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6TH MARCH 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Fr Daniel writes:

In his Lenten message this year, which you can access [here](#) if you wish to read in full, Pope Francis describes Lent with two words.

Firstly, he says, Lent is *Kairos* (favourable time): *Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (kairós), let us do good to all."*

Later he describes it as a time of *Conversion*: *"Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."*

The Greek word "*Kairos*" (Favourable time) is important in the Christian understanding of time. In some religions, time is circular. Existence follows a circular pattern in which things and living beings always return to their original state. In Judaism and Christianity, instead, time is linear. The whole of creation moves according to God's plan towards its destiny. However, linear, does not mean monotonous or uninteresting. Along the way there are moments of *Kairos*, when a one-off opportunity is presented. God in his love and providence makes himself present and accessible to his creatures bringing with him the specific graces they need at that time to continue moving forward. Of course, for someone who suffers from FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) this may sound like the perfect nightmare. However, the invitation is not to live in fear but to live in constant thanksgiving, opening our eyes to the opportunities that God offers us today and being grateful to Him for his providence and care.

The word "conversion" will also recur during this time of Lent. Interestingly, St Augustine, and St Thomas Aquinas after him, defined sin as: *"aversio a Deo et conversio ad creaturas"* (turning away from God and turning towards creatures). Sin, therefore, is to abandon the richness of heaven for something much lesser. CS Lewis cleverly wrote: *"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are far too easily pleased"*. The conversion that God wants for us is the opposite movement of sin, that is: to turn *back* to God and turn away from created things. We might describe this time of Lent as an opportunity to imitate that man of the Gospel who finds a treasure hidden in a field, he hides it again, goes off in his joy, sells everything he owns and buys the field (Mt 13:44).

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 5/3 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Billy Kelly Elias Hoboss Baroud	ANN RIP
Sun 6/3 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT Gunnersbury	People of the Parish Robert Abna John Peter Coghlan Tom Tuffy The Boyle Family Eily O'Leary	INT RD INT ANN ANN ANN
Mon 7/3 10.00am 12 Noon	Lent Feria	Doreen Lung Funeral of Josephine Mortlock	RD RIP
Tue 8/3 10.00am 12.30pm	Lent Feria	Lynn Brown Funeral of Eulalie Raymond	RD RIP
Wed 9/3 10.00am 10.30-12.00 12 Noon	Lent Feria Gunnersbury	Paul Lawlor Exposition and Benediction Funeral of Rita Gregory	RD RIP
Thur 10/3 10.00am	Lent Feira	Teresa, Zbigniew & Baby Patrick Ropek	RIP
Fri 11/3 10.00am 6.00pm	Lent Feria	Simon Walker Stations of the Cross	RD
Sat 12/3 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Lent Feria Grove Park	Mary Innes <i>Confession</i> <i>Confession</i> Major Peggy Elliot Joseph, Bernadette & Bechara Baroud	RD ANN RIP

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Umberto Marani, Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Trish Williams, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Josephine Mortlock, Eulalie Raymond, Rita Gregory, Joan Rydzinski, Raffaele Liberty, Mary Yeo, Rober Abma. Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Denis Bourke, Billy Kelly, Tom Tuffy, The Boyle Family, Eily O'Leary, Major Peggy Elliot. Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.153:

1st Reading: **Deuteronomy 26: 4-10**

Psalm: **90: 1-2, 10-15**

2nd Reading: **Romans 10: 8-12**

Gospel: **Luke 4: 1-13**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.156:

1st Reading: **Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18**

Psalm: **26:1, 7-9, 13-14**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3: 17-4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 9:28-36**

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS –

There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

CATHOLIC HERALD MAGAZINE – available at the back of the Church, price £5.00. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'Papers'.

LENT

A) WEEKLY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR LENT:

TUESDAYS 6.30pm to 7.30pm: 'ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT' – a small group prayer experience based on the spiritual listening and speaking learned from the synodal process. Each week we will reflect together on the previous Sunday's Gospel and how to put it into practice. The first meeting is on **Tuesday 8th March** in the St Edward's Room on the theme of 'Wilderness & Temptation'.

