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Third Sunday of the Year

25th/26th January 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 1: Page 127: Isaiah 8:23, 9:3; Psalm 26; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23
Next Week: The Presentation of the Lord: Page: 297: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



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Protecting your Privacy:

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Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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Dear Friends

I don't suppose that for a moment any of you will need reminding that next Friday the United Kingdom will be leaving the European Union. Like all major changes in our lives and circumstances this does give us an opportunity to reflect on our current situation and how we, both as individuals and as a community of Catholic Christians, will adapt to this new reality.

This statement from the Bishops' Conference on Catholic Social Teaching was published in 1996. Their document "The Common Good", contained an important section on the issue of Europe (sections 99-101): Quite frankly, I believe this could have been written yesterday!!

"The Church's social teaching also applies internationally. One of the most important issues facing this country is its future relationship with the rest of Europe - and not just with the European Union. The history of the whole continent is intimately tied up with the history of Christianity. Although all European states are pluralist societies, the churches still have a crucial role in safeguarding and promoting the moral and spiritual values which gave Europe its soul. Those values, which Christians share with other faiths, are essential if the continent is to regain its moral health and spiritual vitality. Solidarity and subsidiarity are two principles which should govern relations between individual states and the wider international community. Solidarity is expressed at many levels - family, neighbourhood, region, nation, the continent itself, and the whole planet. Local loyalties and commitments are important and should be fostered, but they should not be set in opposition to these wider expressions of solidarity. It is possible to be both British and European. The principle of subsidiarity applies particularly to Britain's relations with the European Union, especially the extent to which social, financial and monetary decisions ought to be made at European Union level or national level, or devolved further to regional or local assemblies. There may well be legitimate differences over which arrangements are most likely to respect the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, and promote the European common good. But those principles cannot be set aside in this current debate."

In today's second reading Paul illustrates for us that division is nothing new. At this moment in time, it is us who are disagreeing amongst ourselves, and therefore it is us who need to find a way to be united again in our belief and practice. As Christians, and particularly as Catholic Christians, we are all called to the principle of solidarity, that is to commit ourselves to the common good to love our neighbours as we love ourselves, and perhaps to reflect that none of us have been baptised either in the name of Britain or the European Union (or for that matter any other country or institution) but all of us have been baptised in the name of Christ, and with our baptism remember that we are one Body of Christ, but at the same time respectful of each other's gifts and talents.

At this time of change please take a moment during the week in your prayer lives to pray for unity both amongst different Christian traditions but also humanity.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – SUNDAY MEDITATION

Meditate

Jesus changes Peter, Andrew, John and James' activity by giving it a new meaning. They continue to be fishers but after their encounter with Jesus, they will be another type of fishers. Even today Jesus calls men and women to use their skills and activities to spread the Gospel.

Act

How can you use your skills to spread the Gospel? Consider using the help of others, just in the same way as Jesus called the disciples two by two.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Martin Pat Stokes who was baptised during the week and our congratulations to his family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TUESDAY GROUP

We meet on **Tuesday 28th January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SECOND CONFIRMATION GROUP

The next preparation session is on **Thursday 30th January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All those who have enrolled please ensure that you attend this meeting.

The Mass for the Enrolment of Candidates takes place on **Sunday 2nd February** at 6pm.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Saturday 1st February** at 10am in the Presbytery.

PARISH NOTICES

WALKING TOGETHER: POPE FRANCIS AND HIS VISION FOR ECUMENISM

Churches Together in Bedford, Feltham & Hanworth will be hosting a talk by Christopher Lamb on the above topic at St Lawrence's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 28th January** at 3.00pm. The talk will be followed by questions and refreshments. All welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 2 February in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses. An opportunity to recycle unwanted Christmas gifts. There is a box by the Baptistry to place your items. **No used items.**

GOSPEL CHOIR

We will be meeting on **Wednesday 5th February** at 6pm, singer and musicians welcome.

