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2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A) 8th March 2020

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Sunday Reflection – We have started our Lenten journey. The origin of this six-week period of spiritual discipline is explained by the fact that it was the time of training candidates for baptism. The immediate instruction for baptism was spread over a six-week period, thus ensuring that only those of real sincerity in their Christian profession were admitted to baptism. Originally the Lenten fast applied only to these candidates but gradually the whole Church was encouraged to see Lent as a time of repentance and renewal, a time of re-living the baptismal preparation. In this 2nd Sunday of Lent we are given a glimpse of the glory of Jesus in the transfiguration story. Like his baptism, this event is an epiphany story, Jesus' identity as "the beloved Son of God" is manifested to the world. It confirmed Jesus on the course he had taken. Hearing his name called in love enabled Jesus to journey on to Jerusalem. Like the apostles on Mount Tabor we have our moments of light and joy. We need the occasional glimpses of the Promised Land towards which we are all travelling in faith. In our baptism we have all been called in love. We glimpse the joys of the next world until we reach the Love that knows our name eternally.

Season of Lent – Lent is traditionally a Penitential season of Renewal in the Church leading to Holy Week and Easter, a time of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. Hopefully it is a time of "Growing in Faith". During Lent "Alleluia" is omitted in the Liturgy, and we don't adorn the Altar or Sanctuary with Flowers, as well as restricting the use of the Organ and other musical instruments. We hope and pray all Parishioners will have a good and Holy Lent.

Way of the Cross – In the Church on every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – We hope all of us did some real act of self-denial on Friday last 6th March by fasting. Offerings saved from your fast can be put in the second collection today and will be sent to CAFOD 'to change lives' by digging deep into our pockets and giving to the world's poor. What we 'give up' we can 'give away' to help someone else to 'start again'.

Coronavirus – We have been advised not to minister the chalice in the present climate. Please receive Holy Communion in the Hand' rather than 'on the Tongue' and consume the Host before leaving the Minister. Retaining our reverence for the Sacrament let us help and support one another in Receiving the Holy Sacrament.

At the Sign of Peace – Let us give a gentle bow or exchange a word of 'Peace' and refrain from 'shaking hands'. Let us also observe the guidelines outlined by the Government and NHS and 'Wash Hands' frequently. We care for one another and ourselves.

First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents – Will be on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm in the School Hall.

St. Patrick's Parish Celebrations – Is on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Small Hall. It promises as ever to be an enjoyable Parish night, so come along for the company, food, dance, raffle & Fun. Tickets are £5.

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

Sacrament of Confession

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

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

After 10am Weekday Masses

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!

Contemplative Prayer Group

Will meet on Monday
evenings from 2nd March at
7.15pm in the Servite Chapel.

Saints Days

Mon 9th – St Frances of Rome

Requiem Masses:

Of Violet Clara Foody on
Wed 11th March at 10am.

&

Of Rolando Adap on Friday
13th March at 10am.