

NEWSLETTER

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Monday 16th March – Sunday 22nd March 2020

Monday 10:00am Bernard Topp R.I.P
Tuesday 10:00am Intention of Eileen
Wednesday 10:00am Holy Souls
10:30am Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Mannuel Gonzales R.I.P
Thursday 10:00am Intention of Riccardo
Friday 10:00am Alice McLaughlin R.I.P
10:30am Stations of the Cross
4:00pm Benediction
Saturday 6:00pm God's Higher Truth
Fourth Week in Lent
Sunday
8:30am Helping Each Other
10:00am Changing Fear to Love
12 noon People of the Parish

**Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday,
but can be organised anytime.
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Archbishop Peter Smith RIP

The Liturgies will take place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark and are as follows:

Sunday 29th March:

6pm: Reception into St George's Cathedral followed by Cathedral Mass: Archbishop John Wilson to preside.
8pm: Vigil Service, after which the Cathedral will close.

Monday 30th March:

7am: Cathedral opens
7.30 am: Cathedral Mass
12.30 pm: Funeral Mass: Archbishop John Wilson to preside.
Burial in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass.

Manna Centre

Next weekend the Knights of St Columba will be giving out Easter posters. They will also be having a collection for the Manna centre. Your generosity is appreciated.

On Sunday 29th March at the 12 noon mass, we will have Confirmation of 21 young people by Bishop Pat. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Fr Jack

My favourite gospel...The woman at the well, or as we had in Ireland, the village pump.

These meeting points were as good as any BBC and the precursor to the radio. People gathered every morning to get water for the day and also to catch up with the local news, especially the local gossip.

Hence the woman of Samaria could not go in the early morning since the chances are that she would be a big topic of conversation. She, like the Englishman, had to go out in the mid- day sun when she would be on her own.

There she had a wonderful encounter with Jesus, probably the first man who respected her and did not want her for her body.

First we have denial on the part of the woman, so Jesus' first job is to get her to face the truth about herself and her life. As she does so we see her growing, as Jesus helps her to face up to the truth about her life.

As she faces the truth about herself she grows in her understanding of Jesus.

Look at the growth:

*I see you are a Jew,
I see you are a prophet
I see you are the Christ
You are the Messiah.*

Only when we face the truth about ourselves can we come to know Christ.

Because He IS THE TRUTH.

Message from the Archbishop

In response to the Coronavirus, the following pastoral measures are in operation immediately:

1. The sign of peace is suspended at all masses.
2. No Holy Communion from the Chalice.
3. Holy Communion received in the hand only.
4. No shared hymn books at mass.

Baptism of Babies

Anybody with a baby for Baptism, please collect an application form from Fr Jack next Saturday between 2 and 4pm.

**A reminder to all children that Sunday
22nd March is Mother's Day.**