



Double Edition: Second Sunday of Easter — 7th April 2024
Third Sunday of Easter—14th April 2024

OUR PARISH VISION

“In communion with Jesus Christ and ‘in companionship’ with one another, ‘to pray, bless’ and ‘sow the seed’ of the Good News, for ‘the greater glory of God’.”

On Palm Sunday, we recounted the account of the Passion of the Lord. Jesus responds to the suffering He endures with a virtue that is so important: the virtue of *patience*. It has to do with the forbearance of what one suffers. It is not a coincidence that *patience* has the same root as *passion*. *It is precisely in the Passion that Christ's patience emerges ... He does not complain before Pilate. He bears being insulted, spat upon and flogged by the soldiers. He carries the weight of the cross. He forgives those who nail Him to the wood, and while on the cross, He does not respond to provocation, but rather offers mercy. This is Jesus' patience. All this tells us that Jesus' patience does not consist in a stoic resistance to suffering, but rather, is the fruit of a greater love.*

In the so-called “Hymn to Charity” (1 Cor. 13:4-7), the Apostle Paul closely links *love and patience*. Indeed, in describing the first quality of charity, he uses a word that is translated as “magnanimous” or “patient”. Charity is magnanimous, it is patient ... For Paul, this is the first feature of God's love, which proposes forgiveness in the face of sin ... Thus love is at the root of patience; as Saint Augustine says, “Each one of the just is, in that measure for endurance of any ills, more brave, in what measure in him the love of God is mightier” (*De patientia*, XVII).

However, let us remember that patience is not only a need, it is *a calling*. If Christ is patient, then Christians are called to be patient ... Let us not forget that rushing and impatience are enemies of spiritual life. Why? God is love ... God is patient, God knows how to wait. Think about the account of the merciful Father, who awaits his son who has left home. He suffers patiently, impatient only to embrace him as soon as he sees him return (Lk. 15:21). Or think of the parable of the wheat and the weeds, in which the Lord is not in a hurry to uproot evil before its time, so that nothing is lost (Mt. 13:29-30). Patience lets us save everything.

But ... how can one *grow in patience*? Since, as Saint Paul teaches us, it is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22), one must ask for it from the Spirit of Christ ... “Christian virtue is not only a matter of doing good, but of tolerating evil as well” (Augustine, *Sermons*, 46, 13) ... Another good exercise is to take to [God] the most bothersome people ... patiently enduring troublesome people ... It begins by asking to look at them with compassion, with God's gaze, knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults ... Let us seek people by their faces, their heart, and not their mistakes.

Lastly, in order to cultivate patience ... it is good to *broaden one's outlook*. For example, by not restricting the field of the world to our own troubles; as the *Imitation of Christ* invites us to do, “Well may you remember the very painful woes of others, that you may bear your own little ones the more easily”, recalling that “with God nothing that is suffered for His sake, no matter how small, can pass without reward” (III, 19). Again, when we feel we are in the grip of adversity, as Job teaches us, it is good to open ourselves with hope to the newness of God, in the unwavering confidence that he does not disappoint our expectations ...

(Pope Francis, General Audience, 27th March 2024)

