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18th February 2024: 1st Sunday of Lent (Yr B)

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FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 17th February	Vigil: 1st Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Bill Gristwood RIP
Sunday 18th February	1st Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP
	Of Lent	10am (St T)	Ann Coogan RIP (Ann)
		Noon (St T)	Charles Patten RIP
Monday 19th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 20th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 21st February	No Mass		
Thursday 22nd February	Chair of St Peter	9.15am (St T)	Pat Donellon RIP
Friday 23rd February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 24th February	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Attracta Connaughton (Int)

Confessions: Saturdays 5pm at SS John Fisher & Thomas More
Rosary after Communion on Tuesdays

Liturgy of the Word - First Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him:
 I will deliver him and give him glory,
 I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
 Man does not live on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Next Sunday Readings: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18, Psalm 115:10, 15-19 *resp. Psalm 114:9,*
 Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10

Fr Tony writes: Reflections during Lent

We are now into the great season of Lent, when we spend six weeks preparing to celebrate the high point of our faith, the Paschal Mystery: the suffering, death and resurrection of the Incarnate God. Formerly it was a time of severe penance as a way of purifying ourselves from our sinful habits and getting ready to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ with a renewed commitment to follow him.

Even though we are no longer asked by the Church to observe the severe penances of former times, it is surely fitting that we make some form of preparation. It should be a time for personal reflection on where we stand as Christians. Only a little reflection will convince us that, there are many ways in which we fail through word and action, through our thoughts and through our failure to be the kind of people that the Gospel challenges us to be.

But our reflections should not only focus on the negative. What are the positive things which should be part and parcel of my daily life? What kind of a person am I in relation to my family, friends, working colleagues and other people with whom I come in contact? How active am I as a member of my Parish community? What difference do I make to other people's lives? What do I do, within my limitations, to help eradicate the abuses which are part of our society?

These are just some of the questions I can ask myself during these six weeks. And it is never too late to get started. Let us not rigidly think that, because Ash Wednesday has already come and gone, that I cannot start today. Remember that even those who came to the vineyard at the eleventh hour were paid the same amount. But the earlier I start the better.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Totals for last two weeks:

Loose Plate £642.74

Envelopes £509

Contactless £750

Total for weekends 4th & 10th February £1,901.74

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Next meeting will be at **Thursday 29th February at St Teresa's School**. We will be using the same "slot" system and timings as before. You should have received an email confirming your child's 30 minute time slot, if not, please contact Sue. Electronic links for the next chapters have also been sent out. Parents please stay with your children rather than drop off & return.



If you would prefer to give your offertory by contactless and you can't get to the machine, please use the QR code here which is for St Teresa's. You can also pay for pasta & pancake tickets, or repository via the QR code here, just select the option you want.



BAPTISMS: We welcome Hanna & Oliwia who are being baptised here this weekend. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments). You will also need to complete a Baptism Preparation Course. **Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**



It's another plea for Fire Marshalls! We really need enough people to provide a proper rota so that we have enough Marshalls at each mass. This is to ensure the safety of everyone should a fire occur during Mass. For the well attended Masses we will of course need more than for the smaller services. If you are happy to help, please pick up a form in church, complete & return to Sue. Many thanks.

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



The next meeting is **Tuesday 19th March 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH, answers to the sessions must be sent in to Sue by Monday 4th March**. We will also start preparation for this year's **Rich Man Poor Man meal which will be on Saturday 20th April**, with preparation the night before. Please make sure that date is in your diaries.



PACT, the organisation that we work with for the Presents for Prisoners Children Project, are looking to try and do something for the mothers of the children whose fathers are in prison. Over the Mothering Sunday weekend, they would like to give all the Mothers visiting Pentonville Prison either a bunch of daffs, or funds permitting, a small box of chocolates. They estimate this will be approx. 100 mums over the two days. We thought that we would see if we can help them in this. **There will be a secondary collection this weekend**, if you would like to contribute to this. Many thanks,



St Teresa's Catholic Primary School has an exciting opportunity for a Class Teacher to join our team from September 2024. Applications are welcome from experienced teachers looking to take next steps in their careers in a school that is passionate about growing leaders, for example Core subject leadership/Phase leaders. As a Catholic school we are welcoming to applications from people of other faiths or no faith. We have supportive staff who can support the planning and teaching of our Catholic curriculum. You will join our friendly, dedicated and hardworking staff team. The successful candidate will be confident, creative and caring, will share our high expectations and be able to engage and motivate our pupils to ensure progress for all. Further information can be found on our website <https://www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk/about-st-teresas/vacancies>. To book a school visit or for any further information please email our school office manager Alison Jackson alison.jackson@stteresas.herts.sch.uk, to book a visit/chat with our Headteacher. The closing date for applications is 28th February 2024. Interview will take place week beginning 4th March 2024. The Governing Board is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All our appointments are subject to safer recruitment practice and to satisfactory DBS certification, health checks and references.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is 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 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact Sue by **Monday 8th April** with the following details husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal 23rd February

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal - This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hard-working people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. To find out about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD visit [Volunteer\(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Volunteer(cafod.org.uk))



St Patrick's Day Party on Saturday 16th March, tickets will be on sale soon, £12 which includes food but please bring your own booze. Thank you to all who helped at the Pasta & Pancake party, all who attended had a great time!



THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY (Mill Hill Mass Centre) invites you to join them on the **4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 2pm**. VENUE: Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate (RC) Church, 2 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2J

