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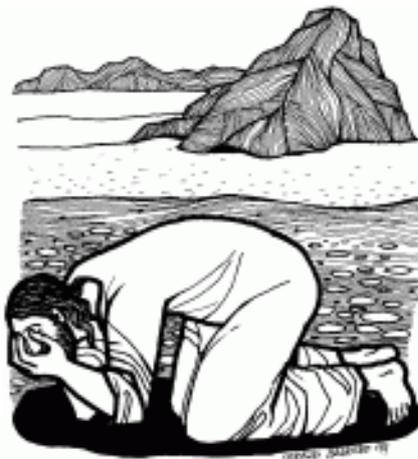
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First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021

Today's Readings p.264-268 of the CTS Sunday Missal

Gen 9:8-12; Peter 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



Service Times

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm, Sunday at 8.30 am, 10 am, 11.30 and 6pm

Sunday at 1 pm Syriac Rite, in Arabic and Aramaic

Mass daily 9.30 am & 6 pm Benediction: Sat. 5-5.40 pm

Rosary: prayed in church Mon-Fri at 6.30pm, after Mass

Confession: Saturday 10-10.30 am and 5.15-5.40pm

First Friday Adoration: 6.30-7.30pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Today's Bible Readings

The Old Testament reading on the Sundays of Lent gives us the story of God's covenant with his people as it unfolds over the centuries, reaching its climax with the prophets' promise of a new covenant, which is fulfilled through Christ's death and resurrection. Today the beginning of the story is the universal covenant made with Noah, following the destruction of life on earth through the flood, due to sin, and a new beginning, symbolised in the rainbow as the sign of the covenant.

The New Testament reading from St Peter explains how we are saved through the waters of Baptism, in which we share in Christ's death and resurrection to new life, just as Noah and his companions were saved through the waters of the flood. All this we will celebrate at Easter, for which Lent is preparing us.

In the Gospel we hear how, following his baptism, when he was declared by God to be his beloved Son, the Holy Spirit who had anointed him drove him out into the wilderness where he remained for forty days, being tempted by Satan. Our Lent of forty days is modelled on this, so we shall not be discouraged when we too find ourselves tempted. As in the case of Jesus, the Angels will look after us.

Monday 22nd February is the Feast of the Chair of St Peter

It has been celebrated since the 4th century as a symbol of the unity of the Church founded on the Apostle Peter. It is a day when we specially pray for Pope Francis in his petrine ministry. There is a statue of St Peter seated in his chair, holding the keys of the kingdom of heaven, at the back of our church.

Friday 26th February is the (optional) CAFOD Family Fast Day. Money saved from an act of self-denial on this day can be donated to the special collection on Sunday 28th February for CAFOD. CAFOD is the overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. CAFOD envelopes can be taken this weekend.



Lent 2021
'Now is the healing time decreed'
(Lent hymn)

“It is my desire that everyone reflect and work together, as followers of Jesus who heals to construct a better world, full of hope for future generations”.

Pope Francis

In Lent we are invited to draw closer to the Lord, to seek his spiritual healing, as we prepare for Easter.

Our Lenten Journey Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness – as Lent begins the Holy Spirit leads us there too. But we shall not be alone: we shall be with Jesus. We are on a journey in Lent – a journey towards Easter, towards Jesus passing through death to new and eternal life, and sharing that life with us. Even though he was God's dear Son, Jesus was subject to the devil's temptations: we must not be discouraged when we are tempted too. Jesus was made strong to remain faithful to God through his fasting and his prayer. We imitate him by our Lenten self-denial, increased prayer and alms-giving to those in need.

Prayer in Church: Mass every day in church – Rosary after Mass on Tuesday evening – Divine Mercy Prayers after Mass on Friday morning.

Stations of the Cross: beginning on 24th February in Church on Wednesdays at 6.00 pm.

Thursday evenings at 8pm: We will be running an online course called 'Metanoia' for five weeks, starting from the 25th February. We hope you'll be able to join in and that it will help us grow spiritually this Lent. There is no need to register, please sign in at the right time on Zoom.