WEDNESDAYS after Mass from 10.30am to 12.00 noon: EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION. The Rosary will follow 10.00am Mass as usual but in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps leave and return; perhaps just drop in for extra prayer. Benediction will be at 12.00 noon.

FRIDAYS 6.00pm: STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Following the Angelus at 6.00pm, there will be a liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Those present may process behind the priest around the church at the Stations or remain in pews as preferred. (There will be no 6.00pm Mass in the PIME Convent during Lent.)

B) LENT PROJECT 2022:

As from before the pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*.

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to Comboni social outreach projects overseas often in areas of tension and conflict such as a clinic and school on the Ugandan border supporting refugees from South Sudan; and schools in Congo and Sri Lanka.

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - non-perishable items of food which may be brought and left in the box at the back of church. There will be a cash collection after all Masses today.

ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENT IN THE PARISH CENTRE - Thursday 17th March, 5pm-11pm, in the Catholic Centre Lounge Bar. Bacon & cabbage served 5pm-7pm. Music 8pm-11pm, including Irish dancers and a raffle. £6 per ticket. Admission by ticket only. Please email chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk or chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or ring 020 8747 5074

READERS and the MINISTRY OF READING – "There are many different ministries but always the same Lord" (1Cor 12:5). If you think the Lord might be calling you to serve in the parish as a Reader, or to discuss the possibility, please be in touch with Fr Michael/Parish Office. There is a need particularly at the Sunday 12.15pm and 6.30pm Masses but all weekend Masses would benefit with further support as some are needing to step down.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EALING – from 2nd March until 10th April, you are invited to pray peacefully for all those affected by abortion. Call Sarah 07776256838, or email london40daysforlife@hotmail.com

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously. There will be a **CAFOD collection next weekend in the parish**. Your generosity will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent)

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 7th March. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – **Tuesday morning** post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and a **Friday coffee morning** in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome!

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

The Late RITA GREGORY RIP - On Wednesday 9th March at 12.00 Noon the Requiem Mass and funeral of our late parishioner Rita Gregory will take place in the Church followed by a Reception at The Gunnersbury Triangle Club, The Ridgeway immediately after the Church service for refreshments and the opportunity to share memories of Rita. May she rest in peace.

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GROVE PARK NOTES

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CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB – meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email philliptait@btinternet.com

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May at 3.00pm. 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 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office giving the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

RIGHT TO LIFE - Stop new abortion threat - Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – are available to collect from the Parish Office (weekdays 9.00am to 4.00pm) to those parishioners who have signed up for them. Those envelopes that haven't been collected will be posted out w/c 28th March. Gift Aiding your Offertory and other donations to our parish using numbered envelopes or a Standing Order, is a very practical way of increasing the value of your offering by 25 pence for every pound you give at no extra cost to you! Providing you are a UK Taxpayer, you can join the scheme by signing a Gift Aid Declaration which can be obtained from the Parish Office or contact the office by email: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk We would also ask those parishioners who have already signed up to inform the office about any changes (eg your name and address) so we can update our records before we start to distribute new envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity: in 2021 the parish received **£29,275 in Gift Aid back from HM Treasury thanks to your being in this scheme!**

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS – To read about ways to ease in a small way the humanitarian suffering of the displaced and to donate if you wish please see:

1. **Disasters Emergency Committee:** <https://www.dec.org.uk/>
2. **CAFOD:** <https://cafod.org.uk/>
3. **Aid to the Church in Need:** <https://acnuk.org/> channelling 1M Euro through the churches of eastern Ukraine, covering Kharkiv, Zaporizhyya, Donetsk, Odesa and Krym (church buildings being emergency accommodation providing humanitarian assistance)
4. **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. To donate, please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund** to: **Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London**, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ

Collections for last weekend:

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Thank you for your generosity.