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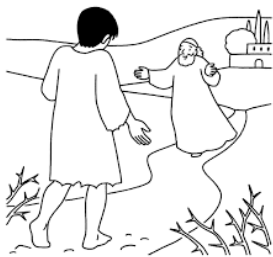
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4th Sunday of Lent
Year C
27th March 2022

'Rejoice! This child of mine was lost and is found!'

On this *Laetare* ('Rejoice!') Sunday midway through Lent, we are encouraged to celebrate with hope and joy before we enter the darker times of Holy Week. Today we particularly rejoice in the reconciliation and forgiveness of sins bought for us by Jesus's suffering and death.

In the First Reading (Joshua 5: 9–12), the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land. No longer reliant on the manna with which God had sustained them during their years in the desert, they rejoice that God has brought them to a place where the bounty of the earth feeds them. St Paul speaks of the 'new creation' made possible by Christ's suffering and death. Through this sacrifice, God has reconciled humanity to God's self, and our faults are forgiven. Because of this, we ourselves are then called to share the good news of forgiveness with others. (Second Reading 2 Cor. 5: 17–21)

The Gospel (Luke 15: 1–3, 11–3

2) relates the first part of the story of the return of the prodigal son. We witness the total and utter forgiveness the father bestows on his selfish and wayward son, who now regrets his foolishness. Just as the father forgives his son, so we know that we too will be forgiven, as we express our sorrow for actions and inactions that take us away from God.

As we celebrate the joy of knowing that we are totally loved and forgiven, in these final weeks of Lent we ask for the grace to see ourselves as God sees us, and to see others just as God sees them too.

Happy Mothers Day!

Fridays in Lent – Stations of the Cross at 7pm followed by Mass.

Easter Offertory Collection: Just a reminder that the Offertory collection taken at the Easter Masses is your personal gift to your Priest. Together with the Offertory taken at Christmas this provides a major part of his income for the year. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Easter Mass times:

Tuesday 5 th April	Lent Reconciliation Service	7.30pm
Saturday 9 th April	Palm Sunday Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 10 th April	Palm Sunday	11.30am
Wednesday 13 th April	Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral	11.00am
Thursday 14 th April	Holy Thursday – Last Supper Mass Followed by watching until 12 midnight	8.00pm
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday Children’s Stations of the Cross	12.00pm
	Commemoration of the Lords’ Passion	3.00pm
Saturday 16 th April	Easter Vigil	8.00pm
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	8.00am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	9.30am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday	11.30am

Please note palms will be distributed at all the Palm Sunday Masses

Stations of the Cross: During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7pm followed by Mass.

Gift Aid: The Gift Aid envelopes (for use from April 10th, 2022) will be available for collection from the tables in the porch of the Church after weekend Masses for the next 3 weeks. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact the Parish office.

Volunteers needed: We have an amazing group of volunteers who do so much for the Church already, but they need support, and we need new people to come forward to volunteer, to help and to learn from them. For example, we need Catechists for our First Holy Communion & Confirmation programmes, church cleaners, choir members for the 11.30am Mass, help with the children’s liturgy and choir at 9.30am Mass on Sunday and help in the repository shop. If you can help, please contact the Parish office, or see Fr Martin after Mass.

9.30 Mass: We are looking for some adult volunteers to help supervise the children’s choir during Mass. Please see Father Martin

Easter Reception: Please keep in your prayers those who are being prepared to be received into the Church at Easter

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. Everyone welcome.

Private Prayer and Adoration: Every Thursday after the 9.15am Mass until 12 noon. Please note: Thursday 7th April – Adoration will be until 11am due to a funeral at 12 noon.

The Hornchurch Passion Play: On the 15th, 16th and 17th April at 7.30pm on the green by Queens Theatre, Hornchurch. A recreation of the Passion of our Lord. It will be a wonderful way to prepare for Holy week and to support the wider Christian Community in our local area.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation.

Any donations are very gratefully received.

Please remember in your prayers John Kielthy RIP, Roger Kidd RIP, Tom Carpinter RIP and Rita Ryan RIP who have died recently. Please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and those in hospital in your prayers. If anyone is seriously ill and needs the priest, please ring the Presbytery.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish at home and in hospital, especially:

Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Ruth Carroll, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Victor Guy, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, John Loftus, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Picton, Phil & Tony Reed, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Elaine Sullivan, Paddy Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.

Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace,
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us
To love our neighbour as ourselves,
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine,
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world,
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –
Peace that will transform,
Peace that will heal,
Peace that will last,
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ,
The Prince of Peace,
Amen.

Mass Intentions:

Saturday	26 th March	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Teresa Woods RIP / Martin Bray Int / Frank Seaman Int
Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	27 th March	8.00am	Rita Kyrou RIP / Alyson Foley RIP / Patrick Brennan RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Eamon Commins RIP / Chris Murphy RIP
Monday	28 th March	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Kathleen Neiland RIP
Tuesday	29 th March	9.15am	Rev Bro Benignus CP RIP / Charles Ginty RIP
Wednesday	30 th March	7.30pm	Teresa Woods RIP / Peggy Coats RIP / Angela Bush Int
Thursday	31 st March	9.15am	Rita Kyrou RIP / John Annunziata RIP / Kay McEvoy Int
		9.45–12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	1 st April	8.15am	Katharine Hardwick RIP / Mr & Mrs Oganwu Int
		7pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
		7.30pm	Nora Ding RIP / Mr. McSweeney RIP
Saturday	2 nd April	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	All Parishioners
Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	3 rd April	8.00am	Nora Maguire RIP / John Irwin RIP
		9.30am	Jim Shanahan RIP / Andrew Shanahan RIP
		11.30am	Jack Louro RIP / Sam Farrugia RIP

Hospital: If you are going in to hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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