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SUNDAY 4th MARCH 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

Continuing our series on our church building:

In the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**, the **Sanctuary lamp** and **Tabernacle veil** (cover) remind us that Jesus is really here in church among us, waiting for our loving greeting. The two small windows immediately to the left of this Altar show the Lamb of Sacrifice and a pelican, a bird which will feed its young on its own blood if their survival is in question; both of these are reminders that Christ, the Lamb of God, Shed His Blood for us.

The Mosaic framing the Tabernacle represents the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, which prefigured how, at every Mass, Christ who, that day, fed thousands in a hungry crowd with earthly food would, one day, feed our souls with Himself in Holy Communion, the Food of Life which will help us be made stronger and avoid doing bad things on our way to Heaven. In this mosaic are also the *Paschal Lamb*, *some grapes* and a *Chalice*, recalling the Sacrificial Death of Christ once-for-all on Calvary.



In the Chapel's main side window, above the benches, we see portrayed the Last Supper, at which Jesus gave His Apostles, our first Priests, their First Holy Communion and to whom he gave His Power to change bread and Wine into his Living Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to give to us at Mass. In the round window above this scene is an image of the letters **X** and **P**, from the beginning of the Name of Christ in Greek ('Chi' and 'Rho'), a language in which the Faith was first preached. The same image is to be found on the Altar Rail in front of the votive candle stand, and on the Blessed Sacrament Altar itself, reminding us that, as well as being Priest and Victim, Christ is the Altar of Sacrifice. On Maundy (Holy) Thursday, after the Commemoration of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, the High (main)

Altar is stripped bare, looking towards the bleakness of Calvary following Christ's Death on Good Friday and, until midnight, the Blessed Sacrament reposes in the Tabernacle for our Adoration, as Christ's Body rested in the Tomb.

Above the High Altar is the Crucifix (i.e. the Cross with the figure of Christ on it), because, on the Altar, at every Mass, the once-for-all Sacrifice of the Cross is, through the hands and words of the Priest, made present for our participation. If we are privileged to have one of our Priests come and offer Mass for us in our home, he will place a Crucifix on whatever serves as an Altar of Sacrifice. It also reminds us that we pray in the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On the reverse of this particular Crucifix is depicted Christ Rising from the Dead and reaching for His Crown.

Lower down on the wall, progressing round our church, beginning near the entrance to the Sacristy (where Father and the Altar Servers get ready before Mass) and ending near the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, we have **14 Stations of the Cross** (also called the Way of the Cross), pictures which trace the Journey of Love made by Jesus from His trial in the Roman Governor's court to His Burial in the Tomb. These Stations are a link with the actual way of the Cross, still walked by Pilgrims in Jerusalem, making it possible for us to be 'in spirit' on that holy ground which we may not necessarily ever be able to visit in person.

Thank you for your generosity

Collection for 25th February 2018: £1673.00 (£1028.00 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders).
The amount for CAFOD so far has reached £1286.00 Perhaps we shall still reach our usual £2000.00.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

We welcome the Chief Executive of SPUC, Mr John Smeaton, to talk at all Masses, about the work of SPUC and how we can support them, building upon our past efforts. There will not be a collection; this visit is intended to update us on what SPUC has done and continues to do, and looking at re-establishing SPUC in our parish.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Mrs Austin, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére, Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Kenny**, lately a resident of Norbury Hall, who died peacefully on Friday 23rd February 2018. Her funeral takes place here on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 10am.

Mary's body will be received into the church on Tuesday 3rd April at 5pm.

The funeral of **Ermando Spinozzi**, of Heatherset Gardens, who died on 16th February 2018, will be held here at 10am on Friday 23rd March 2018.

Our sympathy and prayers as a parish go out to the families.

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 6 please:

Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin, Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Gloria Osiobe, Carol Thompson, Julie Thompson. If you can spare an hour or two every six weeks or so, or perhaps more often, to help spread the burden of cleaning God's house, please get in touch with the parish office.

