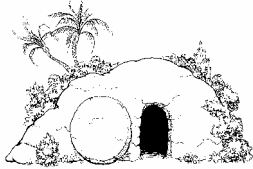


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
15th March 2009



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Christianity seems foolish from the outside looking in. That's because it has no time for the values of a world that is about getting and having, being top-dog and looking after number one. At the heart of Christianity is Christ's call to die to self in order to enjoy life to the full. Sheer stupidity?

LENTEN ALMS

Each year we collect Lenten Alms for those both "at home" and "abroad" who are most in need. Within the Diocese the money collected will be for the St John Southworth Fund. This is a grant giving scheme which supports the pastoral care activities of the Diocese. It assists those who are homeless, migrants and refugees and the pastoral support for the elderly, children and various other projects. Since its launch in December 2007, it has provided funding towards 45 projects and 5 individuals throughout Greater London. Outside the Diocese our Lenten Alms will be for the support of a School Building Project by the Catholic Church in Bangladesh. Please be as generous as you can. The Collection Box for Lenten Alms is at the Lady Altar on the left-hand side.

If people wish to see their Lenten Alms being used even nearer to home, they may wish to donate them to the New Parish Centre Fund. There will be a collection box by the Offertory Table for those who wish to donate to the Fund, (but please do remember that donations may be gift-aided using the envelopes provided, which can then be placed in the Offertory Baskets.)

PARISH LENT RETREAT

A Lent Retreat is an invitation to step back from the routine of your every day to tune within, to seek God and to let Him come close. These few hours of prayer and reflection are a **GIFT** you give yourself to live more intentionally. To be held today from 2.00pm-4.00pm at the Convent, 3 Longlands Close, EN8 8LW. For details please contact The Sisters on 01992 626772.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent - after 10.00am Mass in the morning, and at 8.00pm in the evening.



100+ Club February Winners: still to be collected £25 Daphne Curtis, £15 Jocelyn Blackman.

Saturday 28th March Bingo – Bar open from 7.30pm. Eyes down 7.45pm.

Please take a Building Together Fund Raising Events leaflet, from the church entrances.

ST GEORGE'S DAY SPRING FAIR - SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

The Parish Fair this year will run throughout Sunday morning giving you the opportunity to call in after morning Masses. We are beginning to collect bottles for the Tombola and would be most grateful for donations.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 30TH MAY

In the past the Parish has celebrated our rich and diverse community at Pentecost and we plan to revive this tradition on Saturday 30th May with Mass at 6.30pm followed by an International Evening. This will be an opportunity to share something of our different cultures through language, food, costume, music etc and we hope to display National Flags in the Church.

ST PATRICK'S DAY, SOHO SQUARE W1

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of Patrick on Tuesday 17th March at St Patrick's Church, Soho. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6pm on Monday 16th March celebrated by Right Rev George Stack and then Mass on Tuesday 17th March at 8am, 12.45pm and 6pm. Shamrock will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The law of the Lord is perfect,
It revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
It gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
They gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
It gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
Abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
And all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
Than the purest of gold
And sweeter are they than honey,
Than honey from the comb.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
Whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

TODAY'S READINGS: **NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:**
Exodus 20:1-17 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23
Psalm 18:8-11 Psalm 136:1-6
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Ephesians 2:4-10
John 2:13-25 John 3:14-21

Mass Times

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| SUNDAY | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | 8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm |
| Monday | | 10.00am |
| Tuesday | Patrick | 10.00am |
| Wednesday | | 10.00am |
| Thursday | Joseph | 10.00am |
| Friday | | 10.00am |
| Saturday | | 6.30pm |
| SUNDAY | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | 8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm |

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

**Offertory Last Week: £1,584.51
plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!**

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Tuesday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

LORD, GIVER OF LIFE

“Lord, Giver of Life” is the Diocese’ Faith Sharing Programme which will be running during Lent. There will be Meetings each week:
Thursdays at 2pm in the Presbytery
Thursdays at 8pm at 31 Rotherfield Road, Enfield.
Saturdays at 2.30pm at 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt,
All are welcome.

ARCHBISHOP’S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **10th, 25th, 50th and 60th** + wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2009, to a Thanksgiving Mass. This will be on Saturday 30th May at 3.00 pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you qualify, please let Fr John know. He will need: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email if you have one (or if not, a phone no.).

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through bereavement, divorce or separation. This will take place from March 27th to 29th 2009 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details telephone Mary on 01296 487634.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th March at 12.15 Jessica Komolafe
Sunday 15th March 1.30 Isabella Mahor

FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Catechists on Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm. The children who are preparing for their First Communion will meet on Saturday 21st March at 10.00am in Eleanor Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for all candidates who are preparing for Confirmation on Thursday 19th March at 8.00pm in the Church.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION

Thank you for your response to CAFOD’s Lent Fast Day Appeal which so far amounts to £677.81. Fast Day envelopes can be returned in the Offertory basket or handed in at any time.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE IN WESTMINSTER

Do you want to know more?

“A Come and See Morning” at Holy Apostles Church Hall Cumberland St Pimlico SW1V 4LY on Saturday 28th March 10.00am till 12.30pm for those interested in it for themselves, for wives of possible deacons, for those who want to encourage others, for priests, religious, pastoral assistants, for catechists and chaplains. No pre-booking required. Just come! Further info. From canon Pat Browne 07988 441 691 or Deacon Jim Richards 07977 133572.