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Second Sunday of Lent

24th/25th February 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Page 151: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

Next Week: Third Sunday of Lent: Page: 154: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25



THE TRANSFIGURATION

We read in today's Gospel that Jesus went up the mountain with Peter, James and John. He wanted to be alone with the Father in their presence.

It was on the mountain that Jesus heard the Father assure Him 'you are my beloved'. It was this assurance that changed him so much, that the three disciples were visibly shaken, and they knew it was good to be with Jesus at that moment.

God our Father offers us a similar option. He wants each of us to know that we are special to Him – His beloved daughter, His beloved Son.

If we create a space and spend some time in the presence of God Our Father, we too can be transformed with the gift of His constant love. Knowing that we are God's beloved children is a privileged joy.

FR. JOHN

PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop John Wilson will be coming to St Lawrence's for a Pastoral visit next weekend **3rd/4th March**. He will be celebrating some of the weekend Masses and will be meeting with parishioners and members of the various church groups and committees. There will be a Coffee morning after the 9am and 11am Masses which will enable most parishioners to meet the Bishop. If you are able to help with teas/coffees please let Fr John, Bridget or Florie know.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course on **Saturday 10th March** from 2pm-4pm in the Parish Centre.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next session will be on **Wednesday 28th February** at 7.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Preparation continues on the following dates - **24th February, 10th & 24th March**. The children will be leading the prayers at the Saturday 6pm Mass on these dates.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Applications have now closed. Group 2 begin preparation on **Tuesday 27th February**.

PARISH NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

The first Friday Coffee morning in aid of CAFOD will take place after Stations of the Cross on **Friday 2nd March**.

TEN POUND NOTES

A reminder that the old £10 notes cease to be legal tender and go out of circulation on **1st March 2018**. If you have any old £10 notes at home please exchange them at your bank.

LINE DANCING

The next Line Dancing session is on **Monday 26th February** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Sessions are £4.00 per person. All welcome.

REQUEST FROM A PARISHIONER

A parishioner requires a builder for her garage conversion to a summer house in the Feltham area. Contact no: 0759 280 0920 or 0208 890 0797.

ALTAR CANDLESTICKS

We have had to replace the two altar candlesticks as they are broken. The cost of the two new candlesticks is £470.00 and they are on order. If any parishioners would like to donate towards one or both the candlesticks in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please speak to Fr John or the Parish Office.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Further to the information in last week's newsletter re the Eucharistic Conference in Liverpool, anyone interested in going to this conference please speak to Fr John as soon as possible. We have a limited number of tickets allocated to us.

OTHER

BEN LUCAS, SERENA, ABRAHAM...

If there is a family in the parish who go by these names, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

CAFOD's Family Fast Day was on Friday **Friday 23 February**. A collection will be taken at the end of all Masses this weekend. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound. Please take a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously. At the back of Church there are some boxes that you can take home and put in your loose change or money that you saved by fasting this Lent. The boxes can be returned at Easter so that we can send the money to CAFOD.

HOUNSLOW FOSTERING TEAM

The Hounslow Fostering Team will be visiting St. Lawrence's Church this **Sunday 25th February** to speak to prospective carers about fostering. If you are interested and would like more information on fostering or how to apply to become a foster carer please do come along to our coffee morning on Sunday 25th February in the Parish Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses or contact Bridget for more information.

SUPPORT FOR LIFE PREGNANCY MATTERS

LIFE Pregnancy Matters in Hounslow are in need of supplies e.g. nappies (sizes 3, 4 and 5), wipes, toiletries, baby clothes and baby toys – see list on poster in porch. There is a box in the Parish Centre for your donations. Thank you.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

The annual Mass for bereaved parents will take place at **2.30pm on Saturday 10th of March** at Westminster Cathedral. Parents will be invited to write the names of their deceased children on a card which will be taken up with the offertory.

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 15 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year! Mary's Meals will be coming to our Church on **17th/18th March** to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows or books please**). Over the next few weeks gather your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks ready for collection on 18th March. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR BAGS BEFORE 17th/18th MARCH AS WE DO NOT HAVE STORAGE SPACE.**

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 19th MAY 2018 AT 3PM.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Florie in the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, name and place of Church of marriage and email address (or telephone number, if no email) by **16th March**.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

- **Patricia Balbontin RIP** whose funeral service will take place on **Wednesday 28th February** at 10.20am at Hanworth Crematorium

- **Teresa Ann Prior RIP** whose funeral service will take place on **Monday 5th March** at 12.20 at Hanworth Crematorium

May they rest in peace. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24 th	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Alsen Antao (Birthday Intention)
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino Community
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 25 th	18.00	Alan Tovey RIP (First Anniversary)
	09.00	Marlon Dias in Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.00	Pat Jayawardena (Intentions)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	14.30	Mass led by the African Community
18.00	People of the Parish	
Mon 26 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Tues 27 th	09.30	Patrick Galligan RIP
Wed 28 th	09.30	For the intentions of the Parish Team
	19.30	Stations of the Cross in Polish
Thurs 1 st	09.30	Jason Fernandes (First Birthday Thanksgiving)
Fri 2 nd	09.30	Margaret McGillicuddy RIP
	10.00	Stations of the Cross
Sat 3 rd	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Joseph Braganza RIP
	12.30	Stations of the Cross
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	For the intentions of the Power Family
Sun 4 th	09.00	Herman Gill RIP
	11.00	Michael Gilbert RIP
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Janet Danladi in Thanksgiving

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

17-18 February: Envelopes £807.27; Loose: £1,026.89

Standing Orders: £742.00 **Total: £2,576.16**

Lenten Alms (Ash Wednesday): £564.57

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 and 5pm