The **Zoom meeting ID will be 953 8796 9747** and password will be our usual password (communicated at Church).

If you need any assistance logging in, knowing the password or otherwise, please do send us an email!

Friday evenings at 8pm: We will do an **online Way of the Cross**, for those unable to come to the Church on Wednesday evenings.

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Ideas for Lent Reading

'Holy Week Voices – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter' – 15 Poems by Fr Richard Nesbitt (Parish Priest of White City) and 15 Voices from the Holy Land: each with a Scripture passage, a reflection, questions and a short prayer.

Digital Copy: https://issuu.com/store/publishers/fhloffice/issues/hwv_digitalbook_cmyk

Hard Copy: from the Friends of the Holy Land Shop- <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/lenten-book>

'Seeing the Pandemic with Eyes of Faith' (Catholic Truth Society £5.95 – order it through our Parish Office.) by our former Assistant Priest, **Fr Ivano Millico**. He looks at the Covid pandemic through a prophetic lens enlisting the help of Saints who have lived through moments of great personal or societal crisis. St Therese of Lisieux, Job, St Charles Borromeo are just some of our guides as we search together for what God is saying to the Church and the world through the ongoing Pandemic. These words of hope and warning aim to ensure that this time brings each one of us closer to God and neighbour.

Lenten Alms are for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal.

RETREAT FOR LENT Archbishop John Wilson and the Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme> where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

Drumalis Day of Prayer for Lent Saturday, 27 February 2021 from 10:30 am – 4:00 pm with Magdalen Lawler SND & Tom McGuinness SJ and hosted by Drumalis via Zoom

If you would like to book a place, please email drumalis@btconnect.com

FROM PRAISE TO LAMENTATION, A JOURNEY WITH THE PSALMS: An opportunity to step aside and listen to God in scripture as we journey towards Easter. This event will run online (zoom) Please join us on either Wednesday 24th February and Saturday 20th March 10:30am until 3:30pm Suggested donation £10

For information and bookings visit www.minsteracres.org, call 01434 673248, or email info@minsteracres.org

Please pray for Maaike, who was welcomed as an adult candidate for Confirmation and Holy Communion. She will continue to learn about the Catholic Faith at the RCIA zoom meetings. Messages of support & congratulations can be sent to srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk and she will forward them to Maaike.

Good news for our Confirmation candidates! Bishop Michael Campbell OSA has kindly agreed to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7.30. pm. on Friday 21st. May. Candidates continue to meet on Zoom until government restrictions are lifted.

First Holy Communion. Please pray for the families waiting to begin the preparation for First Holy Communion. There will be a meeting for parents on Zoom, shortly. We look forward to welcoming the children when schools reopen.

The ever popular Children's Liturgy can be viewed by clicking on the new icon on the parish Facebook page. Thank you Laurence, Vittoria and all the team. New volunteers always welcome at the Children's Liturgy!

Meetings for those interested in the Catholic Faith continue via Zoom. For more details, email srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk. All recently received Catholics and new enquirers are welcome.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms usually take place on Saturdays at 11am with special Covid safety measures in place, but due to lockdown, baptisms are currently not allowed.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions can be booked by phone or email. It is customary to make an offering when requesting a Mass intention. This has always been a contribution to the support of the priests of the particular parish where the Mass is being said. The Diocese of Westminster suggests the figure of £10 as a guideline, but it is of course entirely the free choice of the donor to decide this.

Keeping safe in Church during the Pandemic

We are most grateful to our volunteer stewards; without whose ministry we would not be allowed to open the church for Mass each day. It is they who provide for our safety in gathering for worship, by ensuring the regulations for social distancing and sanitising are kept. It is therefore essential that we follow their directions: giving our details when we arrive, sanitising our hands, ensuring that we (apart from children) wear a mask covering our nose and mouth, sit in the seat where we are asked to sit, follow the directions given for going up to the altar for Holy Communion so that we keep two metres apart, returning to our place via the side aisles. When we leave church, those on the left hand side leave via the side aisle and side porch, those on the right hand side leave via the side aisle and main porch, using the sanitiser in the porch and then going straight home without gathering together outside the church. After Mass the stewards spend further time sanitising or washing the seating areas that have been used, and other areas of frequent touch. The church

doors are never entirely closed when the church is open, to ensure the church is well ventilated for our safety. It is therefore important to wrap up well against the cold when you come to church. If you feel in any way unwell, or are vulnerable health wise, you must not attend church. Do remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted during this time of the pandemic.

