

St Bartholomew's Norbury

Parish Mission

Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April 2019



Wednesday 10th April 2019

Prayer

Good evening everyone let us begin our service by singing our opening hymn:

“Praise to the holiest in the heights.”

Hymn number 788 in our hymnbook.

Would you all stand please?

Tonight we are reflecting on a very important subject, on Prayer. St Alphonsus, the founder of our Redemptorist Congregation, the Doctor of Prayer, used to always say that without prayer there is no salvation. Prayer is our response to God’s love for us and if we are not responding to that call to be one with God in prayer then we cannot expect to be one with him for ever. In scripture Mary is constantly open to the wonder of God’s love. As events unfolded she pondered all that was happening in her heart. She is constantly at one with her son Jesus. She is a woman who has experienced the wonder of what God has done for her. She had experienced all the joys and sorrows of life and is someone we can turn to with great confidence.

As Mary was grateful for all that God had done for her so it is important that in our prayers we are grateful for all that God has done for us.

Let us begin by joining in our mission prayer.

Mission Prayer

Father, pour out your Spirit upon us. Grant us a new vision of your glory, A new experience of your power, A new faithfulness to your word, And a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. Amen.

Please be seated now as we listen to the word of God.

Reading; Genesis 8:15-22

Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you yourself, your wife, and your son's wives with you. As for all the animals with you, all things of flesh, whether birds or animals or reptiles that crawl on the earth, bring them out with you. Let them swarm on the earth, let them be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his wife, and son's wives. And all the wild beasts, all the cattle, all the birds and all the reptiles that crawl on the face of the earth went out from the ark, one kind after another.

Noah built an altar for Yahweh, and choosing from all the clean animals and all the clean birds he offered burnt offerings on the altar. Yahweh smelt the appeasing fragrance and said to himself, "Never again will I curse the earth because of man, because his heart contrives evil from his infancy. Never again will I strike down every living thing as I have done.

As long as earth lasts, sowing and reaping, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall cease no more.

The word of the Lord

Please take this booklet home with you.



MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT
OF YOUR PEACE +
WHERE THERE IS HATRED-
LET ME SOW **LOVE**,
WHERE THERE IS INJURY - **PARDON**
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT - **FAITH**
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR - **HOPE**
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS - **LIGHT**
WHERE THERE IS SADNESS - **JOY**
DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY
NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED
AS TO CONSOLE, TO BE
UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE,
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE
PARDONED, IT IS IN DYING THAT
WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE +

+ SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI +