

## **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

> 12.15pm 7pm

Mon - Sat 10am

6.30pm

#### Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm (Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

#### Sacrament of Confession

6.15 - 6.30pm Mon - Fri 10.45 - 11.15am Saturday 6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Mon-Fri 10.30am - 11.15am

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

Legion of Mary: Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: ... Thursdays at 11am in the Founders' Room.

### Saints Days

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Family Fast Day

A Day with Mary - On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at St. Augustine's Church, Fulham Palace Rd, Hammersmith

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1st Sunday of Lent (Year C) 10th March 2019

**Sunday Reflection** - 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 allurement 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.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** – Our Parish CAFOD representatives will speak to us at the Notice time at all Masses this weekend, 9th and 10th March on our need to support the Family Fast on Friday 15th March. This year our offerings from our Fast will help communities in Bangladesh to feed themselves and we shall bring our offerings in the envelope provided for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on Sunday next 17<sup>th</sup> March. Do Fast and be generous to those in real need.

RCIA - Our Catechumens and Candidates from the Parish attended the Liturgy of Election at Westminster Cathedral yesterday, Saturday 9th March at 3pm. Together with Candidates from a number of other Deaneries which included our Deanery of Kensington and Chelsea. This was a very beautiful and moving Liturgy and most encouraging to see so many people desiring full membership of our Catholic Church, bearing in mind that another Liturgy takes place today, Sunday 10th March which will also fill our Cathedral. Let us pray for all these good people and do all we can to support and encourage them on their journey of faith.

Parish Council - Our Parish Council had a meeting on Thursday night 7th March at 7.30pm. As "we go to Press" we hope on this occasion that it was well attended and beneficial to the Community life of our Parish. A report will follow. D.V.

First Holy Communion - 11th Session will be on Sunday 10th March at 9am.

Confirmation Programme: 1st Session will be on Sunday 10th March from 5.30pm to 7pm. The 7pm Mass follows.

St. Patrick's Celebration - St. Patrick's Day, like our Seven Holy Founders Day, this year falls on a Sunday, 17th March but St. Patrick's Day is also in Lent. We are going to have a mini celebration in the Parish for St. Patrick on Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm in our Small Hall. Tickets £5 from Parish Office. Parishioners are invited to gather after the Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th to rejoice and pray together in honour of St. Patrick.