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5th SUNDAY OF LENT 25th/26th MARCH 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We are in the 5th Sunday of Lent. Jesus has invited us to do a journey with him in this Lenten season. A journey identifying the temptations that appear on our way to believe in Him. The Transfiguration is a constant invitation to recognise who Jesus is, the Son of God, a Friend, our Saviour, whom we can trust totally.

Then in this Lenten journey He makes clear that He is the one who comes to us, who looks out for us in our needs. He does not have prejudices towards us. He is the one who takes the initiative to be closer to us because He cares for us. He came to the Samaritan woman at the well and offered her the water of eternal life. He came to the blind man and gave him sight, gave him light.

This Sunday we have Lazarus' story. When Jesus heard that Lazarus had died He came to his tomb. He called him from the tomb, from death, to new life. He not only gave new life to Lazarus, but also to those who were witnesses and especially to Martha and Mary. Jesus opened a new path, a new life in each one of them. Something that they never thought possible.

There are many situations in our lives that we dream about. Things that would be wonderful but are impossible. Jesus is inviting us to believe that new paths are open for us within our lives, paths that we couldn't imagine but for Him are possible.

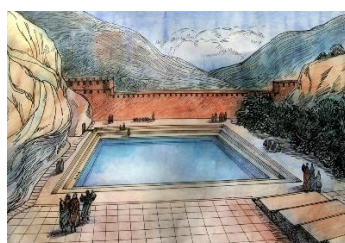
Can you imagine that you are at the Well in Samaria, at the Pool of Siloam, or at the Tomb of Lazarus? There we can receive from Jesus the water of life, the sight to see and the new and eternal life He has promised us.

We can help us each other in our community, in our families to listen to His Word so that we are aware that He is accompanying us in our lives. As Holy week is approaching we pray that we will be open to His presence among us and deepened our faith in Him.

As we heard in the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, just like Lazarus, there is the promise of new life given to the people. The Psalm 129 is full of the promise of mercy, redemption and newness of life. St Paul in his letter to the Romans tells us that the spirit of Jesus gives the promise of eternal life.

All of these wonderful truths will be highlighted for us in Holy Week and Easter.

Have a good week,
Anabel Gonzalez, FMVD



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH ACTIVITY –TEAS /COFFEE MORNING TEAS/COFFEE

In the Parish Hall on Sundays, after 9am and 11am Masses.

We also welcome parishioners and newcomers on Thursday mornings after the 9.15am Mass

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Sat, 25th March, 6pm Penitential Service after each Mass
Sun, 26th 9am & 11am

Wed, 29th March
7pm **Passover Meal** (Parish Hall)

Sat, 1st April, 6pm Mass **Passion / Palm Sunday**
Sun, 2nd April,
9 am
11am Mass

Tue, 4th April **Chrism Mass** (Westminster Cathedral)
12noon

Thu, 6th April **HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY**
7pm **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**
With Altar of Repose – Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

Fri, 7th April **GOOD FRIDAY**
11am **Stations of the Cross**
3pm **Liturgy of the Passion of Jesus Christ**
4pm to 5pm **Meditation around the Cross**

Sat, 8th April **HOLY SATURDAY**
12noon Blessing of Easter food according to Polish tradition
SOBOTA ŚWIĘTA: Święcenie pokarmów, po angielsku, ale według polskiej tradycji, odbędzie się w tym kościele (St John Vianney's) w Wielką Sobotę (8 kwietnia) o godz 12.00

7pm **Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection**

Sun, 9th April **EASTER SUNDAY**
9am Mass of the Resurrection
11am Mass of the Resurrection

PASSOVER MEAL

Wednesday 29th March at 7:00pm

in the Parish Hall.

Some tickets are available from Germaine

THANK YOU

For your generosity last weekend for **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** which raised the sum of **£678.00**

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Donation can also be given by using our contactless keypad at the back of the church. Please give generously.

OLIVE WOOD CARVES FROM THE HOLYLAND

On sale here on 25th /26th March after all Masses

We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham. Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the holy land to stay at work as olive wood carving is one of the most important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale.

So by selling their produce here on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there is only forty one thousands Christians left in the area.

PS: Read the update on the present plight of Palestinians in the Holy Land. A message from Pax Christi and Sabeel.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after 9.15am Mass, at Verbum Dei Spirituality Centre. All welcome!
Next session **4th April, 2023**

INVITATION TO OUR MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL

At the Home Office, Marsham Street,
SW1P 4DF from 12.30-1.30pm
Monday 17th April 2023

PLANNING GIVING & GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2023-2024 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

We thank all those who support our parish through the weekly offerings, offertory envelopes and Standing Orders.

This weekend and over the next three weeks, we will be giving out the envelopes for your offertory donations **from 9th April 2023**.

On collection of your envelopes, please give an update of change of address or whether or not you pay tax.

New members are welcome to join the Gift Aid - Planned Giving Scheme – register at the back of the church.

If you are an Income Tax Payer and not on Gift Aid please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration; as a registered charity, your offertory contributions increase this gift by 25p for each £1 given, if your annual income tax is more than the tax we will reclaim.

An additional source of income to the parish at no added cost to you.

If you no longer pay tax please contact Germaine. Thank You!

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples celebrating their **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th plus wedding anniversaries of Catholic marriage in 2023** are invited to the Annual Mass of

Thanksgiving at Westminster Cathedral,
Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.

Couples celebrating their significant wedding anniversary are asked to contact the parish office with

their names, wedding date, full postal address and email address if they have one (or, if not, a telephone number).

Deadline 1st April 2023.

TOTTENHAM REFUGEE ALLIANCE, has Home Office approval to bring a refugee family to resettle in Haringey under their Community Sponsorship Programme. It's one of the few safe, legal routes for refugees to enter the UK in the hostile environment and facing the illegal Migration Bill. We have been struggling for a year now trying to find suitable and affordable housing to rent for a refugee family. If you know a sympathetic landlord or think you could help us find one, please contact us on

housing@tottenhamrefugees.org.uk

Thank you! Please share

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The repose of the souls of

Pietro Todesco, RIP

His funeral service will take place at
New Southgate Crematorium on
Fri, 31st March at 12noon.

Ernest Carrott, RIP

[father of Ernest Jr]

who died two weeks ago

We remember their families and friends in
our prayers. May they rest in peace.

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday at 9.15am

Saturday 6pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th March
After each Mass

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8.45am (before Mass)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Tuesdays after Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday 31st March at 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5 – 5.30pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th SUNDAY IN LENT

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm: Psalm 129
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:3-45

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest

Sr. Anabel Gonzalez, Parish Sister

Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul:

Ernest Carrott Sr *[father of Ernest Jr]*

Pietro Todesco

Antonio Fiore

Severino Malata Jr

Bridget Gaynor *[sister of the late Anne]*

Henry Francois *[widower of the late
Anastasia]*

RIP Anniversary

Michael Maguire 1st Anniversary

Fr Tom Quinn - Birthday Remembrance

Luc Emmanuel Lacle

Ange Michael Jhumun

Myra Kent

Jan Trela

Special Intentions:

Patrick – Birthday

John - Birthday

***And for the sick and those in our
parish***

Angela

Ann

Barbara

Brandon

Eduardo

Helen

Ivy

John T

Kathy F

Kim

Laura

Lenora

Merle

Michael J

Monica

Patricia

Pantaleone

Phil

Pierina

Rose

Sheila

Veronica

***NAMES NOT LISTED ABOVE
ARE LISTED IN OUR BOOK OF INTENTIONS***

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Fri 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

To make an appointment

**Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email
westgreen@rcdow.org.uk**

*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*