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3rd Sunday of Easter (Year C) 5th May 2019

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Sunday Reflection - When things don't go as expected and we get afraid, we tend to revert to the safe and familiar. So, after the experiences of Jerusalem, Peter and his companions return North to the Sea of Tiberias and go fishing. At least fishing is simple, comfortable, and they know what to do. But then, a night's fishing is a disaster. In desperation they take instructions from a figure on the shore, and behold they net a huge catch of fish. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter "It is the Lord", Breakfast is shared, and a long personal dialogue opens up between the Risen Lord and Peter. Peter learns that 'one can leave Jerusalem, but the Lord doesn't leave him'. He cannot get away from three years of discipleship, the Upper Room, the Last Supper, the Arrest, the Charcoal Fire, the Denials, the empty Tomb the women's testimony. Peter is being called 'from error to truth, from death to Resurrection'. He has to come to terms with the fact that Jesus has not written him off because of his past sins. We see Jesus giving Peter a second chance. Our society claims to be very tolerant, but in spite of our apparent tolerance, we are reluctant to give people a second chance. Once someone makes a mistake, the chorus of calls for resignation increases. People are often defined by their past errors. They leave by the back door and there is rarely a re-entry. Peter denied knowing Jesus and being his disciple. Jesus appears to him at Tiberias and at another charcoal fire asks him, "Peter, do you love me?" three times, to counteract the three denials of Peter. Peter's affirmation of love is enough for Jesus to commission him "to feed" and "care for" his flock. Peter sees that the best atonement for his sin is to love more sincerely. He learned from personal experience that "Love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Peter learned that he was loved by Jesus, and that for him was a resurrection experienced. He was not condemned by his past failure. Peter was not only forgiven; he was reinstated as leader of the disciples of Jesus. Jesus enabled Peter to rediscover his true potential. He was a new man. The same can happen to us, when we allow Jesus to enter our lives.

Children's Liturgy Group: Will be held on next Sunday 5th May at the 10am Mass.

First Holy Communion - 14th Session (Preparation) which was to be on this Sunday 5th May 2019 has been **Cancelled....** Practice for Group A will be on Wednesday 8th May from 3.45pm to 4.30pm. The Celebration of First Holy Communion for Group A will be held on next Saturday 11th May at 10.30am. Children requested to be here no later than 10.15am for the procession.

Baptismal Course - 2nd Session will be held on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Founders Room.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Sat 8th June 2019 at 3pm - The Cardinal is inviting all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th Wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy your details, names address, email or telephone number.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat	6.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
	10am
(Spanish)	11.15am
	12.15pm
	7pm
Mon - Sat	10am
	6.30pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri	6.15 - 6.30pm
Saturday	10.45 - 11.15am
	6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri 10.30am - 11.15am

Rosary - Wednesdays
10.30am, followed by
Tea/Coffee in the Founders
Room.

Legion of Mary - Every
Tuesday at 7pm in the Library.
New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is
on Thursdays at 11am in
the Founders' Room.

Saints Days

Wed 8th - The Blessed Virgin
Mary, Mother and Mediatrix
of Grace

Sat 11th - BL. Benincasa of
Montepulciano

Bank Holiday Monday -
Tomorrow 6th May. There
will be only 1 Mass at
10am. No Evening 6.30pm