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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9th/10th March 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 153: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent: Page: 156: Genesis 15:5-12; Psalm 26; Philippians 3:17, 4:1; Luke 9:28-36



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The Scripture from this week's readings offer an encouraging start to our Lenten journey – our journey to resurrection life at Easter.

The first reading reminds us of God's faithfulness, delivering us from the slavery of sin – represented by the slavery suffered by the Jewish people in Egypt – and blessing us with every good thing, represented by the 'first fruits'. Thus, even in moments of distress, as the Psalmist tells us, we can find strength and comfort, knowing that when we call, God is with us already. Our journey is never alone.

The Gospel account of Jesus' testing gives us a clue as to how we can equip ourselves to walk with God, and to have, like him, the presence of mind (and heart!) to call upon God when we are in need. Jesus chose prayer and fasting, and these are now traditional ways for us to remind ourselves of God's closeness and experience it.

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I have turned from you.

Guide me as I do my best to return to your loving embrace.

Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to do lovingly what I need to do today.

Amen

God Bless
Dr Jordan Pullicino

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

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Jayden and Leroy Njoagwuani who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to her family.

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will meet on **Sunday 10th March** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 12th March** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 13th March** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Please keep in your prayers our catechumens and candidates who will be going to Westminster Cathedral on Sunday for the Rite of Election.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY GROUPS

The next meeting for First Holy Communion will be on **March 16th**, 4.30pm, in the school hall, followed by 6pm Mass.

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 14th March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

MISSED OUT? REGISTRATION for a second Confirmation group I now underway, closing date **17th March**. Forms are available at the back of Church or on the website. Once complete please post in the "red letterbox" in Church porch.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet in the Parish Hall on **Monday 11th March** at 7.30pm for Mass. This is a Mass for all UCM members especially if you have not been able to attend recently. See you there!

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Classes will resume again on **Monday 18th March** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. All welcome.

PROCLAIM

The Proclaim Spring gathering takes place at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ on **Saturday 16th March** from 9.30am to 3.00pm with Bishop John Wilson. Please see notice board for further details. If interested please speak to Deacon Colin Macken or email colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk.

MOVIE AFTERNOON – Sister Act 2

The Confirmation Group are hosting a Movie afternoon showing **Sister Act 2** to raise funds for the Parish Centre Building Fund. **Date & Time: Sunday 17th March 2.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5.00, refreshments and raffles. Come along and support them.

YOUTH OUTREACH (Yo!)

The next Youth Outreach day will be on **Sunday 24th March** when a small team of young people from the St Lawrence's Youth Outreach (Yo!) will visit the sick, housebound and elderly. Interested? Contact Fr Peter or Jordan, details on front page.

COLLECTION OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Owing to new General Data Protection Regulations we have been obliged to change the way the Offertory Envelopes are distributed. Previously, the envelopes were placed at the left hand side of the church and parishioners collected their own boxes of envelopes. The new regulation has changed all this. Boxes must be handed personally to individuals by an authorised person. You will be able to collect your Offertory Boxes from a table at the **front of the Baptismal Font from the evening Mass on Saturday 2nd March and at all the weekend Masses until Sunday 31st March**. The envelopes are for use for the financial year beginning 6th April 2019. Your envelope numbers will be the same as last year and it would be a great help if you could remember your number when you come to collect your box. It will make it easier for the person giving out the boxes. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support for St Lawrence's Parish. *Frank Macken – Planned Giving and Gift Aid Co-ordinator.*

CTS STAND IN PORCH

Please stop and have a look at new stock of leaflets and prayers available. Leaflets are £0.25p each. Some of the new books include prayers for Lent & Easter, The Meaning of Lent, Contemplative prayer, The Blessed Sacrament and lots more. Prices are marked on the back of the booklets.

REST IN PEACE

ZBIGNIEW HERMASZEWSKI RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Zbigniew Hermaszewski RIP who was tragically killed by an avalanche in France on 1 March. He was the brother of Joanna James, who was the Parish Secretary here until 2011. Joanna asks for prayers to help her and the family cope with their loss especially their mother who is 93.

MARIA JOSE GUERRIERO PERNEAL RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Maria Jose Guerriero Perneal RIP (known as Josie)** who died recently. Her funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Thursday 14th March** at 11am. Please also keep in your prayers her family, friends and all who mourn her.

OTHER

APPEAL FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

Our primary school is in desperate need of refit of the Junior playground (it was fitted over 19 years ago). Could I please ask all of our Parish Community, if you shop in Tesco to support the Friends of St Lawrence's School and help them to win very much needed funds! Just ask for **blue tokens** at the till every time you pay, it doesn't matter how much you spend. The voting takes place from 1st March to 30th April. See leaflet on noticeboard. Thank you.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) and will be at our church until 11.00am on Sunday 7th April to collect them all. Put your clothing /bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary's Meals will be here to pick them up. Amazingly 3 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education

CAFOD

The CAFOD Family Fast Day is on **Friday 15th March**; There will be an appeal on the weekend of **9th/10th March** and the collection will take place the weekend of **16th/17th March**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 9 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 13.15 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Sr Leila Noonan RIP Stations of the Cross Baptisms of Leroy & Jayden Njoagwuani Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 10 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Eric Fernandes - Birthday Thanksgiving David, May & Bernard Early RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Ukrainian Maria Timineri in Thanksgiving
Mon 11 th	09.30	William Kelly RIP
Tues 12 th	09.30	Kaiden Pereira in thanksgiving (1 st B'day)
Wed 13 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thurs 14 th	09.30	Marie Brumwell RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Fri 15 th	09.30 10.00	Deceased members of the McGillicuddy Family RIP Stations of the Cross
Sat 16 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.30 13.15 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Maria De Sa & Maria Isabel Figueiredo RIP (with Baptisms of Viktoria & Michael Gubars) Stations of the Cross Baptism of Eliana Payet Sacrament of Reconciliation Jane Stokes RIP (First Anniversary)
Sun 17 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Victor Frost RIP (Anniversary) Michael & Christine Bigley RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Ronald Henry RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: Joseph Danladi in Thanksgiving		

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

2-3 March: Envelopes £699.01 Loose £981.06
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