

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

28TH FEBRUARY— 6TH MARCH , 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year B | Ferial Cycle 1 | Psalter Week 2

IMITATING THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

Lent is the season to strip away all that has gotten in the way of having God as the centre of our lives. In today's Gospel passage of the Transfiguration of Jesus, the apostles Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of the Savior's true glory. The Gospel passage is a reminder that the glory of the Lord is found not on a mountain-top but in the total sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The disciples would only understand the transfiguration once they experienced Good Friday.

In words of St. Paul "For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed in us" (Rom 8:18). Eye has not seen nor heard, neither has it entered into the heart of men those things that God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Cor 2:9). Whatever small or great hardship or suffering we endure for Christ is nothing compared to what awaits us, if we make an effort to be faithful each day, especially these days of Lent.

We have many challenges in our lives. Whatever the challenge, individual or community, if we take it up and put our trust in God to help us, God will provide. If God is with us, what could possibly keep us from our deepest desire, the desire to be happy with him forever. "Nothing," St. Paul says, "can keep us from the love of God. Neither persecution nor pain nor suffering nor chemical dependency nor psychological conditions nor even difficult relatives can destroy his presence in us."

We do not have the answers for all the problems of the world and of our lives. We do not even know all the right questions. We are called upon simply to trust. We are called upon to trust in God and to have faith. We know that God is with us and that he will transform our lives. He has always provided for us and he always will as long as we have faith in him. Lent is a journey of faith. We are called today to trust in the Lord in our deepest struggles. We are called to trust in him when we need him the most. Maybe the real mountain we have to climb, is the mountain of faith. We do not climb this mountain alone. The one gift of the Lord that is never denied is the gift of faith.

The Church has given us this passage to think about here in the second week of Lent. Lent can seem like a sad or difficult time of year, especially if we are trying to reform ourselves as we should be. This Gospel reminds us that the season of Lent is just a prelude to something greater, and that the difficulties we might experience now are nothing compared to the happiness that is coming. The facts that Christ rose from the dead and that we will also rise from the dead truly stagger the mind.

Faith demands that we take that journey from sacrifice to glory. It demands that we separate ourselves from our own selfish desires in order to give to others. This is the path to glory for a Christian. Faith is not just something we profess. Faith is a life that we lead. It is a journey. Sometimes that journey is difficult. Sometimes the journey of faith demands that we turn from our own wants and desires. Faith is a journey of sacrificial love.

READINGS

FIRST READING

GENESIS 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 115(116):10,15-19

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:31-34

GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-10

LEARN

"For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son", in whom the Father is "well pleased"; God tells us to listen to him. The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me""

MARK 9:7 / CCC 151



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 28TH FEB

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00 PM

FRANCES MERRIFIELD
VIRGINIA LAKE, RIP

10.00 AM

THERESA OSIBAMOWO, RIP. ROBERT ESANGBEDO, RIP

12.00 NOON

BEATRICE BROBBEY, RIP. OULAI MESSE PAUL ANGELE, RIP
SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF MAGDALENE ONOCHIE,
ABDULHAKEEM, ISIAKU & KAMILA. FELICIA MORDI RIP, ONE
YEAR IN MIND. UCM CAMBERWELL BRANCH PRAYING FOR
ETERNAL REPOSE OF THEIR NATIONAL PRESIDENT MARY BURT.
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH,

6.00 PM

MONDAY 1ST MARCH

ST. DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

TUESDAY 2ND MARCH

FERIA

9.00AM

MAGDALENE PEMKAMLA, BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

12.00 NOON

FUNERAL MASS FOR BASIL PEREIRA

7.00PM

WED 3RD MARCH

FERIA

9.00AM

MARY GUINEA, WINNIE PEPPE, RIP

7.00PM

THURS 4TH MARCH

FERIA

9.00AM

7.00PM

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

FERIA

9.00AM

MIKE OGUNU, RIP

7.00PM

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SAT 6TH MARCH

FERIA

10.00AM

ROBERT ESANGBEDO, RIP. JOHN OKPALOAFE, RIP

6.00PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me

FIRST READINGS

GENESIS 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 115(116):10,15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living .

**1 I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.**

**2 Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.**

**3 My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus?

No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes and offering bags at the entrance and exit doors for our offering.
Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:
camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk.

RCIA

RCIA class will be held on Thursday 4th of March at 7.30 pm. All classes will be done via Zoom. The details will be provided before each class.

MASS BOOKINGS

We have Mass spaces for this week.
Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass on any of the free days.

St. JOSEPH'S CAMBERWELL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS **FEDERATION.**

Reception places available for September 2021.
please call : 02077039264 for more information.

LENTEN SEASON

Stations of the Cross is every Friday after the 7.00pm Mass. Everyone is encouraged to be part of this spiritual activity, as it will help us make our Lenten season truly special and grace filled.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass of late Mr. Vincent Francis will take place here on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 12.00pm followed by burial at Lambert Cemetery at 2.00pm. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 5th March is our First Friday Adoration from 12noon to 7pm. Parishioners are encouraged to pass by the Church and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are also reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5 to 6pm followed by Mass.

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass of late Basil Pereira, will take place here on Tuesday 2nd March at 12noon followed by Cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium at 1.45pm. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Betty and her entire family at this sad time. May God rest his gentle soul in peace. Amen

MISSION APPEAL 2021

As announced last week, we shall have a second collection this weekend to support the missionary society of St. Columban Mission Appeal. The boxes for the second collection are clearly marked in support of their work. As you come forward for Holy Communion, kindly drop your collection in front of the Sanctuary. Those who collected envelopes can drop them in the boxes provided. Thank you for your generosity.

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

PILGRIMAGE 2021

Our postponed pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loretto of 2020 is now been advertised for October half term 2021.

After a long struggle with Covid we now hope October will be a safe time to have this pilgrimage in thanksgiving to God for His protection and in thanksgiving to our blessed Mother Mary for her maternal intercession throughout this difficult time.

Full Package Price: £899.00 including flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Single Rooms: £150 / Travel Insurance £39. 3 nights accommodation at Hotel close to St. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, 1 night at Loreto - all on half board basis. 1 x 1/2 day tour with coach and local guide in Rome - 1 x 1/2 day walking tour in San Giovanni and Loreto with local guide. **Optional extras:** Vatican Museum Tour £38. St Peter's Basilica Tour £18. Full services of English-speaking courier for the duration of the tour.

Tickets to Papal Audience included.

PRICE BASED ON MIN 40 Paying Passengers.

We would like an indication of who might be interested in joining this Pilgrimage.

Do register your interest with either Fr Darlington or Gill at Tangney Tours.

Tel: 01732 886666, 0173220886666

Address: 3 Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.

May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

INTRODUCING THE CENSUS

The census is coming. By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as housing, schooling, healthcare services and transport.

The census is used to allocate resources and funding on a local and national level for the next 10 years. So, taking part is very important to make sure your needs are reflected in future policy and allocation of funding to local authorities, services, charities and community groups. The information you share will affect the life of every single person in your local community and across England and Wales.

Your information is protected by law. That means government officials or anyone else dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see it. Any data collected is anonymised and kept safe for the next 100 years.

Census Day is Sunday 21 March. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post—we also have paper forms and a wide range of support and translation services and materials available if you need help completing the form.

or more information, please visit www.census.gov.uk. If you have any questions, worries or concerns about the census, please contact your local Community Adviser (Black African Community Southwark), Yinka Adekugbe directly:

adeyinka.adekugbe98@field.census.gov.uk
or **07452918927**



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debritu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith, Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez, Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray, Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Cían Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Dedan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermentstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield, Monica White, John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh