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3rd Sunday of Easter

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Sunday Reflection: – When things don't go as expected and we get afraid, we tend to revert to the safe and familiar. So after the experiences of Jerusalem, Peter and his companions return North to the Sea of Tiberias and go fishing. At least fishing is simple, comfortable, and they know what to do. But then, a night's fishing is a disaster. In desperation they take instructions from a figure on the shore, and behold they net a huge catch of fish. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter "It is the Lord". Breakfast is shared and a long personal dialogue opens up between the Risen Lord and Peter. Peter learns that 'one can leave Jerusalem, but the Lord doesn't leave him'. He cannot get away from three years of discipleship, the Upper Room, the Last Supper, the Arrest, the Charcoal Fire, the Denials, the empty Tomb the women's testimony. Peter is being called 'from error to truth, from death to Resurrection'. He has to come to terms with the fact that Jesus has not written him off because of his past sins. We see Jesus giving Peter a second chance. Our society claims to be very tolerant, but in spite of our apparent tolerance, we are reluctant to give people a second chance. Once someone makes a mistake, the chorus of calls for resignation increases. People are often defined by their past errors. They leave by the back door and there is rarely a re-entry. Peter denied knowing Jesus and being his disciple. Jesus appears to him at Tiberias and at another charcoal fire asks him, "Peter, do you love me?" three times, to counteract the three denials of Peter. Peter's affirmation of love is enough for Jesus to commission him "to feed" and "care for" his flock. Peter sees that the best atonement for his sin is to love more sincerely. He learned from personal experience that "Love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Peter learned that he was loved by Jesus, and that for him was a resurrection experienced. He was not condemned by his past failure. Peter was not only forgiven, he was reinstated as leader of the disciples of Jesus. Jesus enabled Peter to rediscover his true potential. He was a new man. The same can happen to us, when we allow Jesus to enter our lives.

Easter Gratitude – The Servite Friars unite in wishing to thank you most sincerely for your very generous Easter offerings. Thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes to the community. Be assured of our prayers. It was a great celebration of the New Life of Easter.

Confirmation – Mizens' Talk – The Mizens' will be speaking from their own experience to our Confirmation Candidates on Thursday, 14th April at 7pm on "Hurt & Forgiveness". We invite the parents, families and parishioners to come along.

Priest Training Fund – The special Diocesan Collection be held next weekend 16/17th April. This helps to support sick and retired Clergy. Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Familias Friends' Event 2016 – Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse on 16th May 10am - 3pm at The Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR. Booking: Phil Pond T: 0208 651 2477. E: philippond@blueyonder.co.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place on Saturday 9th July. A 51 seater coach has been booked for our Deanery and Fr. Vincent will lead this group on behalf of the Deanery. Full details will be given later but for now if you are interested in coming please add your name to the list in the colonnade. Price will be £20. You bring your own lunch. Coach will leave at 7.15am (approx).

Permanent Deacon Come and See – Men wanting to know more about the Permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting from 10am to 12 at Ealing Abbey on Sat 16th April. Wives welcome. Contact Adrian Cullen 07961 594725.

St Edmund's College & Prep School – Open mornings on Fri 22nd & Fri 29th April 2016 in Ware, Hertfordshire. For interested parents contact 01920 824224.

Cardinal's Mass of 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 as soon as possible.

Servite School – Will return from Easter break on tomorrow Monday 11th April 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 11th – St Stanislaus
Wed 13th – St Martin

Total Offertory collection last
Sunday was £1,148. Thank you
for your support & generosity.

Gift Aid and Planned Giving

Boxes for New tax year are still to
be collected from the Church
Office!

Day with Mary – On Saturday
23rd April at Church of Mary,
Mother of God, Nags Head Rd,
Ponders End.