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### **Third Sunday of Lent Year C – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Psalm – The Lord is compassion and love.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel – Luke 13:1-9

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Friday, 25 March**, during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over at **5pm** in St Peter's Basilica. The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, said in a statement: "The same act, on the same day, will be performed in Fatima by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner," who is being sent there by the Pope. The day of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord was chosen for the consecration. In the apparition of 13 July 1917, in Fatima, Our Lady had asked for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, stating that if this request were not granted, Russia would spread "its errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecution of the Church." "The good," she added, "will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be destroyed." After the Fatima apparitions there were various acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pope Pius XII, on 31 October 1942, consecrated the whole world, and on 7 July 1952 he consecrated the peoples of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Apostolic Letter *Sacro vergente anno*. On 21 November 1964, Pope St Paul VI renewed the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart in the presence of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. Pope St. John Paul II composed a prayer for what he called an 'Act of Entrustment' to be celebrated in the Basilica of St Mary Major on 7 June 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost. In June 2000, the Holy See revealed the third part of the secret of Fatima. The then-Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, pointed out that Sister Lucia, in a letter of 1989, had personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady wanted: "Yes, it was done," wrote the visionary, "just as Our Lady had asked, on 25 March 1984".

Above news is taken from [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** – In union with the Pope and our Bishops, we will pray the Rosary this **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and also entrusting our own parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Join us in church if you can for that occasion.

**Br. Lixon Cyriac OFM Cap** – We welcome Br. Lixon who is visiting us this weekend and thank him for celebrating our Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. He is resident in our friary at Erith.

**Belong & Believe** - Join us for the fourth 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 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm**, in the parish hall, for about an hour. This week's theme is 'Caring for God's Creation'. All are very welcome, with refreshments from 7.15pm.

**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)

**Bible Study Group** - The next meeting of the Bible study group will take place on **Thursday 31<sup>st</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.

**CAFOD Thank you** – Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the

world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For more details on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**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)

**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 Sam and John 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: £301.52

Gift Aid: £ 54

CAFOD: £667.75

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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) David Collins  
9.00 a.m. Friars & Benefactors  
11.00 a.m. Parishioners  
5.30 p.m. Sylvia Collins & Family

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

7.30 a.m. End of war in Ukraine

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Members of Padre Pio Prayer  
Group

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Br. Anthony's Int.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Br. Pradeep's Int.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

***The Annunciation of the  
Lord***

7.30 a.m. Sabrina Collins R.I.P.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m. Kieran Hughes  
6.30 p.m. Valerie's Int. (Profession into  
the OFS)

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, Palmira De Araujo, Steven Fontaine**. May they and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.