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## **Second Sunday of Lent Year C – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm – The Lord is my light and my help.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel – Luke 9:28-36

The primary reason why God speaks to His people is because God wants to be known and loved. Eternal life consists of this knowing. Revelation cannot be reduced to the Lord telling us how we ought to live and behave, it is so much more than this, it establishes a relationship, a possibility of a radically different experience of life. In revealing the truth about who He is, God is at the same time teaching us about who we are, the purpose of this life, and what awaits us in the life to come after our death. God is making us promises that challenge us.

Abram could not really fathom what was promised him, he could not work out how all this can happen. Yet he continued to do whatever He perceived the Lord to be telling him, he put his faith in God. The apostles also struggled to comprehend who Jesus was and what He was teaching them. They saw Moses and Elijah next to Jesus as His witnesses, reminding them that the Law and the Prophets all bear witness to Jesus. They were confused and reduced to silence by the experience, they did not tell anyone about it.

For those of us who live comfortably on this earth, St. Paul reminds us that this is not our home. Our homeland is in heaven, this is what is promised us. A life of communion with the Lord that will have no end. A state where we will be transfigured, and even our bodies will become copies of Jesus' glorified body. The way that gets us there is known as the way of the cross. It will be full of all sorts of struggles and we will need to fight in order to remain faithful. The most crucial thing will be to listen to Jesus and discover once again where His voice can be heard. There will be many trying to convince us to go one way or the other, but the truth is already here, in our midst, in the Church. Let us pray with the saints to be able to appreciate how much we have been given and how well we have been provided for by God already. Let's make use of these gifts.

**Belong & Believe** - Join us for the third in our series of five informal and engaging café style discussions, using high quality video resources. Each session draws upon the wisdom and inspiration of our Celtic spiritual heritage, as we move beyond the separation of pandemic and rekindle community. We will meet on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**, in the parish hall, for about an hour. This week's theme is 'Renewed in the Holy Spirit'. All are very welcome, with refreshments from 7.15pm.

**Bible Study Group** - The next meeting of the Bible study group will take place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.**, in the Friary library. You can find the preparation sheet for session 3 on the parish website:

<https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/biblestudygroup>, or e-mail the parish office for a copy. It would be a great help if participants could read the set passage in advance, think about at least some of the questions, and be ready to share their insights and difficulties at the meeting. But don't worry if you can't manage much preparation - no one will be checking up on you. If you can't get to the meetings, you are very welcome to use the sheets as a starting point for your personal Bible study.

**Growing in Communion** - Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus? Would you like to learn about Mental Prayer? Do you find it hard to plough through the extensive material on the subject? Then 'Growing in Communion' might help you focus. 'Growing in Communion' is the parish of Greyfriars' initiative to grow in faith. Sessions are open to all, but specifically designed to help the parishioners, their families and friends – (Catholic and non-Catholic) grow in faith through prayer through scripture to facilitate ways to implement our faith in Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Programme will start with sessions on mental prayer. Meetings are held on Wednesdays, twice monthly, **next session on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, at 7pm**. Please come to the friary door. If you have any questions, or would like to register your interest, please email Yvette on [IffleyCross@gmail.com](mailto:IffleyCross@gmail.com)

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** – This weekend there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for CAFOD. During Lent we are invited to pray for peace in the world and to implore justice, to stand in solidarity with the poor and hungry and to reach out through our giving. Parishioners have been very generous in previous years in supporting the work of CAFOD. If you would prefer to make an offering online, you can do so on <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

**Gift Aid** - Envelopes for the new financial year starting on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 are available to be collected from the Server's sacristy. They have been issued only to those who have used them in the last 12 months. If there isn't one in your name and you would like to start using them again, please let Thelma Martin know on 01865 790065 or [edward854@edward854.plus.com](mailto:edward854@edward854.plus.com)

**Inter-faith litter pick** – If you would like to lend a hand in cleaning up our local area alongside other people of faith, please make sure you will be at St. Mary and St. John Church on Cowley Road **next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March for 10am**. A great way to meet other people and do a little bit for the wider community. The event should finish by 12noon. All are welcome.

**Stations of the Cross** – Every Friday evening during Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in our church at 7pm. Please join us during this Lent to pray and reflect on what this suffering journey means to us today.

**Rosary Prayer Group** – During Lent the Rosary will be said on Thursday evenings in the church at 7pm. Our special intention will be for peace in Ukraine.

**Volunteers needed** – As we are gradually returning back to normal arrangements during our Masses, we will require you to volunteer fulfilling certain roles to ensure our liturgies run smoothly. In order for that to happen, we would need a couple of people to help take the collection during Mass, and others to take turns bringing the gifts to the altar during the offertory. Please make yourself known to the parish priest, or one of the stewards, or email or phone.

**Parish Hall** – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Church cleaning** – This week we thank Isobel and Michael for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £421.25

Gift Aid: £ 20

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Darlene, George, Mary, John &  
Veronica Letey  
9.00 a.m. Patrick Downes R.I.P.  
11.00 a.m. Rudolf & Hilda Heuzlar R.I.P.  
5.30 p.m. Parishioners

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Sylvia Collins & Family

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. John Corcoran R.I.P. &  
Margaret Corcoran

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Pious Union of the Holy Spirit

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Kevin Colton R.I.P.

***St. Patrick***

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Pious Union of the Holy Spirit

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m. Pious Union of the Holy Spirit  
6.30 p.m. David Collins

***St. Joseph, Husband of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.

We also remember those who have died, especially **Kevin Colton** and **Palmira De Araujo**. May they and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.