

21st February 2021: First Sunday of Lent (B)



ALIVE THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

We die to the world and live to God through the waters of baptism. We will still be tempted, as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and believe the Gospel we have nothing to fear. The Lord is faithful to those who keep their promises to him.

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 20	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Michael Bowden RIP
Sun 21	✠ <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>
09.30	Valerie Nicholas, Olive Wilde & Robert Wilde RIP
11.00	Wellbeing for Victorine Chuculour
Mon 22	<i>The Chair of Saint † Peter the Apostle</i>
09.30	Wellbeing for Dave Matthews
Tue 23	
09.30	Mass
Wed 24	
09.30	Thank you to all the Church cleaners
Thu 25	
09.30	Mass
Fri 26	<i>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</i>
09.30	Mass
19:00	Stations of the Cross
Sat 27	
09.30	Wellbeing of Kathy Jayasekara
	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	The deceased of the Dean Family RIP
Sun 28	✠ <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>
09.30	Alison Grisley RIP
11.00	Irene Goba RIP

Spiritual Thought

Something to think and pray about each day this week.

'The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. (Gaudete et Exultate, 1) Lent does not normally begin with happiness. We are more accustomed to hearing how hard it will be. The theme of conversion, which the season of Lent begins with, is often understood in terms of sacrifice, struggle and ever suffering. An overly moralistic approach to Lent means, however that Christians can sometimes look, in a line from the Pope's previous exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 'like someone who has just come back from a funeral' (EG.10) The challenge of the gospel is to consider the call to repentance in the light of what we receive from God. This means holding the darkness of our lives up against the light of God's love, seeing the contrast between the sin of the world and the salvation offered in the kingdom of God. Pope Francis is clear that Lenten and lifelong conversion asks everything of us. Offering everything is an opening of our minds, hearts and bodies to truth, love and wholeness. The goal of conversion is communion with God and with others. (Sacredspace 2021)

Retreat for all

Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar.

If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme> where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Poor Parishes

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18:30 (24), Sunday: 09.30 (28), 11.00 (35)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

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CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - 26th February

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

FIRST READING – Genesis 9: 8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 24

R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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!

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The

time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

200 Club

The winner of the February £75 prize is Matt Turner (63). Congratulations. J This was the last draw of the 2019/20 year. It was extended until February '21 because the church was closed last year and we were unable to operate as usual. Due to the small number of parishioners coming to Masses and the social distancing protocols, we will not be running the Club until further notice. Thank you everyone for your support over the years and here's hoping to returning soon and to winning!!