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13/14 APRIL 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

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| Saturday 13th | 5:00 pm | | Paulette Ayisi DB |
| Sunday 14th | 9:00 am 11:00 am | 6th Sunday of Lent | People of the Parish Fergus Hamil (5anniv) |
| Monday 15th | 9:30 am | Lent Feria | Tess and Mike Paddle (Int) |
| Tuesday 16th | 9:30 am 12:00 noon | Lent Feria Chrism Mass in the Cathedral | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 17th | 9:30 am | Lent Feria | |
| Thursday 18th | 8:00 pm | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | |
| Friday 19th | 11:00 am 3:00 pm | Stations of the Cross (Children and Parents) THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | |
| Saturday 20th | 8:00 pm | Easter Vigil in the Holy Night | |
| Sunday 21st | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Resurrection Sunday | |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation | | Saturday 4:30 pm | |

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Maria Keith, Tim O., Alba G, Julia Abimbola, Peggy, Pead, Josephine, Martin, and Nadia Ramasaway. We pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Brisbane and remember Collin Walsh, Thomas Rooney, Salvatore Piaquadio and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

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| 1st Reading | Isaiah 50:4-7 | The Suffering Servant will not be put to shame |
| 2nd Reading | Philippians 2:6-11 | The self-emptying (kenosis) of God's loving servant, to shave his people |
| Gospel | Luke 22:14-23:56 or, shorter version: Luke 23:1-49 Luke's edifying narrative, underlining the mercy and prayer of Jesus | |

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - Healed by his wounds

"He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, he opened not his mouth" (Is 53:7). For the followers of Christ, this Isaiah text evokes a response deep within us, seeing how they apply to God's only beloved Son, and how he died for all of us. In the words of St Peter, "without having seen him you have come to believe in him, and so you are filled already with a joy so glorious that it cannot

be described" (1 Pet 1:8). Without this sincere love of Christ, we are no true followers of his. We cannot say we fully love him, until we appreciate what he suffered for us.

He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him. King Lear knew "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is, to have a thankless child;" and how must Jesus have felt at being rejected by the people he had chosen, above all others.

The sweat-stained features of Jesus were the features of the Son of God. The forehead streaming with blood, the hands and feet nailed to the cross, the body wounded, the side pierced with a lance, were the flesh of the eternal Word, who dwelt among us. Why did he suffer so much? In the words of Isaiah, "On him lay the punishment that brings us healing, through his wounds we are made whole." May the grace of his Passion bring healing to us. Amen.

COMING UP IN HOLY WEEK

| DAY | ACTIVITY | TIME |
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| SAT & SUN 13 & 14/04/19 | PALM SUNDAY MASSES | 5:00PM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM |
| MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2019 | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK MASS | 9:30AM |
| TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2019 | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK MASS CHRISM MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL | 9:30AM 11:00AM |
| WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2019 | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK MASS | 9:30AM |
| THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2019 | EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER / MAUNY THURSDAY | 8:00PM |
| FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2019 | STATIONS OF THE CROSS (CHILDREN AND PARENTS) | 11:00AM |
| | THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | 3:00PM |
| SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2019 | VIGIL MASS (THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT) | 8:00PM |
| SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019 | EASTER MASS (SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION) | 09:00AM 11:00AM |
| SECOND SUN OF EASTER 27TH & 28TH APRIL 2019 | DIVINE MERCY WEEKEND | 5:00PM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM |

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Mass of Thanksgiving in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June 2019 at 3pm. Final Announcement (Please see earlier Newsletters or Father Clement)

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES Specially designed envelopes for the Triduum and Easter Sunday offerings are available at the back of the church. Please pick one (except for those using Planned Giving Envelopes who will find one in their box)..

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK; Envelopes £297.00, Loose plate of £317.60, candles £67.20. Total £681.80. February standing Order £1803.50. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP WITH THE CHURCH LITURGY, ADMINISTRATION, FLOWERS AND CLEANING AND FOR THE OFFERINGS INCLUDING STANDING ORDERS