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1st Sunday of Lent

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Sunday Reflection: – On Ash Wednesday we started our Lenten journey. It is a penitential journey taking six weeks to prepare for the great feast of Easter. “Lent” is an old Anglo-Saxon word for ‘springtime’. Longer days bring more light. We rejoice that winter, though severe, is passing and we look forward with hope to the great season of spring. This is nature’s time for growth. So Lent is the springtime for our interior Christian life when we nurture and refresh the life given to us at Baptism. For some it is the time to prepare for adult Baptism at Easter. We are all invited to focus our preparations on **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. Concentrate on the Essentials. Deeper prayer puts us in touch with God; extra fasting will develop our self-control and self-discipline and strengthen our will-power; generous Almsgiving will invite us to think of our needy brothers and sisters and reach out in love to share our resources with them. Getting to our destination is a struggle which is highlighted in the story of the temptations suffered by Jesus during his forty days in the wilderness. There Jesus was confronted by Satan, the Evil One. Jesus brings us to the truth of our fragility and weakness and brings us face to face with the allurements of evil, enticing us away from what is good. But Jesus has the strength to overcome and conquer the temptations before him. In Jesus we too will find the strength to overcome evil and make choices for God’s kingdom.

Feast of Seven Holy Founders – This Feast is on Wednesday 17th February. Masses will be as normal 10am & 6.30pm. We hope that many parishioners can join the community and the Servite family at the 6.30pm Mass, our Provincial, Fr Colm, will preside. Our Founders were seven merchant noblemen who came together in 1233 in war-torn Florence to search for God. Drawn together by Friendship and devotion to Mary, they committed themselves to community life, common prayer and charitable work amongst the sick and poor. Inspired by Mary’s service of the Lord, they called themselves “Servants of Mary”. The Servite Friars of the Fulham Road Community today continue to live out their inspiration and charism. Though it is Lent, Happy Feast Day to all our extended family.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – This is on Friday next 19th February. What we save by our fasting on Friday we can bring in our offering to the 2nd collection next Sunday 21/02/2016. Our Parish Agents, Trusha and Camilla will make the Appeal this weekend on behalf of CAFOD. We trust you will respond generously on Sunday. Please take a CAFOD Envelope today and return your offering next Sunday in it.

RCIA: Rite of Sending/Election – This Saturday, we celebrate the Rite of Signing and sending Forth, formally affirming the readiness of our catechumens to be named by our Archbishop as members of the Elect- those chosen by God for baptism – and to pray for our candidates’ continued growth in the Spirit. On Sunday we will journey to the Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election (of the catechumens – those preparing for baptism) and the call to continuing conversion (of the candidates – those who are baptised but have not celebrated the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist) with Cardinal Vincent.

“The Way of Mercy” – Do visit our Westminster Cathedral during Lent. Enter by the Holy Door and do the 10 stations of the Way of Mercy and receive the indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Lent Talks – Faith Matters 2016: “Justice Or Revenge?” “Mercy in the Old Testament” Fr. Bruno Clifton OP, **Tues 16th Feb**, 7- 8pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN

Thurs 25th Feb 2016 – “Peter: Model of Reconciled Disciple” by Brian Purfield, Vaughan Hse.

“Lift up your Hearts” – This booklet is produced for faith sharing in groups, and for individual reflection, on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and is ideal during Lent. Copies are for sale in the Repository (£2 per copy). Ideal for Prayer Groups and ‘Lectio’ sessions. Lent can be a time for exploring and receive God’s gift of Mercy.

Getting Married Soon? – We remind all desiring to celebrate the Sacrament Marriage that ‘Six months’ notice is required for the completion of preparations and formalities. Those intending to marry abroad should note this in particular.

Westminster Year Book 2016 – Copies can be purchased at the Repository.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass Sat 6.30 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

10 am

(Spanish) 11.15 am

12.15 pm

7 pm

Mon - Sat 10 am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am

6.00 – 6.30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15 am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm. Tel: 0207 352 6965
Contact cdewinton@gmail.com

Lectio Divina – Every Saturday at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Charismatic Prayer Group – Every Thursday 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Wed 17th – Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

Fri 19th – Bl. Elizabeth of Mantua

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,619 and the Second collection for “The Restoration Trust” was £380. Thank you for your support & generosity.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 27th Feb @ Holy Apostles, Winchester St. London SW1