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14 MARCH 2021 – YEAR (B) FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: LAETARE SUNDAY

"Take all of this out of here, and stop turning my Father's house into a market". (John 2:16)

In the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus in the gospel today, Jesus explains privately to a Jew the significance of the coming of the Son of God. Nicodemus was described at the beginning of this chapter as a teacher. This teacher is willing to be taught by Jesus. The evangelist will not tell us whether Nicodemus accepts the teaching or not. After some early exchanges, we then hear no more words of Nicodemus, but only the teaching of Jesus. The raising up of the Son of God speaks both of his death on the cross and of his resurrection. His death is considered glorious. It leads inevitably to resurrection and triumph. The coming of the Son and his self-giving in death and resurrection are the clearest proof of the love of God for the world. People are called to respond in faith. As St Paul teaches, it is by God's grace that we are saved, through faith. God saves us if only we will allow it. To refuse Christ knowingly is to refuse salvation. The symbol of light is common in John's gospel. From the very start of the gospel we learnt that the Light came into the world to challenge the darkness, and that the darkness could not overpower the Light. The theme of light returns here. Nicodemus comes to Jesus during the night. Like him we are free to embrace the light or to prefer darkness. Reference to 'the truth' is also frequent in John's gospel. We will live by the truth, if we allow Jesus to lead us ever deeper into that truth. Where do you need the light to shine in your life? What does 'living by the truth' mean? Let us pray for those who are discovering the truth of Christ. Let us pray for those who struggle to see and accept the light.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

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 book of Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."''

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18:8-11

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

LENTEN JOURNEY PROGRAMMES: Thank you to all who could join the parish Lenten Programme either in the Church or online. Programmes dates: Sunday at 5.15pm followed by Rosary & Mass and on Wednesday at 7pm. Those who missed them, you can still watch them on our YouTube channel.



LENTEN RETREAT: To prepare ourselves for the Triduum, Parish will have a retreat on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (29th, 30th & 31st March) 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.

ROSARY WITH THE ORPHANS: Thank you to all who could join for the rosary with the orphans last Saturday. Indeed it was a deeply moving experience. They conveyed their gratitude to all those who are supporting them with you prayers and kindness.

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.

HOLY WEEK: 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

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.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House: Fridays 4-6pm.

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 will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES *is on Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

RCIA: The next session is this Monday 8th March at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Sheyoshia Paramanathan, Rebecca Brooker, Bruno Carnevale, Pablo Fernando, Anne Lakanu, Maria Nicotra, Joyce D'Silva and Martha Pinto who died recently. May they rest in peace!.

Funerals of: Martha Pinto on Wednesday 17th March at 12:30, Bruno Carnevale on Thursday 18th March at 10:30, Rebecca on Friday 19 March at 10:30 and Anne Lakanu on Friday 23rd April at 12:30.

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: Diego Pinto, Denis & Hazel Lockwood, Thomas Page, Mary Kickey, Kevin Kenneally, Anne Moran, Spencer Osborn, Bridget Crosbie, Thomas Gavigan, Mary Reeves, Hugh Mills, Donald Aveling, Pearl Johnson, Mary Walsh, Alexander Coull, Carol Gonzales, Terence McLoughlin, Judith Amito, Cleveland Daley, Mary McCauley and Anthony Escrader. May they rest in peace – Amen.

	13th & 14th March	20th & 21st March
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Nancy Biney	Merichel Altea
09.00	Assshakila Manoharadas	Pat Wills
10.30	Christi Anoop	Princess Ikpoh
12.00	Finnuala Lynch	Mikhaela Dayday
13:00	Deuwayne Ikpoh	Callum Fernandes
18.30	Susan Daniel	Liza Asante
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: Mon 15th March @ 10pm	Wk4: Mon 22nd March @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£1582.23)
Box collection £798.23 & Card collection: 784.00



<p><u>Sunday 14th March</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent LAETARE SUNDAY</p>	<p>09:00 Mr Abraham, RIP 10:30 James Bolger, RIP 12:00 Denis & Hazel Lockwood, RIP Constance, Yvonne & Cynthia RIP 13:00 Diego Pinto, RIP 17:15 Lenten Programme 18:30 John Collins, RIP</p>
<p>Monday 15th March Lent</p>	<p>09:30 Mr Jesuthan, RIP 18:30 P Uzodike & Osita Onyebalu</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th March Votive of St Anthony</p>	<p>09:30 For the People of the Parish 18:30 Mrs Rosaline & baby Andrew, RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th March Feast of St Patrick</p>	<p>09:30 Denis Leyton, RIP 12:30 Funeral: Martha Pinto 18:30 Ony Onyebalu 19:00 Lenten programme</p>
<p>Thursday 18th March Lent</p>	<p>09:30 Eileen Hogan, RIP 10:30 Funeral: Bruno Carnevale 18:30 Kirsten D'Souza B/D</p>
<p>Friday 19th March Feast of St Joseph</p>	<p>09:30 Charles Odii 10:30 Funeral : Rebecca Brooker 18:30 Sheila Cecil & Asher Albert, RI 19:00 Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday 20th March Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>09:30 Deceased members of Ikpoh family 18:30 Int of Sandra Brekalo</p>
<p><u>Sunday 21st March</u> Fifth Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>09:00 Robin & Sibi Ints 10:30 Aliyamma Mathew, RIP 12:00 Lionel Potter, RIP 13:00 Christine Saide, RIP Mary McCrory 17:15 Lenten Programme 18:30 Maureen Pusey, RIP</p>

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

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 18th March.

Parish Open House: Friday 19th 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