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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors and friends who are celebrating with us.

Mass Times & Intentions this Week

SUN 13/03/2022 MASS: 9.00am Philomena Fernandes - RIP, Owen Nyasha Marariomba –RIP, Petra's Bthdy wishes & thksgvg, John Bourke (RIP) 11.00 am Okuse Adoh –Bthdy & Thksgvg , 6.30pm: People of the Parish, Jose Gloria Colaco	
MON. MASS - 9.30 am Mr & Mrs Lawrence Rodrigues (H Souls int)	TUES. No Mass (<i>Office Hours – Church is open</i>).
WED. MASS - 9.30 am Reuben Patrick Cardoso- Thksgvg & Bthdy wishes, Holy Souls int of Anthony, Maria & family.	THURS. No Mass (<i>Office Hours – Church is open</i>)
FRI. Adoration at 12.00 & MASS at 12.30pm Andrew Lourdes Pereira – RIP, Martha Mascarenhas, Lavinia Fernandes	SAT. No Mass
SUN 20/03/2022 MASS: 9.00am Philomena Eyo (RIP) Giovanni Listanti – RIP, 11.00 am Luban Lourdes Pereira - Bthdy & Thksgvg, Philomena Eyo (RIP), 6.30pm: People of the Parish, Philomena Eyo (RIP) & departed Parishioners.	

MINISTRIES:

Readers for today

9am Mass: Millie A, Anabel M
 11am Mass: M Cheturai, G Koenig 6.30pm
 Mass: Simon M, Ruby J

Next Sunday

9am Mass: Alina R, Angel D
 11am Mass: Irene D, Mariano D
 6.30pm Mass: Sheila M, Maria M

Eucharistic Ministers today

9am Mass: John McN, Sr. Carolina
 11am Mass: Jessica, Mathew
 6.30pm Mass: Jean Pierre

Next Sunday Eucharistic Ministers

9am Mass: Jim B, Natalina S
 11am Mass: Rosemary, Maiano
 6.30pm Mass:

Collection :

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LENTEN REFLECTION

In the 2nd week of Lent, we are presented with the meeting of Jesus with the representatives of the Law and the Prophets - Moses and Elijah. Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. He is transfigured in the presence of his disciples, Peter, James and John – the three disciples will be witnesses to his agony in the garden (Matthew 26:36 – 46).

In this vision of Jesus, the glory of God is manifested and the disciples having seen His glory are deeply moved, motivated, and encouraged to look beyond the sadness of the death of Jesus by crucifixion. This glorious vision was a source of hope to the disciples, that Jesus is the Saviour sent to save us.

Peter, referring to this event on the Mountain stated in his second letter: "*With our own eyes we saw his greatness. We were there when he was given honour and glory by God the Father, when the voice came to him from the Supreme Glory, saying, "This is my Son, with whom I am pleased!" We ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain (2 Peter 1: 16 – 18).*" The letter tells us about how Jesus transforms life and how living in the Spirit of Jesus produces great fruit.

As we face challenges and difficulties in life, let us be encouraged by the triumph and glory of Jesus, let us support and encourage one another, knowing Jesus is with us & for us.

THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begot ten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BIDDING PRAYERS:

Reader: 'This is my Son, my Chosen;
Response: listen to him.'

Please Pray for: the Sick and Housebound Parishioners.

Those who died recently and all departed parishioners - RIP.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River. **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown. **The word of the Lord**

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

CHURCH NOTICES:

CAFOD FAST DAY: 2ND Collection today in support of CAFOD.

Farewell to Fr Francis:

Fr Francis will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass next Sunday with Parishioners & friends to mark 1 year remembrance of his mother Mrs Philomena Eyo (RIP) who passed this time last year, and it will also be his farewell Mass in the Parish **We would like to mark Fr Francis' time with us at St Ethelbert's and say thank you.** There will be a second collection on Sunday 20th March at all Masses to collect for a leaving gift which I am sure you would like to support. Also, after each Mass we will have tea & coffee available and kindly request you also bring something to share. In addition, today and next Sunday there will be a leaving card available at the back of the church that you are invited to sign and leave a short message.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF SLOUGH DEANERY to be read at Mass: