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4th Sunday of Lent (Year A) 22nd March 2020

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Sunday Reflection – “Laetare”, Rejoice because you have travelled over half-way on your ‘Lent’ journey. The document on the Liturgy of the 2nd Vatican Council states, “The Lenten season has a two-fold character. 1) It recalls Baptism or prepares for it 2) it stresses a penitential spirit. By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the Paschal Mystery after a period of closer attention to the word of God, and more ardent prayer”. This captures the essence of Lent. The word of God this Sunday highlights a beautiful Baptismal theme. In the Gospel passage from St John we hear Jesus giving sight to a blind beggar. The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus, “Lord, I believe”. His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light. In giving sight to a blind man, Jesus shows that he is “the light of the world”. Writing to the Baptized Ephesians, St Paul says, “Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord” (2nd Reading). Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted become more and more spiritually blind. In our baptism we too have been chosen by God and enlightened by Christ. Rejoice as you travel on the journey.

Coronavirus – As advised by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, “We must not gather for public acts of worship in our Churches” But “Our Churches will remain open”. “You are Welcome to come in to pray where you will find solace and strength”.

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”. We hope and pray all Parishioners will have a Holy Lent.

Offertory Envelopes – for the tax year beginning April 2020 can be collected from our Parish Office. Sunday 9am to 12Noon and Monday to Friday from 9am to 6.30pm.

Happy Mother’s Day – Blessings to all Mothers, Grandmothers and those who found themselves in this role. Well done for all your love & hard work. Hope you have a good day!

All Masses/Acts of Worship
are All Cancelled until
Further Notice

Sacrament of Confession

On Request

Parish Office Opening Hrs

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

All of the following Programmes are Cancelled until further notice

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Rosary
Legion of Mary
Contemplative Prayer Group

On Hold until further Notice

First Holy Communion
Confirmation
RCIA

Saints Days

Tue 23rd - St Turibius of
Mogrovejo

Wed 25th - The Annunciation
of the Lord

Funeral of

Fr. Patrick M O’Connell OSM
on Tuesday 24th March at
10am. (Private)