If you wish to help with stewarding, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 21st February 21

(Made possible due to the generosity of our volunteer stewards, who will ensure safe social distancing is maintained and that the hygienic cleaning of the seating etc takes place.)

Saturday 20th February <i>Lent feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass (church opens 5.45 pm) followed by Confessions
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Friday 26th February <i>Lent feria</i>	9.00 am Mass (church opens 8.45 am) followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday 27th February <i>Lent feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass (church opens 5.45 pm) followed by Confessions
Sunday 28th February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass (church opens 8.15 am) 10.00 am Mass (church opens 9.45 am) 11.30 am Mass (church opens 11.15 am) followed by Confessions

Confessions at other times by arrangement.

Please pray for the sick, especially: Fr Simon Thang Duc Nguyen, Lisa Foster, Sr Mary of Mercy (Sisters of Nazareth), Fr Keith Stoakes, Peter Dewar, Tim Tobin, Peter Brincat, Maria Billson, Rosa Elena, Breeda Cleary, John O'Neill, Peggy Gilroy, Hannah Gallis, Agnes Wallpole, Margaret Carney, Mary Scherer, Charley O'Neill,

Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Marie Duffy, Irene Macneil, Ethan Hollyman, Francis Brady, Heather Marcille, Breda Moloney, Ray Collins, Christina Sweeney, Jenny Majumdar, Claudia Jaksch, Lyda Franco and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently and those with anniversaries around this time:** Mary and James Kennedy and Betty McWilliams.

Meeting Fr Rajiv

“As mentioned during mass, it’s been quite difficult to meet people since moving here in November. Last week, I made myself available online on Zoom in the evenings. Some of you logged in and it was great to meet you. Going forward, for those who did not get to meet last week, I’ll be online every Tuesday between 8-8:30 PM on Zoom. The meeting id is Meeting ID: 953 8796 9747, password as announced at Mass.

Do log in if you remember and say hello or even if you want to talk about anything else.

If you have trouble logging in or need the password please mail me: rajivmichael@rcdow.org.uk or brookgreen@rcdow.org.uk.”

Nightshelter Update – Glass Door

This year has been a very different year to others! Due to the pandemic, Glass Door is not operating a night shelter at all its member churches, but is providing a three course hot meal every evening at Chelsea Methodist Church, each night of the week being run by a different member church – Holy Trinity on Tuesdays! Feen and Marguerite as always have provided the most amazing food, and we are known to be the busiest night on the circuit, serving up to 30 meals a night. The really good news is that from last week we were again able to serve guests sit-down meals inside, rather than handing it to them outside in a brown paper bag! I am sure you can all imagine what a difference being able to sit in the warm for a hot meal, and to interact a little, makes to the guests and the volunteers - although of course everyone has a mask and visor on and is socially distanced.

Thank you to all those volunteers who are able to help, (although we have been strictly limited on the number allowed,) and for those who kindly donated. The money is being used to provide fresh fruit for the guests. The Nightshelter is due to close at the end of March: if you would like to volunteer or help in anyway before then please do get in touch (hja@rawpsace.co.uk). And let us hope that next year we will be able to provide the warm welcome and wholesome food in Holy Trinity Brook Green next season!

Heather Alston

FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18) Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world...

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian

life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity....

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters....

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

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Thank you to all who have been able to continue giving in these difficult times. If you wish to make a one-off donation, please use the link on our website: holytrinityw6.org. We have installed a **Virgin Money Giving** button which allows you to donate by debit or credit card. This is a mobile friendly button. Please make sure to label your donation as Planned Giving (when you normally use envelopes) or simply donation (if not gift aiding).

Alternatively, you may make any offering via bank transfer to:

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