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Sunday 8th March 2015

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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6:15 (Saturday eve, 7th March)

Kathleen Fogarty RIP

8:30 Daryl Desa RIP

10:00 Bernard Pereira RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Anthony Evans RIP

(4:00 Stations of the Cross)

5:00 Welfare of Sister St Thomas
More M.C.

Monday 9th March

7:30 Welfare of Martin Bergin

10:00 Welfare of Valerie and John

Needham and family

Tuesday 10th March

7:30 Janet and Sampson Adindu RIP

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

Wednesday 11th March

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Edna Graham RIP

2:00pm – Requiem for Sharon Cook

Thursday 12th March

7:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Thanksgiving

Augustine Akaadom

Friday 13th March

Bishop Pat's Visitation begins

7:30 Peter Bentley RIP

10:00 UCM intention and

investiture of new members

(8:00pm Stations of the Cross)

Saturday 14th March

Bishop Pat's Visitation continues

10:00 Peter Blaquiére RIP

Next Sunday 15th March, Fourth

Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

Bishop Pat's Visitation ends

6:15 (Sat eve) Julie Hockham RIP

8:30 Antonia Barry RIP

10:00 People of the parish

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Welfare of Linda Lu and family

Benemerenti (Papal award)

presentation to Mrs Teresa Jupp

(Polyphony Choir singing)

(4:00pm Stations of the Cross)

5:00 John & Mary Durkin RIP

A Thought

Pope Francis is calling on us to evangelise, i.e. to spread the Gospel Message of Joy and Hope; we are to spread the news that, however desperate life may, at times seem, there is 'light at the end of the tunnel'. How do we do this? Christ told us that we are to be like salt, which brings out flavour wherever it is mixed. He also says, "*let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven..*" We may well, as in our families and among friends, do this directly. However there are many with whom we cannot be so close; there are those, for instance, with whom we work and even those who we pass by in the street. We were reminded last Sunday of the fact that everyone in the world is, in fact, our Neighbour. How we spread the Joy of the Gospel depends on many factors. Our personal example '*speaks volumes*'. There is, of course, a common starting point without which we can do nothing: Our life must be firmly based upon Christ; we need to pray constantly for help in this undertaking; in our Parish Christ offers us (daily, if possible for us) the privilege of praying before Him in silent Adoration then assisting at Mass and receiving Him, Our Lord and God, into our soul in Holy Communion. There is a hymn which underlines this indispensable place that Our Lord must occupy in our life; "*Christ is made the sure Foundation*" just as a building will collapse without a firm base, so any work not based on Jesus cannot succeed.

Thank You: The collection for February 22nd was **£1992.04:** (£1347.84 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

CAFOD: The Grand Total for Lent Fast Day was £2000.00!

Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

Adoration: Mon – Sat 9:30am

Mass: Mon - Sat 10:00am

Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

Confessions: Saturday, after 10am

Mass until 11am; also 5pm to 6pm.

Confessions may be heard outside of these times, by arrangement, and when there is a priest available.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday 8th March – p 158

Next Sunday 15th March – p 166

This Sunday:

Coffee Morning with the Rainbows and Brownies.

We welcome into the Church through Baptism, **Rory Daniel Dowling.**

Stations of the Cross 4:00pm today.

Next week:-

Coffee Morning: with the

Knights of St Columba

Monday, March 9th: UCM – AGM:

Meet in the hall from 2:00 - 4:00pm.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick

Lynch will be taking place between

Friday 13th and Sunday 15th March.

He will preach at 6:15 Mass on

Saturday and at all Sunday Masses.

Bishop Pat has much to do whilst he

is here, including the following:-

Friday – Visits some of our sick and

housebound parishioners as well as

residents of a local retirement home.

Visits the Youth Club in the evening.

Saturday – Meets our First Holy

Communion candidates and their

catechists;

3pm – 4:30pm - Meets New Parish

Pastoral Council and members of

Parish Finance Committee;

7pm – 8pm - Meets Parishioners in the

Upper Hall. All are welcome.