GLENCAIRN ROAD AND HEPWORTH ROAD ARE NOW ONE WAY:

Hepworth Road is now One Way DOWNWARDS from Streatham High Road to Ellison Road;

Glencairn Road is now One Way UPWARDS from Ellison Road to Streatham High Road.

NB: pedal cycles may still travel in each direction on both roads.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Sundays during the Season of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 4pm, followed by Benediction. Also, each Friday evening, at 7.30pm during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led by various parish groups.

This Friday, 9th March, members of the Teams of Our Lady will be leading us.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY - BROWNIES

After the 8.30am and 10am Masses. Come along for sausage sandwiches, bacon sandwiches, teas, coffees and cakes. Members of the troop will guide you along to the hall after Mass. We hope you are hungry and thirsty!

A DAY WITH MARY

A wonderful tribute to Our Lady, through whom we are encouraged to approach Jesus, (To Jesus through Mary) was held here on Saturday 17th February 2018. Fr Anthony Meredith IC gave a sermon, entitled

"Mother of the Seemingly Impossible" which you may access on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXJAvHlIP7U>;

Fr Innocent's homily during Mass, entitled "Models of Marian Spirituality", may be found on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xw2QWmLNsCY>;

Fr Innocent's talk "Console Me, My Children, Console My Son, Jesus Christ.", along with the ceremony of Consecration of our parish to Our Blessed Mother Mary may be found on this link:

<https://gloria.tv/video/Eejr7gBX2YKn624icRiTdibA8>

The next nearest Day with Mary takes place at St John Fisher RC Church, Merton, on Saturday 17th March 2018, which is also St Patrick's Day. Full details are to be found on the poster in the porch.

NEXT WEEK IS LAETARE SUNDAY, AND MOTHERS' DAY

As usual, children will be invited to come up to the sanctuary and take a daffodil to present to their mothers.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS - PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

On **Palm Sunday**, 25th March, the 11:30 Mass ONLY starts with a procession from the hall to the Church. There will be a **practice** on Sunday March 18th from 6pm, lasting 30 minutes. Please sign up on the sheet in the Sacristy.

Maundy Thursday, 29th March - Mass at 8pm. **Practice:** Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm;

Good Friday, 30th March - Service at 3pm. **Practice:** Good Friday Morning at 10.30am;

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday 31st March - Mass at 8.30pm. **Practice:** Holy Saturday Morning at 10.30am.

Please sign up for each of the above on the notice you will find in the Sacristy.

Easter Sunday, 1st April - No practices. Please sign up for Masses, but please note, there will be NO 5pm Mass. It is a blessing that so many of our servers take part in these great events of the Easter Triduum, always closer than the congregation to all that goes on. It is particularly good to see our older servers continuing to participate. Please put yourself forward for as many services as you can. We always need so many of you, whatever your age!

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2018 AND ARRANGING BAPTISM

If you seek Baptism for your child, you must attend a Baptism Preparation Course, unless you have done so in the three years prior to this Baptism. In every case, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which you will find in the main porch. Please read it carefully, complete it in full and hand it to the parish office or to one of our clergy.

