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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm (**ONLINE ONLY**) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:00pm
(ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE)

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10am Mass; 6pm and at call.

ROSARY: 11.30am (Monday—Saturday)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: B

28TH FEBRUARY 2021



Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First reading Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took

the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 115(116):10,15-19

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Second reading Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud
the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse us of our faults
and sanctify your faithful in body and mind
for the celebration of the paschal festivities.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,
for allowing us while still on earth
to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

IN CASE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If any
Catholic you know is taken to the hospital, please
let us have their details so we can link them up
with Catholic chaplains in the hospitals for proper
spiritual care.

Pray for those who have died recently: Fr Paul
Sanders, Deacon William Errol Boyd, Patrick
Ryan, Jamie Bailey, Rosaleen Nash, Monica Hayes-
Meek, Geraldine Garbutt, John Cunningham,
Charles Keith Amosingh, Rebecca Berry, Christi-
ane Saide, Valerie Andrews, Frederick Ducass,
Albert Henser, Maria Alba Fernandes, Danny Se-
quiera, Carolina D'Almeida, Rita Margaret D'Cruz
and Michael Lavery. May they rest in peace,
Amen.

BOOKING OF MASSES

Do you want to have Holy Mass(es) offered for
your intention(s), for the sick or deceased, or
thanksgiving to God for favours received? If you
are not restricted from going out, write your in-
tention(s), enclose it in an envelope with your of-
fering and drop it in the Parish House letter box. If
you are making an offering by cheque, make it pay-
able to St Mary's Catholic Church. You may also
send your intention to the parish email address:
croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk and make your dona-
tion online via the parish app or directly to the
parish account:

Bank: NatWest

Account Name: St Mary's West Croydon

Account Number: 36004219

Sort code: 605001

COVID-19 ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE

- Wash your hands regularly with soap.
- Use a face covering (mask) in enclosed spaces.
- Observe social distancing when in public.
- Do not socialize in church with anyone outside of your household.
- Follow the guidance provided in church as pointed out by stewards.
- If you feel sick, do not come to church; seek medical advice.

- Be careful; keep safe and keep others safe because you love them.
- **VACCINATION:** We urge parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the vaccination when made available to them.
- Pray your Rosary daily!

REFLECTION

Somewhere near the middle of the journey narrative, the synoptic writers made Jesus stop awhile to ask his disciples what opinions of him were in the minds of the people. You recall that they mentioned Elijah, John the Baptist or one of the prophets of old (may be a sure reference to Moses)? But on that occasion, Simon Ben Jonah had answered proclaiming Jesus the Christ of God. Jesus had praised Simon and renamed him Cephas, only for Cephas (Peter) to turn around, after hearing the first prediction of the passion and death of Jesus, and tried to stop Jesus from accomplishing the Father's will. Jesus called him Satan on that occasion and asked him to get behind and follow him. The transfiguration event has a very strong link with this reported event and the fulfilment of the prediction of the passion and death of Jesus. This is about choosing between the mountain of shame and the mountain of glory. No one would willingly wish the dull, clouded, tragic scene of Calvary over the ecstatic, glorious and flamboyant picturesque of the Transfiguration. Little wonder Peter quickly interjected the divine discussion between the three heavenly figures and suggested they pitch a dwelling on that mountain forever. He surely was still bent on advising Jesus not to go to the shame and ignominy of the cross. Who wouldn't? Here, God is on the mountain of glory! Elijah and Moses are here! Glory and splendour surround us here! On Calvary, the mountain of shame, the air is going to be thick with sorrow, shame, suffering and death. God will refuse to speak as he did on the mountain of glory, making his Son to cry out: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me! For companionship, it would be the company of brigands and thieves. Instead of God speaking, it would be Satan speaking through all those who spoke and repeated the exact words of the temptation: 'If you are the Son of God.'

SCHEDULE OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

MASSES:

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00am; 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm; 3:00pm & 6:00pm

Monday to Friday: Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm (Online) & 6:45pm **ROSARY:** 11:30am daily

EXPOSITION: (Online)Weekday: 12:45pm to 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:40 to 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 5:30pm

But in spite of the darkness of the Calvary episode, it is the way through which God has chosen to save us through his Son's paschal mystery. The world still plays the music of Satan for everyone who cares to dance, telling people they can pick and choose what they want to believe, and follow only the easy ways to quick results and accomplishments. The world would tell people, for example, that the Church is too hard on them and that they can follow a much easier option that go contrary to the way of the cross. Remember, 'no cross, no crown' and that 'nothing good comes easy.' Let us make the effort to follow on the path the Christ of God has trod for only that hard and tortuous way can help us attain a glorious Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS holds every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Second collection for CAFOD NEXT weekend. Either donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes, or you can also easily give by texting LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

AID FOR A FRUITFUL LENT: Archbishop John Wilson and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home.

Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week.

There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar.

If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on

<http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme>

where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

OUR FOODBANK PROJECT: As we fast during this Lent, let us make a difference in our community by donating the following urgently needed food items: **Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned fish, Tinned Meat, UHT Milk, Corned Beef, Sweet Corn**

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY: For our candidates every Friday, 6:15pm to 8pm facilitated by Fr. Peter Sebastian. Please pray along with candidates and their parents as they make the journey.