The London Gospel Choir sing-a-long is on **March 14**. Please contact Jordan for further details.

BIBLE STUDY – PRAYING THE PSALMS

This exciting course starts on **Wednesday 19th February** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact Jordan for details.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' - YEAR OF THE WORD 2020

With the Year of the Word now underway, this weekend is designated as Sunday of the Word of God. We were asked to Bless Bibles during Mass, but due to short notice this will be done the weekend of **22-23 February** at the weekend Masses. Please bring your bibles to Mass that weekend.

Part of our prayer life for the Year of the Lord are the Meditations on the front page.

There are several meetings, talks, etc. on the Gospel of Matthew and other topics. Please see notice board for more details.

There is a roadshow at Westminster Cathedral from **30 January to 1 February** with activities at different times and something to suit everyone. Please see poster on notice board.

"A JOURNEY WITH JESUS" – A TIME OF REFLECTION ON THE WORD FOR CATECHISTS

Led by the Wintershall Education Team this day will experience and reflect upon 'Encounters with Jesus'. **Saturday 22nd February** from 10am to 2pm at Sacred Heart High School, 212 Hammersmith Road, W6 7DG. £5 per person. To book please email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk. See poster on noticeboard.

PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th February** at 7pm in the Presbytery

ZIMBABWEAN COFFEE MORNING

Helen Hurley will be travelling to Zimbabwe and will be holding a Coffee morning to raise funds for the Zimbabwean orphans. This will be on **Sunday 9th February** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Offers of help and donations of cakes would be most welcome.

MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The annual Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on Saturday **8th February** at 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. If you are attending in a wheelchair please let the Parish Office know by **26th January**.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please hand in your items in writing by Wednesday of each week. Do not verbally give information as it gets lost!!

BALKAN DANCE GROUP

The next meeting is on **Friday 7th February** from 8-10pm in the Parish Centre.

FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB, FEBRUARY HALF TERM – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On **Friday 21st February**, from 11am-2pm Caritas Westminster will be running the Feltham Family Holiday Club. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook together, all for free. Caritas launched their clubs very successfully in October 2019, serving over 400 meals to families. However, Caritas rely on volunteers to make the clubs happen, so to make sure they can run again in February they really need your help! If you would be able to volunteer on **Friday 21st February, between 9am-3pm** at St Lawrence's Catholic Church (TW13 4AF) to support with kids activities, admin, or cooking the lunch please email cfc@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077 to let us know. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church and hand completed forms to the Parish Office. You can also get in touch if you would like to attend the club with your children.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

For details of all the Diocesan Job vacancies please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

REST IN PEACE

ELIZABETH GALLEGO RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Gallego RIP**, who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers her family and all who mourn her. May she rest in peace. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday 5th February** at 10.00am. That will be the Parish Mass that day. PLEASE NOTE THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Tagalog Sacrament of Reconciliation Matthew Graham RIP Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 26	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Mary & James Joseph Bannigan RIP (Anniversary) Ronald Henry RIP (First Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the Nigerian Chaplaincy People of the Parish
Mon 27	09.30	Melvita & Zico Moura in Thanksgiving – First Wedding Anniversary
Tues 28	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Wed 29	09.30	Mary Crawley and Family (Intentions)
Thurs 30	09.30 18.00	Lourdino Soares RIP Sacred Heart of Jesus devotions
Fri 31	09.30 19.00	Frank O'Connor RIP OL Fatima Group - Devotions
Sat 1	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Sr Katherine O'Reilly (Intentions) Baptism of Asher Dias Sacrament of Reconciliation Mildred nee Lawlor RIP
Sun 2	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Martin & Nicholas Lambert RIP (Anniversary) Katherine Soares RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Tony & Jill Smith RIP (Anniversary) (Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation Candidates)

Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiegbe in Birthday Thanksgiving

Thank you for your generosity in collection last week:

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