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5th Sunday of Lent
26th March 2023

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March for victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Sun 26th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	J Monahan R.I.P. S Sankar R.I.P. People of the Parish P & K Howley R.I.P.; N O'Connor R.I.P. A Mangan R.I.P.	
Mon 27th	Lent Feria	P D Dias R.I.P.; M Lopes Int	
Tues 28th	Lent Feria	Fr Sylvester R.I.P.; & Rosario & Adriana R.I.P.	Lenten Service of Reconciliation 7 p.m.
Wed 29th	Lent Feria	7 p.m. M Carney R.I.P.; R Donnellan R.I.P.; J & T Kennedy R.I.P.	Confirmation after evening Mass
Thurs 30th	Lent Feria	E McGovern R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 31st	Lent Feria	Sick & Housebound of Parish	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. First Friday Devotions
Sat 1st	Lent Feria	M Hennessy R.I.P. <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m.

- **Mass Books: Order of the Mass: Page 7 – 5th Sunday of Lent : Prayers and Readings of the day: Page 1170**

A Human Heart

When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weeping over a friend.

His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint! He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit.

When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own.

So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.

Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them.

Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.

- **This Sunday** called **Passion Sunday**, all the images and Cross will be covered in our Church following an ancient tradition that Jesus hid himself from public places after the Gospel story of today. They will remain covered until the Easter Vigil. The Cross will be uncovered on Good Friday.
- **Next weekend** we begin **Holy Week** with the celebration of **Palm Sunday**. Please collect a card with all the services for the Holy Week and Easter. Do take one so that you know the times and the celebrations that we will have here at English Martyrs.

- **New Planned Giving Envelopes:** For those who use the weekly envelope scheme to donate to the church - your new box has arrived and are available this week. Your box number remains the same. If you would like to join the envelope scheme or if you prefer to donate by standing order, please let us have your details. Standing Order forms are also available.
- **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, you can add an extra 25p to every £1 that you give – at no cost to yourself with Gift Aid. All you have to do is fill in a form (giving your name, address and the date) and sign a declaration saying you pay more tax than the amount that we will reclaim.

- **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Visit website to make a donation. www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
 Body of Christ, save us.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
 O Good Jesus, hear us.
 Within Thy wounds hide us.
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend us.
 In the hour of our death call us.
 And bid us come unto Thee,
 That with all Thy saints,
 we may praise thee
 Forever and ever. AMEN

- **EASTER OFFERINGS ENVELOPES** are available in the porch. The Easter and Christmas goes towards Clergy salaries.

Date for your Diary:

- **Lenten Service of Reconciliation** is this Tuesday, 28th March at 7 p.m. Visiting priests available for confession.

Parish Finances:

Offertory: Envelopes £666

Loose Plate £859

Contactless £136

Building Fund; £25

Thank you for your continued support.

- **Daylight Saving Reminder-** Please remember that on Saturday 26th March at 1:00am the clocks go forward 1 hour to mark the beginning of British Summer time.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. The foodbank operates to offer support to all families in need within the parish. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 84503631 or speak to Fr Albert or Mary.
- **A big thank you to parishioners who continue to support foodbank.**