŚWIĘCONKA ("the blessing of the Easter baskets") is on **Saturday 3rd April at 10am.**

NOVENAS: St Antony on Tuesdays (10am & 7pm) , St Joseph on Wednesdays (10am & 7pm), Divine Mercy on Fridays at 10am and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Saturdays at 10am.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: **Please drop your envelops/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.**

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THOUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME: The next programme is on Monday 29th March at 7.15pm in the parish Hall.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme starts on **Saturday 24th April at 10.30am** in the Church.

CONFIRMATION: *The programme starts on Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

RCIA: The next session is this Monday 22nd & 29th March at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Desmond John Lawrence, Sheyoshia Paramanathan, Rebecca Brooker, Bruno Carnevale, Pablo Fernando, Anne Lakanu and Martha Pinto who died recently. May they rest in peace!

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Fiona Hardy, Johanna Collins, Josephine Aidoo, Myrtle Ryan, Mary Buss, George Phelan, Catherine Fox, Browne Robert, Baby Jenouere-Douse, Baby Mary Attard, Joseph Camilleri, Patricia Gurney, Peter O'Brien, Margaret Stevens, Gulab Santani, Mary Hoadley, Charles O'Donovan, Michael Akhtar, Rosemary Mariyanayagam, Hazel Lockwood, Yvonne D'Cruze, Modesto Castillo, Diego Pinto, Maria Philips-Sadler.

May they rest in peace – Amen.

| | 20th & 21st March | 27th & 28th March |
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| | LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota) | |
| Sat 18.30 | Merichel Altea | Nancy Biney |
| 09.00 | Pat Wills | Barrie Ellis-Daley |
| 10.30 | Princess Ikpoh | Rebekka Prabakaran |
| 12.00 | Mikhaela Dayday | Tess Vallo |
| 13:00 | Callum Fernandes | Pam Fernandes |
| 18.30 | Liza Asante | Padraig Cronin |
| Cleaning Rota: | Wk4: Mon 22nd March @ 7pm | Wk1: Mon 29th March @ 10am |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£1749.51)
Box collection £587.01, Card collection: 772.00 & S/O: 390.50



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| <u>Sunday 21st March</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent | 09:00 | Robin & Sibi Ints Stan Fernandes, RIP |
| | 10:30 | Aliyamma Mathew, RIP |
| | 12:00 | Lionel Potter, RIP Uchenna & Nke Egbuhuzor B/D |
| | 13:00 | Christine Saide, RIP |
| | 15:00 | Baptism |
| | 17:15 | Lenten Programme |
| | 18:30 | Maureen Pusey, RIP |
| Monday 22nd March Lent | 09:30 | Emmanuel Ede Anobili, RIP |
| | 18:30 | Dessie Haney, RIP |
| Tuesday 23rd March Votive of St Anthony | 09:30 | Stella Dempsey, RIP |
| | 18:30 | Mee Willis, RIP |
| Wednesday 24th March Votive St Josphe | 09:30 | For people of the Parish |
| | 18:30 | Reynaldo Ines B/D |
| | 19:00 | Lenten programme |
| Thursday 25th March F/O ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | 09:30 | Okey Orefo, RIP |
| | 18:30 | Ajulu Uzodike |
| Friday 26th March LENT FAST DAY | 09:30 | Kay Marshal, RIP |
| | 18:30 | Mary Lopez, RIP, Alfred William Luis Arokiasamy & Mary Louis |
| | 19:00 | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 27th March Blessed Virgin Mary | 09:30 | Charles Audu, RIP |
| | 18:30 | Mary Molloy |
| <u>Sunday 28th March</u> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | 09:00 | Jim & Ellen Bolger, RIP |
| | 10:30 | Cora Beckwith, RIP |
| | 12:00 | Theodre & Domingue |
| | 13:00 | Martha Pinto, RIP |
| | 17:15 | Lenten Programme |
| | 18:30 | November Altar List |

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 25 March.

Parish Open House: Friday 26th March 4-6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

Holy Hour

Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday: 10am