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3rd Sunday of Lent

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Sunday Reflection: – By any standards Moses was a remarkable man. Left in the bulrushes by his mother, he is found by Pharaoh's daughter and reared by a nurse. Later in life he is involved in a quarrel and kills his opponent. He escaped to Midian and settles down and works as a shepherd on his father-in-law's farm. While tending sheep he has this overwhelming Experience of God's Presence in the form of the 'burning bush'. He quickly realizes that he is on 'holy ground' and removes his shoes. When we get close to God we have to remove something of the familiar! This experience is to change his whole awareness of God and his whole life. He learns that God is not a 'has-been' God, but an 'I am' God. God is a 'God of the present' and 'for the present'. He also learns that God is a 'God of people'. He wants to create, save, and liberate a people who would establish an alternative society known and acknowledged as 'God's People'. This Good News of the Old Testament is the founding experience of the Israelite people and the shaping of Moses' calling as the leader. From this People of God, Jesus would emerge, the new Moses with his law of Love. Jesus sees sin as the enemy within that has to be eradicated. Sin can eat away and eventually destroy love. Sad events happen not as punishments for sin, but evil and sin, carry within the "seeds of destruction". So Jesus underlines the necessity for Repentance amongst God's People. "... Unless you repent you will all perish as they did". Repentance is essential and an integral part of the message of Lent. As disciples of Jesus we need to produce the fruits of love as well. A fig tree's purpose is to produce figs and when it doesn't do that, it can be destroyed. However, the vineyard carer counsels patience and attentive care. Lent provides us with the opportunity to get to work on the non-productive areas of our lives, and to produce the fruits of love in God's kingdom. Self-conquest is never an end in itself for the Christian. We die to self so that Christ can live in us.

RCIA – The first Scrutiny of Adults (the Elect) preparing to be baptised and those to be received into the Catholic Church, during this Easter takes place this Sunday 28th at the 7pm Mass. Please let us continue to pray for them.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Our Church is holding a Women's World Day of Prayer service on the 4th of Mar at 11am. This year we will be praying for Women in Cuba. We will have representatives from other local churches as well as the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

St Patrick's Celebration – Will take place on Saturday 19th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Small Servite Hall. Everyone welcome! Tickets £5 and available in the Colonnade/Parish office. All proceeds will go to S.M.A.R.T.

"Rich in Mercy" A Day of Prayer and Reflection: On Saturday 12th Mar (10.30 to 4pm) at St Augustine's, Hammersmith, W6 8AU. Keynote speaker is Bishop Paul McAleenan. This event will focus especially on how we extend God's mercy to those in need in our capital city and reflect this in our worship. Reserve your place: bookings@ssg.org.uk or 0208 445 5724.

Cardinal's Mass of the Thanksgiving – For the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May at 3pm. The Archbishop invites to Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or telephone number by the 7th March 2016.

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.

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 1st – St David
Fri 4th – St Casimir
Women's World Day of Prayer

Total Offertory collection last Sunday was £1,518 and the Second collection for "CAFOD Fast Day" was £1490. Thank you for your support & generosity.~~~~~

The Oratory School: Open Morning is on Sat 12th March from 9.30am – 12.00. Register-
ebqyurues@oratory.co.uk

A Day with Mary: Sat 27th Feb, at Holy Apostles, Winchester St. London SW1

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday of Lent after the 6.30pm Mass.

HCPT – The Confirmation young people will be raising funds to send a child to Lourdes starting with an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets on sale after Mass today.