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2nd Sunday of Lent

(Year C)

21st February 2016

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

Mon 22nd – The Chair of Peter
Tues 23rd – St Polycarp,
Bishop & Martyr

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,374 and the
Second collection for "The
Restoration Trust" was £369.
Thank you for your support &
generosity.

No Flowers – In keeping with
the Penitential nature of Lent,
there are no flowers in Church
during Lent. Music is reduced to
an essential minimum and we all
fast from "Alleluias". Just a few
of the things we "give up" for
Lent!

Sunday Reflection: – Jesus could foresee what lay ahead of him as he journeyed towards Jerusalem. His disciples had just received from his own lips the first prediction of his passion and death, and they had also been told that they would have to take up their cross and follow the way of Jesus. The future looked bleak and they were discouraged. Jesus went to the mountain to pray. He took along Peter, James and John for support. Wrapped in prayer the aspect changed and they saw things in a different light, and they got deeper insight into the identity of Jesus. He is no religious freak. He is greater even than Moses or Elijah who appear at the scene. The disciples, as usual are all too human and fall into a deep sleep. They awake to discover they are in the midst of a mighty revelatory event. Practical Peter suggests marking the occasion and spot with a building! As ever, a voice from heaven was to clarify beyond doubt the identity of Jesus: "This is my Son, the Chosen One Listen to him". Jesus is radiant. Someone calls him by name and he knows he is held in the grasp of the Father's love. With God on our side we can face anything, even suffering and death. Knowing he is the Chosen One transfigures Jesus, and empowers him to continue the journey that will carry him all the way to Calvary. Throughout his life and ministry Jesus transfigured the lives of many as he healed them and assured them of the Father's love, and called their name in love. We all get closer to our true self when we know we are the chosen ones and the beloved of the Father.

As Jesus was transfigured and radiant on knowing he was the beloved of the Father, so we too can transfigure others by the power of God's love in us reaching out to them. To do that just "Listen to him".

CAFOD Family Fast Day – This was on Friday 19th February. What we save by our fasting last Friday we can bring in our offering to the 2nd collection today, Sunday 21/02/2016. We trust you will respond generously. Put the CAFOD envelope in the 2nd collection today and return your offering.

"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. Also receive the Sacrament of Mercy in Confession. Lent is an ideal time for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lent Talks – Faith Matters 2016: "Jesus the Jubilee: The Mercy of God" in Luke's Gospel Fr. David Rocks OP 23rd February, 7- 8pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN

Lenten Alms Appeal – This year our Lenten Alms Appeal will be in support of Caritas Westminster, the official outreach arm of the Archdiocese. Please take a leaflet in the colonnade today as you leave outlining Caritas' good work with the poor and marginalized throughout London.

Vocation Discernment Group – For Adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 26th February 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Christopher Jamison, OSB, Director of the National office for Vocation on "Called and Consecrated by Christ". For more information contact Fr. Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

Handel's Messiah at the Cadogan Hall – Ealing Choral Society will give a performance of Handel's Messiah, it explores the coming of the Messiah, Christ's Passion, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. This is on Sunday 13th March 2016 at 6.30pm.

How to Receive Holy Communion – Always approach and Receive Holy Communion reverently. We may receive either "on the tongue" or "in the hand". If you receive on the tongue, please put out your tongue so that the sacred host can be securely placed on it as you take the host into your mouth. If you choose to receive in the hand, place one hand on top of the other to make "a throne for the Lord" in order to receive the Lord's Body. Put the Host in your mouth immediately and consume the Sacred Host before leaving the presence of the minister. Do not walk away from the Altar with the Host in your hand. Consume the Host before you leave the Altar. If you wish to receive from the chalice, then proceed to the minister and receive from the Chalice. Intinction (ie. dipping the Host in the Chalice) is not now allowed. We ask all who come to Communion in our Church to adhere to these instructions.

First Holy Communion – Parents meeting with Mary Crowley on next Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.