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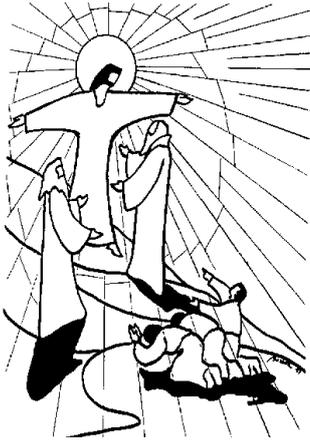
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2nd Sunday in Lent Year B 28th February 2021

Trust in the Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity – if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him.

In the **First Reading** we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son. Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined.

The **Psalmist** gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted. Like him, we can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading**, echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, St Paul challenges us to recall the enormity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son. With Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him and not speak of the wonder of what they have witnessed on the mountain top.

This week we pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we too might walk in his presence.

Rosary Streamed Thursday 7.30pm: We will be streaming the rosary from St. Mary's on Thursdays at 7.30pm. It will be a wonderful way to be united, asking through the intercession of Our Lady for God's help during this difficult time. There are two ways you can join:

- A) Through the Parish website, St. Mary Mother of God and follow the link
- B) Go to Youtube and search for St. Mary Mother of God Parish Hornchurch

You will find prayers we use for the rosary on our Parish website.

Lenten Morning of Prayer in the Church: On Friday 12th March the morning of prayer begins at 10.00am with Stations of the Cross followed by mass and then adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for confession. Please come and join us!

Vaccines against COVID-19: The Bishops of England & Wales are encouraging all to take up the offer of the vaccine when it is offered. Pope Francis will receive his vaccine this week. He said that ethically, getting a vaccine against the virus should be a duty for everyone *"It is an ethical option because you risk your health, your life, but you also risk the lives of others...it is something one must do"*.

Mass Bookings: Please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, to book for the weekend masses. If you wish to book by telephone, please try to call during office opening times (Mon, Thurs & Fri mornings) and please do not call after 7.00pm if possible. Please do not call on a Wednesday.

Fr Martin needs your help with a number of jobs in the sacristy to prepare for masses. If you are able to offer help, please speak to Fr Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Way of the Cross online: <https://youtu.be/1dx2YR9tE9o>

Food Bank Collection: The SVP can now recommence the foodbank collection and the basket will be in the porch for your donations. Thank you again for your support.

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 Bridget Kofkin, Brigid Margrie, Andrew Shanahan, Rita Thompson & Doris Adebola Adeyinka who 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.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

LEARNING FROM COVID: Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording subsequently on the same website.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Angelina Busch, Grant Cambridge, Arturo Garzon, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Ava McMahan, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, 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.**

Memorae

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 the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of 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.



Do you want to fast this Lent?
WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	27 th Feb	6.30pm	Kay Watson RIP / Beryl Rayah RIP
Sunday	28 th Feb	8.00am	Marion Barrett RIP
Second Sunday of Lent		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Bridget & John Reilly & Grandchildren RIP
Monday	1 st March	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP
St. David		FUNERAL	Brigid Magrie RIP
Tuesday	2 nd March	9.15am	Mary Lenehan RIP / Jim O'Connell RIP
Wednesday	3 rd March	7.30pm	Irene & John Murphy RIP / Mary Harries RIP
Thursday	4 th March	FUNERAL	Bridget Kofkin RIP <i>(Invitation Only)</i>
		11.00-1.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		7.30pm	Rosary – Streamed (details above)
Friday	5 th March	<i>Private Mass</i>	Lenehan Family RIP / Mr & Mrs Smeaton RIP
Saturday	6 th March	6.30pm	Marie & Tim Browne & Family Int / Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Sunday	7 th March	8.00am	Dennis & Bridget O'Connell RIP / Frank McDonagh RIP
Third Sunday of Lent		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	SVP Intentions

Daily Prayer

The Bishops of England & Wales have asked us to pray each evening at 6.00pm for an end to this pandemic. Therefore I encourage you to come together as a family or individually so that we can be united in our prayer to the Lord.

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Please note the location of the fire exits