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**25th February 2024: 2nd 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 24th February	Vigil: 2nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Attracta Connaughton (Int)
Sunday 25th February	2nd Sunday	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Aideen Herdman RIP
	Of Lent	10am (St T)	Leonard Enoy & family (Thksgvg)
		Noon (St T)	Terence Gelly RIP
Monday 26th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Tuesday 27th February	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Wednesday 28th February	No Mass		
Thursday 29th February	Lent Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael Brady RIP
Friday 1st March	Communion	9.15am (St T)	
Saturday 2nd March	Vigil: 3rd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Pat Burke RIP (Ann)

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

**Liturgy of the Word - Second Sunday of Lent**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
 hide not your face from me.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
 From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
 "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."  
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Next Sunday Readings:**

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 18:8-11 *resp.* John 6:68, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25,  
 John 2:13-25

Fr Tony writes:

**Are you working on it?**

One of the most famous tests in the Bible is the one that Abraham faced. Abraham was a very good man, a man of faith. He was well prepared by his strong faith and trust in God to face the test to which he was put. When God called to Abraham, he responded ready and willing, "Here I am!" Then came the test, one chance to get it right or wrong. God asked Abraham to sacrifice the life of his only son. After Abraham had demonstrated his willingness to give all to God, God interrupts the action and Isaac's life is spared.

Did God need that test? Probably not. After all, God knows everything. It was Abraham who learned from that test. He learned how truly strong his faith was and, in the process, we who ponder at this event can come to admire, and, hopefully, imitate Abraham's faith. So, it is through different events in life, our faith is tested. How we respond, demonstrates, to us, the strength of our faith and in the process it can become stronger. It works. The more I trust God the more and better I become at trusting God.

In taking Peter, James and John up the mountain to witness his Transfiguration, Jesus was preparing them for their tests. Jesus let them see a glimpse of the future that awaits. What they saw was so extraordinary and overwhelming they wanted to remain. They had yet to endure the test of Jesus's own death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead. So, they did and so will we. Jesus's Transfiguration was not only for their benefit, but for ours, too. Jesus want us to be as well prepared as Abraham, Peter, James and John. Are you working on it?

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 Gianna who is 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!**

**Synod 2021-2024 The journey of the Catholic Church around the world in the renewal of our mission, centred on the work of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, continues apace. Please make use of this moment for a reflection and renewal in the mission entrusted to us by our Blessed Lord.' (Cardinal Vincent Nichols)** Cardinal Vincent is asking all parishioners to reflect on the questions below in the light of the Synod meeting. If you have any particular thoughts that you would like passing onto the Deanery, please let me know by 29th Feb,

Q1: How do we witness as a Parish and proclaim our faith to: those who have never heard of Christ; those who have ceased walking with Christ; those with whom we worship Christ (those who go to church)?

Q2: How should we organise ourselves as a Parish to do this more effectively?

Q3: What concrete steps/formation opportunities would help us begin to witness and proclaim our faith more effectively?

Q4: What structures may need to change? How might we need to develop the way we are organised currently?

### 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.



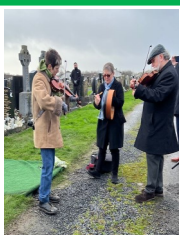
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School has an exciting opportunity for a Class Teacher to join our team from September 2024. Applications are welcome from experienced teachers looking to take next steps in their careers in a school that is passionate about growing leaders. As a Catholic school we are welcoming to applications from people of other faiths, or no faith. For further info look at website : [www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk/about-st-teresas/vacancies](http://www.stteresas.herts.sch.uk/about-st-teresas/vacancies). or email Alison Jackson [alison.jackson@stteresas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alison.jackson@stteresas.herts.sch.uk). Closing date for applications 28th February 2024. Interviews take place week beginning 4th March 2024. The Governing Board is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care & expects all staff & volunteers to share this commitment. All our appointments are subject to safer recruitment practice & to satisfactory DBS certification, health checks & 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](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk). To find out about volunteering opportunities with CAFOD visit [Volunteer.cafod.org.uk](http://Volunteer.cafod.org.uk)



**Message from Sue:** I attended the burial of Fr Dominic's ashes last week in Ballyfermot and it was very special. His ashes were laid to rest with his Mum and Dad in his home parish where he made his First Communion and Confirmation.



By coincidence, the Parish Priest there actually knew Dominic, having stayed for a year with Dominic in Camden. Violins & a bodhran drum were played at the graveside, ending in us all clapping along to an Irish jig. We had brunch at one of his favourite restaurants in Dublin and toasted him with a tot or two of whiskey. Thank you for all the kind messages, I took them all with me & I know that so many of you were thinking of him on the day.



**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.

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent after Communion.