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3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B) – 7th March 2021

1st Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm – You, Lord, have the message of eternal life

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel – John 2:13-25

The Ten Commandments given to Moses are a wonderful summary of God's law that could guide us to eternal life. They are a practical answer of God to our question: 'What must we do to enjoy eternal life?'

1st Answer: Believe in me, hope in me, love me. I am looking after you and your future. Do not go to others who claim to tell you what will happen – trust in me. Don't fall into magic, divination, fortune telling, superstition. Put me in first place.

2nd Answer: Respect my name. I am holy. Use my name to adore me, to praise me, to glorify me. Do not use it to curse others or as a swear word.

3rd Answer: Honour the sacred day of the Resurrection. It is my day. Join the community for prayer, feed on my Body and Blood in order to have life, come to listen to my Word. Make time for me. Enjoy your rest that you need.

4th Answer: Treasure your family, fulfil your duties and obligations, remember to call on me to strengthen you so you can maintain those essential family relationships. Educate your children well in all I teach you, and let children show gratitude and respect for their elders.

5th Answer: My gift of life is holy from its conception to its end. I am the Lord of life, not you. Remember every suffering has value in my eyes, don't give up in your journey – I walk with you. Address your inner conflict before it spills outwards to hurt others.

6th Answer: Learn the meaning and value of real, chaste love. You are my temple. I will help you regain mastery over your feelings and desires. Avoid occasions which you know will lead you to sin.

7th Answer: Live in justice, respect the property of others. You have what you need. I will ensure justice is done, in this life or the next.

8th Answer: Learn to live in the truth. Do not be swayed by falsehoods. I am the Truth, and I will help you discern it each time you ask me.

9th Answer: Purify your heart and be modest. It will feel like a battle, but remember I am at your side. Only the pure of heart will be able to see me.

10th Answer: Be grateful for all you have, it is all my gift to you. Gratefulness and acceptance of my gifts for you will help you to live this commandment.

What is my response to what the Lord says?

HOLY WEEK / EASTER

We have received guidance from the Bishops' Conference concerning our celebrations. Once details have been agreed, I will be putting those up on our website and at the back of the church. All should be in place in time for next weekend.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Our novena to St. Joseph will start on the 10th March. This year has been dedicated to St. Joseph by the Pope on the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed a Patron of the Universal Church. A litany to St. Joseph is available on our website if you wanted to join us in prayer at home. We will pray for all families to grow in holiness and in their faithful response to the Word of God.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your great generosity towards CAFOD last week. In the church you managed to raise £358.92. We don't know how many of you donated on-line apart from this, so a big GOD REWARD YOU for your support of those in need.

Lenten Online Events – Stations of the Cross continue every Friday evening at 7.30pm through YouTube and Lenten reflections on St. Francis of Assisi and Conversion on Saturdays 2pm-3pm via Zoom.

GIFT AID

Gift Aid donors who give by way of weekly envelopes will find their new sets for the financial year 2021-2022 in the Server's Sacristy. Please collect them from the top of the piano after Mass. If they are not collected by mid - March, or if you are not attending Mass in person, they will be delivered. If you were expecting a set of envelopes but have not received one, please contact Thelma Martin on 01865 790065 or edward854@edward854.plus.com. To save expense, envelopes have only been supplied to those who have used them in the past year, but if you wish at the easing of lockdown to go back to using them, let Thelma know.

Parish donations – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Lenten Bible Series

You can also look things up at www.comeandsee.org

Important information for EU Citizens

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf

NB The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 7th March

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9.00am

Mary Brolly R.I.P. Anniv.

11.00am

Parishioners

5.30pm

OFS

Monday 8th March

7.30am

Andre De Aranjó R.I.P.

Tuesday 9th March

7.30am

Friars & Benefactors

Wednesday 10th March

7.30am

Pious Union of the Holy Spirit (Novena)

Thursday 11th March

7.30am

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Friday 12th March

7.30am

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Saturday 13th March

8.00am

Patrick Downes R.I.P.

6.30pm

Pious Union of the Holy Spirit (Novena)

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. 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.