

Why Be A Catholic: A Catholic Conference at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 7HY. Saturday 4th May, 9am – 6pm. Organised by Family Life International, helping families to remain true to the faith. To book call 02088579950/07885760723. Email: info@familyandlife.org.uk Web: www.familyandlife.org.uk

The Benedictine Sisters of Minster Abbey, near Ramsgate, are organising a "Come and See" weekend at the Abbey on 12th-14th April. This weekend gives young women an opportunity to learn about and have an experience of the contemplative life. There will be time to meet and talk with the Benedictine Sisters in a relaxed environment and to join them in their work and prayer. To find out more visit the website: www.minsterabbeynuns.org or contact by email: sraelrederwin@gmail.com

All are invited to join our next Work-Party in the Memorial garden. This will be on Saturday 13th April 10.30am -12.30pm.

Church cleaning: Could you be one of a team to ensure this happens regularly? Or maybe willing to fill in during sickness or holiday times on a one-off basis? Thank you to those who have offered to help – many hands make light work. If interested, please Contact Gill – 312171.

The Food Bank list of needed products is now available in the Porch for March 2019.

Sat 13th April – Lent
Confessions 10:45am – 12:00pm.
14th April – Palm Sunday
Wed 17th of April – 7:00pm
Ecumenical Stations of the cross.
18th April – Holy Thursday
19th April – Good Friday
20th April – Easter Vigil
21st April – Easter Sunday

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Newsletter – 24th March 2019 Third Sunday in Lent (C)

Readings: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13: 1-9
Responsorial Psalm. *The Lord is compassion and love.*
Gospel acclamation: *Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

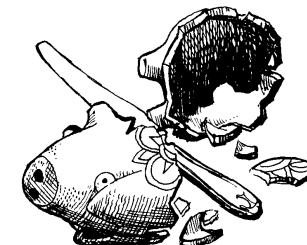
Next week's Readings: Joshua 5; 9-12; Corinthians 5: 17-21;
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday after 10am
Mass, and Adoration.
Sunday 10.30 – 10.45am
& 5.30 – 5.45 pm.

**Lord thank you for
being with me in my
darkest hours.**

In the Gospel today our Lord teaches us that bad things that happen to people are not a punishment from God or karma, they just happen. The devout Jews who came to the temple to offer worship to God, see their holy place taken over by a foreign army, their emblems decorating the temple walls. We don't know what they did, perhaps they chanted something to upset the soldiers. We do know though; how ruthless Pilate was as he sent a cohort to slaughter these worshippers. God's holy place is awash with the blood of the innocents. Our minds perhaps go back to the slaughter of the worshippers in the mosque in Christchurch. Hate knows no bounds. Trials come to good people too, yet we are warned by the Lord not to be complacent but to be alert and do all that we can in this short stint we have at life, to be faithful to him and to love our neighbour. So, when the time comes to go to our true and everlasting home, we will stand blameless before the Lord. May we use this blessed time to ask the Lord to bless our Lenten activities, they may make us rich in virtue and help us deepen our Love for the Lord. God bless. Fr Neil.



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

		24 th March	Feast Days
Sunday	9am 11am 6pm	Holy Mass No Intentions. Johnnie Naughton – R.I.P. People of the Parish	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	The Annunciation of The Lord
Tuesday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Wednesday	10am	Bridie Busher – R.I.P.	Feria
Thursday	10am	Holy Mass No Intentions	Feria
Friday	7pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass – No intentions.	Feria
Saturday	10am	Bridie Busher & Eileen Perry – R.I.P. followed by Adoration	Feria
Sunday	9am 11am 6 pm	People of the Parish Michael Maher – R.I.P. Jim & Nuala Perry - Wellbeing	Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 17th March:

Collection: Loose – £237.32; Gift Aid - £187.20 = £424.52

Attendance: 9am -81 ; 11am – 84 , 6pm – 39 = 204

100 Club: £20 – M. Gregory N^o 91; £10 – Cath McCann N^o 83

Cafod Fast Day Collections: Were £310.06 + £ 27.25 Gift Aided.

Thank You for your generosity.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Malcolm Campbell-Carr, who died peacefully on, 10th March. Malcolm was the wonderful bass player in our Folk Group for over 30 years and will be sadly missed by his dear wife, Marilyn, family and friends. His Requiem Mass will be at 10 am, Wednesday 3rd April, with burial in St Margaret’s Cemetery following. All are most welcome. Please keep them all in your prayers. May he rest in the arms of Christ.

New Hymn Books: We have new hymn books for our parish as the current ones are a bit dated. The new ones are called “Laudate” and are used in quite a few of the parishes in our diocese. A book is priced at £6.25, if you would like to help with the costs or want to sponsor a book(s), please put the donation and details of the dedication, in the “New Hymn Book” envelopes, on the desk in Porch, and give it to Gill or Fr Neil please.

Have you got your tickets for ‘Oliver!’? Your newsletter editor, John, is in this production, and would like to see you there, Monday 1st to Saturday 6th April. Flyers are in the porch with details. Call the Hazlitt Theatre on Tel: 01622 758611 for tickets.

The Justice and Peace Commission for the Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark are holding a Spring Assembly on Saturday 18th May 2017 at Our Lady of Reparation (St Mary’s) parish, West Croydon. The day is entitled ‘Tackling Poverty in the Archdiocese of Southwark. An initial notification of the day is pinned on our noticeboard. All are invited to participate. More information will follow over the coming weeks. justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

The Divine Office: Are a treasury of hymns, psalms, scripture readings, spiritual readings and prayers which are recited as a discipline of the Catholic church at various hours of the day. Clergy and religious make a promise to recite these for the church and those in their care. We can all partake in this great movement of prayer by joining in the morning, evening and night prayers of the Church. You can buy them from most church shops but the easiest is to visit the Universalis web site on <https://universalis.com/> and select the prayers you want to recite on the left column. You can also download the “Universalis App” to your tablet device or smartphone and have a wonderful liturgical and prayer resource with you at all times. We can pray some of the office as an addition to our daily prayers during lent.

There is a ‘Bring & Share’ Lunch, on the first Sunday of the month, after the 11 am Mass, in the Parish Hall; Traidcraft on the second Sunday after the 9am & 11 am Masses, and a Parish Walk on the third Sunday starting at 12 Noon from the Parish Hall.

St Simon Stock RC Church, Ashford, will be reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sunday 28th April 2019 at 2pm. All are welcome to join in. Please see notice in Porch with details.

You may not realise it, but God blocks the Devil’s plans for your life, all the time!