On Sunday, Bishop Pat concelebrates

at the 11:30 Mass, during which he

presents the Benemerenti Medal to

Mrs Teresa Jupp.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Elliott Kelley-Campbell, James McDonald, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Mary Patmore, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter John Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo. **Please inform us if you know of anybody else who should be, or would like to be added to this list, and/or requires a visit from a priest.**

Baptism: Those seeking baptism for their children are kindly requested to take and complete a registration form, to be found in the porch, and return it to the Parish Office. You will then be contacted in order to book places on a course. Please note that Baptism courses are necessary for all new parents, and for those having subsequent children, where 3 years or more have passed between births. We are glad to see an ever increasing number of Baptisms in this parish. Baptisms normally take place at 1:00pm on Sundays. Please note that there is no guarantee that your child's Baptism will be the only one taking place at any one time, and increasingly there will be more than one family involved in this first Sacrament of our lives.

Baptism courses: Tuesdays 17th & 24th March 2015; Then on Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015. All held at 8:00pm.in the room behind the sacristy.

The Parish Website is now up and running.

We shall be developing the site as time goes on.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 1:

Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam. **If you can no longer come, please advise the Parish Office.**

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We are currently desperately short of people to join our church cleaning groups. If you are able to offer your services for this important work for the Church, please contact one of the priests or the parish office.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Please provide contact details in case of need. Despite what it says on the pre-printed envelopes, **please do not put them into the collection baskets.**

Confirmation Photographs: some photographs are awaiting collection in the porch. Please note that, due to illness, some orders have been unavoidably delayed.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: this commences next Friday, March 13th until Sunday March 15th 2015. Bishop Pat looks forward to meeting as many parishioners as possible during his time with us. Some details about his time here are to be found overleaf.

General Election, May 7th 2015.

Please take a copy of the brochure from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. As ever, there are many important moral and social issues which require your consideration in casting your vote. These are clearly set out in the above. Please pray about them and for an outcome which will be good for all.

Please see also: www.catholicnews.org.uk

PARISH MISSION

A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN & MAUREEN DEVINE AND CANON FRANK O'SULLIVAN.

Just two weeks to go now until the Mission! We are really looking forward to sharing the week with you. This weekend we shall be sharing with you **POPE FRANCIS'** vision of what a Parish – any parish - *your parish?* -- should, and could be. We need to know how many are coming, so that we might best prepare each day. So please **SIGN UP!** Just add your name to the lists at the Church door. If you think you can't make it, and your situation changes so that you can come, please don't worry - just turn up! If you have signed up and can't come, don't fret! We just want to get a rough idea of the numbers. And finally, please **PRAY OUR MISSION PRAYER EACH DAY.** We shall be handing out a sheet which contains both Pope Francis' words and the Mission Prayer. Please ask the Lord to help you prepare for the Mission. Please mark it in your diaries, and do keep an eye on the Newsletter for any further details.

If anybody is able to offer lifts to and from the church throughout the Mission, please let Father Deo or Father Paul know, or contact the Parish Office. We also need volunteers, please, to bring the sick to our Anointing Service. Details to follow. Please help us to include as many people as possible in the mission.

Some of you may be concerned about getting to the Church and back in the evenings, especially if it is dark, and you are not comfortable about travelling alone. Please let one of the clergy know, or call the Parish Office.

The Repository: Kindly approach Father Deo or Father Paul if you would like them to bless any items for you.

CTS Please see the CTS rack for some excellent booklets to help you to make the most of your preparation for Easter. Having made your selection, please put your money for these into the CTS slot in the wall in the porch.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This beautiful remembrance of Christ's journey to his Crucifixion on Calvary will take place every Sunday at 4:00pm and every Friday at 8:00pm, throughout Lent, right up to and including Palm Sunday, **except during the Mission.**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: If you wish to make your confession outside of the scheduled times, either of our priests will be happy to help, if available. So please never be afraid to ask.

Employment Opportunities in Catholic Schools:

Please see posters on the porch noticeboard:

Coloma Convent Girls' School, Croydon, are seeking a Full-Time Geography teacher;

Bishop Challoner School, in Shortlands, need a Religious Studies teacher for maternity cover;

Thomas More, Purley, need Exam Invigilators.

John Fisher, Purley, would like to appoint a new Head of Religious Education.

The Scout Group are collecting **Sainsbury's Vouchers** again this year. We should be really grateful of you would kindly donate your vouchers to help our group. In the next couple of weeks there will be a box at the back of the church and also a collection box in the Hall. Thank you.