

28th February 2021: Second Sunday of Lent (B)



GOD DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON

Christ did not come to explain away suffering; he came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we are called to be prepared to sacrifice everything to God, and thus we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause in heaven.

This is my Son, the Beloved.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 27	<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
Mon 01	<i>Saint David</i> 09.30 Thanksgiving for Pierre-Marie's Birthday
Tue 02	09.30 Wellbeing of Anthonia Adesite
Wed 03	09.30 Arabella & Archie Taylor RIP
Thu 04	09.30 Michael Bowden RIP
Fri 05	09.30 William Florence RIP 19:00 Stations of the Cross
Sat 06	09.30 People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Kath & David Camp RIP
Sun 07	✠ <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i> 09.30 Kenneth Coley RIP 11.00 Dorothy Sinclair RIP

Spiritual thought

Something to think and pray about each day this week.

In today's gospel, Peter cries out in delight and wonder, 'Master, it is good for us to be here'. This is how we are surely meant to experience the presence of God – wonder and delight, the created glorying in the Creator's presence. Too often, we glide along the surface of the spinning earth, never listening to its heartbeat. We look into the depths of the universe and never hear the singing of the stars.

When did I last sing and make melody to the Lord with all my heart or clap my hands or shout for joy to him. (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: CAFOD Family Fast Day

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18:30 (44) Sunday: 09.30 (40), 11.00 (51)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

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Our School



Please see the attached letter from Matthew Ringham, Headteacher, with regard to raising support for the completion of our school.

Parish Secretary

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

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.

FIRST READING – Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 115

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

SECOND READING – Romans 8: 31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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!

GOSPEL – Mark 9: 2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by

themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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.