Pope's Intentions April 2024: For The Role Of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
DIVINE MERCY		
SATURDAY 6th April	6pm	Pro Populo
SUNDAY 7th April	9am	Rose Nott R.I.P. (Angela & Mary)
	11am	Carol Nwosu R.I.P. (Ojo Family)
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		
MONDAY 8th April	7.00pm	Children of Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Philips R.I.P. (Natalie Pinto & Family)
TUESDAY 9th April	9:15am	For all those suffering in the Holy Land (June Ruddock)
WEDNESDAY 10th April	7pm	A. Alpin R.I.P. - Anniversary (C. Alpin)
ST. STANISLAUS, Bishop and Martyr		
THURSDAY 11th April	9:15am	Romana Hobler R.I.P. – 2nd Anniversary (Lucyna Jackson)
FRIDAY 12th April	7pm	Joyce Fernandes—Wellbeing (Iris Fernandes)
SATURDAY 13th April	9:15am	Brendan Clear - 90th Birthday (Maureen & Jock Anderson)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER		
SATURDAY 13th April	6pm	Charlie Fleury R.I.P. (Heather Walton & Family)
SUNDAY 14th April	9am	Maria Smietana R.I.P. (Lucyna Jackson)
	11am	Pro Populo
MONDAY 15th April	7.00pm	Michael Bouchier R.I.P. (Sue Bouchier)
TUESDAY 16th April	9:15am	Mary McNulty— Birthday (Angela & Richard Valle)
WEDNESDAY 17th April	7pm	Vivianne Buckley R.I.P. (Maureen & Jock Anderson)
THURSDAY 18th April	9:15am	Wendy Beatrice Basnet R.I.P. (Kimberly, Natasha & Cresswell Basnet)
FRIDAY 19th April	7pm	Saneeta Wilfred— Wellbeing & Birthday Blessing (Roshen Bernadet)
SATURDAY 20th April	9:15am	Mary Conlan— Birthday & Wellbeing (Parishioners)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
SATURDAY 20th April	6pm	Hogg & Dance Families - Wellbeing (Sue & Malcolm Hogg)
SUNDAY 21st April	9am	Pro Populo
SUNDAY 21st April	11am	Kyra Fernandes -Birthday Blessings (Ellora Baptista)



FAIRTRADE Coffee Tasting, Sunday April 21st after 0900 and 1100 Masses.

Please join in this tasting. Four easily found Fairtrade ground coffees will be available:

- Café Direct organic Machu Picchu, Peru. Strength 4.
- Sainsbury own brand, Italian style strength 5
- Co -op own brand, Italian style, medium, strength 4
- Waitrose own brand, Colombian - medium roast - strength 3.

RCIA: It is with great joy that we welcome Yvonne, Emma and Gaya into the family of St. Dominic's at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please support them in any way you can, particularly with your prayers. Thank you.

Hello from the **St Dominic's Line Dancing Team**. We have some spaces just become available for anyone who is interested to join. The Line dancing classes take place in the Narthex every Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm. Please call Edwin on 07482571535. Please note it is first come first serve basis.

LET US PRAY:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rose Nott R.I.P. — **Funeral at St.Dominic's on the 23rd April at 10:45am**

FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Catherine Lloyd, Maria Ma Thamby, Conny Morrissey, Caroline Bridge, Sofia Jones, Brian Manning, Thessel (Tessa) Carter, David Hardcastle, Cynthia Lobendhan, Alex Fahey, Val Cocksedge, Tamara Coelho, Mary Conlan, Terry Keane, Yvonne Whitecross, Stuart Lee, Joyce Fahey, Christopher Browne, Bob Davies, Kieran O'Gorman, John Treacey, Grazia Lassogna, Dermot Keane, Owen Keane, Sylvia Nahrwold, Peter Chan, Fr. Paddy, Ralph Eden, Maggie Jones, Michelle Bigley.

HOLY SOULS: Those whose anniversaries occur this week Eleanor Rowe, Marjorie Cox, Harold Davies, Eileen Davies, Alicia Posso, Sheila Pound, Maureen Shea, Eleanor Nugent, Thomas Shannon, William McDonnell, Vera Morley, Peter Byde, Dorothy McElwee, Maud Newman, William Holland, Eileen Newman, Joseph Garrett, Anthony Taylor, James Moores, Maria Smietana, Minnie Barker, Dennis Brown, James O'Meara, Ocean Brown, Norah Dullaway, Julia Stainfield, Frederick Steeples, Rita Markham, Frederick Vaughan, Sadie Haggerty, Hugh Hannon, Richard Butler, Jerry O'Neill, Pat Lock, Dorothy Pearse, May Reeves, William Hogarth, Richard Nickson, Mollie Abbots.