The next course takes place across two consecutive evenings, which are Tuesdays 17th & 24th April 2018 at 8pm.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please kindly provide your availability by Wednesday this week at the latest, for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. NO 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday. Time is of the essence. Please help us to get the rota completed in good time. We'd like to avoid the last minute rush, trying to find people.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Session 4 takes place in the hall this coming Wednesday 7th March 2018 from 7.30pm to 9pm. As ever, please arrive in good time, and be sure to bring your folders with you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next session, Session 6 for candidates, entitled "The Word Of The Lord" takes place next Saturday 10th March in the upper hall from 10am to 11.30am. Please would all parents and guardians ensure that candidates arrive in good time and that they are collected immediately afterwards.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, 30th March 2018, at 12.00 Noon, some of our young people will take part in a special Stations of the Cross. We are seeking children from nursery up to secondary school age to take part, with the necessary parental permission. If you would like your child to take part, please contact Linda Harries at: l.harries@gmail.com or call her on 07770 623230. Please register your interest by Tuesday 20th March 2018 at the latest. There will be a rehearsal for this event in the church on Maundy Thursday 29th March 2018 at 3pm.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Following a request from the Holy Father, and with little time to arrange an event, our deanery, that is the Lambeth deanery, will be holding events at two churches: St Mary's Clapham and the Italian Mission church, Holy Redeemer Brixton Road SW9. At St Mary's Clapham, the 24 hour period begins at 7.00am this coming Friday 9th March 2018 and continues until 9.30am on Saturday 10th March 2018. At Holy Redeemer, the start time is 10am on Friday morning ending at 10am on Saturday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout, except for Mass. Priests of our deanery will be available at both churches to hear confessions. Further details from St Mary's on 020 7498 3005 or Holy Redeemer (Scalabrini Fathers) on 020 7735 8235.

REPOSITORY

Don't forget your requirements for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day (Laetare Sunday - next Sunday) and Easter.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS)

More copies of the St Alphonsus Stations of the Cross books are now available in both normal and large print. There are also some booklets relating to Lent and to various tenets of our rich Catholic Faith.

THE OVER 55 GROUP

We are seeking a leader to revive this parish group. If you are interested in coordinating this group and perhaps organising events for them, please get in touch with the parish office.

YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE

You will notice flyers around the porch areas for this annual afternoon of fun for all the family, which will this year take place on Saturday 14th April 2018 from 2pm until 6pm, with the race itself scheduled for 5.15pm. Please get your bookings to Eddie Sanders directly or via the parish office. Eddie is on 020 8333 0690.

THANKS FROM LIFE

A cheque for £140.00, raised at last weekend's Coffee Morning has been sent to LIFE HQ: www.lifecharity.org



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses:	Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm	
	Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.158	
Weekday Masses:	Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am	
Morning Prayer of the Church:	Monday - Saturday 9.15am	
Adoration and Benediction:	Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (<i>Rosary & Benediction in May & October</i>) <i>On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm</i>	
Rosary:	Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass	
Confessions:	Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm	
Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 4th March 2018		
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	6.15pm (Saturday 3rd March)	Virginia & Antonio RIP
Brownies Coffee Morning after this Mass	8.30am	Ellis Foundation Mass
Brownies Coffee Morning after this Mass	10am	Welfare of Julie Thompson
	11.30am (Polyphony Choir)	Godson & Thomas Asuem RIP
<i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>	4pm	
	5pm	People of the parish
Monday 5th March 2018	7.30am	Ella Marie RIP
	10am	Funeral of Yvonne Marlene Florence Cordell RIP
Tuesday 6th March 2018	7.30am	Alphonsus Apicella RIP
	10am	Welfare of Evelyn Hyland - 90th birthday
Wednesday 7th March 2018 (Saints Perpetua and Felicity)	7.30am	Sheila Langford RIP
	10am	Maureen Quinn RIP
Thursday 8th March 2018 (St John of God, Religious)	7.30am	Welfare of Gleisson Pinheiro
	10am	Thanksgiving & welfare of Helena Boama Akaadom and Louis Kwame Tsegah Boadi - Birthdays
Friday 9th March 2018 St Frances of Rome (Religious)	7.30am	Welfare of Jonas Siaulys & family
	10am	Mary Boadiwah Akaadom RIP
<i>Stations of the Cross - (Teams of Our Lady)</i>	7.30pm	
Saturday 10th March 2018	10am	Private intention
Next Sunday 11th March 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY (Mothers' Day)	6.15pm (Saturday 10th March)	Daryl Desa RIP
	8.30am	People of the parish
	10am	Michael Joseph Crowley RIP
	11.30am	Mary Portelli RIP
<i>Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>	4pm	
	5pm	John Durkin RIP