

**Congratulations** to Stacey, Jeremy & Francesca who celebrated the Rite of Election on Saturday at Westminster Cathedral with Cardinal Vincent. They are now official candidates for the Easter Sacraments. Stacey & Jeremy will be baptised, confirmed & receive their first Eucharist & Francesca will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them.

**Prayer Workshop** is on hold until Sr. John is up and active again.

**The Liturgy of the Word** for young children resumes next Sunday at 10.00am Mass.

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism:** If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am

**Holy Trinity Cine Club:** for children in **Year 7 to Year 9, and Year 10 to 12** on a Friday evening once a month. Quality 'surprise' movie followed by discussion and pizza. All are welcome, suggested donation of £5 towards running costs. Contact [cineclubbg@gmail.com](mailto:cineclubbg@gmail.com). See poster in the church porch.

**Monthly devotion on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm.** The first hour will be dedicated to "St Joseph" followed by The Stations of the Cross and concluded by 30 minutes of Silent Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

**Mary's Meals** wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash, to feed hungry children in the 18 countries in which it works. You will find envelopes at the back of the church. Please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins, notes and UK coins/notes that are not legal tender into it. Then bring your envelope back into church on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, or return it any time from now on through the secure presbytery letterbox. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.

**Please pray for the sick especially:** Michael Cunningham, Alson Beinhorn, Andrew Wingfield, Breeda Moloney, Denise Warriner, Jack Hollis and family, Philip Chiang, Gregory Gilmartin, Phoebe Daniela, Denis Quilligan, Christina Philbin, Breeda Cleary, Nicholas Tilbury, Ann McNally, Bob Smith, Kizi Kamasho, Michael McGlynn, Carol Burnett, Michel Gastrein, Sebastian Pereira, Oliver Hurrell, Billie Clinton, Fr Nigel, James Downes, Jenny Majumdar, Susan Gent, Frances Brady, Peter Dewar, Mae Higgins, Linda Pick, Sue Pachoa, Eulalia Morales, Raymond Gibbs and Eddie Hughes.  
**We commend to God those who died recently:** Michael Moore, Mary Cotter, Mary Anna John, **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Bridget and Martin Beatty and Mary Kennedy.

**Funeral of Mary Cotter:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

**Funeral of Mary Anna John:** 27<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm. May she rest in peace.

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## First Sunday of Lent 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Today's Readings p. 266-270

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



### Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

#### Times of Mass and Devotions for the week beginning Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 24

<b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

<b>Monday</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration until 7.00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary 7.00pm Lent Talk in Church
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	6.00pm Mass 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
<b>Friday</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30am Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Lent feria</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

**This Weekend:** Collection of Non-Perishable Foodstuffs for the Hammersmith & Fulham Foodbank Bring with you to Mass and leave in the porch. Latest time – by 6.30 pm Sunday, as the foodbank collects our gifts early Monday morning, Specially needed are long life milk and long life juice. The need for help from the foodbank is ever-increasing, so we will try to increase our support!

**Lent Talk in the Church** this Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm – by Fr Anthony Doe (Allen Hall Seminary.) On 'The Transfiguration, the Woman at the Well and The Man Born Blind.'

**Our Parish Course on Marriage, Faith and Family Life** continues in the Parish Centre every Thursday at 8.30 pm until 21st March. Please speak with Father Juan or contact the parish office for more information.

**Friday this week is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day.** The idea is to make an act of self-denial, and to give the money saved to CAFOD for their work in developing countries. There will be a collection for CAFOD at the end of the Masses next weekend. If you take and use one of the CAFOD envelopes, you can gift aid your donation.

### Our Lent Journey 2024

#### 'To Jerusalem with Jesus'

- Copies of 'Walk with Me' on sale at £1, with a daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer – this time on the theme of the Lord's Prayer. This will help us to keep Lent prayerfully, and to prepare for the 2025 Holy Year of Jubilee.
- Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 6.30 pm, Fridays at 9.30 am.
- Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays, 6.30 – 7.00 pm.
- Lent Talks in church on Tuesdays 20th February and 12th March at 7.00 pm.

**HCPT – runs an Easter holiday in Lourdes for children with special needs.** Our parishioner Karen Townsend is a helper this year. Helpers volunteer their time and pay their own fare. Help Karen's fundraising in Lent so that we can assist in raising the £1050 for another special needs child to go. HCPT is also asking if we know of other children with special needs who might benefit from a week in Lourdes, whose families might also need some respite.

**Justice and Peace.** Toulou Akerele is our new Parish Justice and Peace Contact with the Diocese. We would like to start setting up a J & P Group in the parish – and to get things going in Lent. Let us know you would like to be part of this so we can update you.

#### Bible Reflection

##### 'You are dust and to dust you shall return.'

These bold words from the book of Genesis were addressed to us while receiving the ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday this year. But the full verse from which they were taken reads:

'You shall eat the bread with the sweat of your brow until you return to the soil, because you were taken from it. For you are dust and unto dust you shall return.' (Genesis 3:19.)

Apart from the appalling truth about human frailty expressed by these words, this sentence also marks out the direction for us to follow for the whole of the Lenten journey. The 'sweat of our brow,' i.e., our labours and sacrifices, our abstinence, are not a Curse (a means for destruction,) but a Blessing (a means for Salvation,) which promises us to 'eat the bread,' to be satisfied, to live a Happy Life in which we do not to feel hungry all the time.

Much of our spiritual health depends on the physical activity we undertake because of love. He who does not offer his/her body for the love of God and of neighbour, with its consequent labours, usually undergoes more meaningless and more destructive pains caused by loneliness and distress.

Since the Lord has loved us first, since he has given himself up for us first and has sweated first, then let us fast, let us give alms and let us pray, with our bodies, so that this 'our sweat' may gain for us and others the 'daily bread' of some concrete and evident manifestations of charity.

Fr Juan