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Sunday 5th March 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 5th March –

First Sunday of Lent

6.15pm (Saturday 4th March)

Hugh & Agnes Maguire RIP

8.30am People of the Parish

10.00am Ella Marie RIP

11.30am Simon Bekit RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing)

**4.00pm Stations of the Cross
and Benediction**

5.00pm Denis & Shiela O'Donoghue RIP

First Week in Lent:

Monday 6th March

7.30am Diogo Barreto RIP

10.00am Welfare of Henrietta & Carl

Rochefford, family and friends

Tuesday 7th March

7.30am Mary Covington RIP

10.00am Welfare of Bernadette &
Seamy Tracey

Wednesday 8th March

7.30am Sister Jennifer Gomez RIP

10.00am Nancy Greally RIP

Thursday 9th March

7.30am Mary Boadiwah Akaadom RIP

10.00am Mary & David Patmore RIP

Friday 10th March

7.30am Welfare of Helena & Louise

Boamah Akaadom (Birthday)

10.00am Daryl Desa RIP

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

led by the Teams of Our Lady

Saturday 11th March

10.00am Thanksgiving for prayers

answered – Helena Boamah Akaadom

Next Sunday 12th March

Second Sunday in Lent

6.15pm (Saturday 4th March)

Salamao & Maria Rebello RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Welfare of Eugene Shaughnessy

**4.00pm Stations of the Cross
and Benediction**

5.00pm John Durkin RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer:

*Mass: Mon – Fri: 7.30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church

Mon - Sat 9.15am

*Adoration & Benediction.

Mon – Sat 9.30am

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10.00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10.30am

*Confessions:

**Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am;
then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,
and at call whenever a priest is available.**

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£2168.00**
(£1570.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders).

You also gave **£583.00** to **Poor Parishes.**

LIFE thank you for helping them to raise
£170.00 at last weekend's Coffee Morning.

**Coffee Morning after ALL morning
Masses today, with Rachael Menezes,
who is raising funds for two Portuguese
charities. Rachael, a student of nutrition,
will spend three months in Portugal,
educating people about nutrition.**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Once again, you are asked to consider our brothers and sisters in developing countries, that they might benefit from your generosity both financially and in prayer this Lent. Help is greatly needed to enable families not only to support themselves on a daily basis, but also to give their children a good chance in life. The many things which we all take for granted are all too often just a dream for those who have next to nothing. **Please take home with you today a special CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelope, and give whatever you can.** You may also Gift Aid your contribution, in which case please complete the relevant details on the envelope. Please note however, that those of you who Gift Aid your weekly offering, should NOT use a regular envelope. ONLY the special CAFOD envelopes may be used. They will collect the Gift Aid themselves. **Please return your CAFOD Lent Fast Day Envelopes next weekend.**

**We welcome into the Church, through the
Sacrament of Baptism,**

**Kane Matthew Charles &
Ruby-Star Sofia O'Shaughnessy,
who were Baptised here last Sunday.**

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

*A Special Rota will be put together to
cover Palm Sunday (8th & 9th April) and
Holy Week through to the Easter Vigil
and Easter Sunday (15th & 16th April).*
Please avoid a last minute rush!

CONFIRMATION 2017

The time of the Confirmation Mass
on Friday 30th June 2017 has been
brought forward to 7pm.

In the coming week:

**Friday 10th March – Over 55's meet
In the upper hall from 2pm – 4pm**
to celebrate St Patrick's day a tad
early. As usual, we shall be hosting
the Irish Dancers from St James the
Great School. Refreshments too!

Friday 10th March

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
led by the Teams of Our Lady.

Friday 10th March

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY.

**Please bring your envelopes to Mass
on 11th & 12th March.**

Saturday 11th March

Confirmation Candidates

**"FLAME" event. Please will parents
and candidates kindly read the
important message overleaf.**

Saturday 11th March

**First Holy Communion Session 7:
"Bread To Offer" in the Upper Hall
from 10am – 11.30am.**

**Please ensure that children arrive in
time and are collected promptly.**

Sunday 12th March

**Youth Club Coffee Morning
Extravaganza! After ALL morning
Masses. Enjoy a full English
Breakfast, cooked by professional
caterers, for just £4, including tea
and coffee. Various items on sale, a
raffle, games competition. Also, try
to defeat Eddie Sanders and a
mystery priest at table tennis!**

**THE PILGRIM: – please take your
free copy of the March edition.**

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaella Forte, Dennis Franklin, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green; Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Eugene Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

The funeral of Gladys Laskey will take place here on Monday 13th March 2017 at 10am.

Church Cleaning: Group 3: Grace Akunna, Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Jeannette Da Silva, Bernie Knight, Antoinette Nwanoneze, Victoria Okonko. *Please could you help clean the church?*

Gift Aid givers: 136; 155; 373; 379; 388.

Would the above Gift Aid Envelope holders kindly contact the Gift Aid team urgently via the Parish Office. Thank you all.

THE REPOSITORY: Easter stock has arrived. Don't forget your cards and gifts for St Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day.

CTS: LARGE PRINT versions of the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary books are now available.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Would ALL PARISH GROUP LEADERS please send in dates of all their meetings and events planned from now until January 2018, at least insofar as this is possible. Please email the Parish Office, or submit in writing if you have no internet access.

Only two parish groups have responded to this request so far.

ST CHAD'S SCHOOL, SOUTH NORWOOD: Headteacher required for September 2017. Details in the yellow folder in the porch, or www.stchadsprimaryschool.com.

Baptism Preparation Course:

The next course will take place at 8pm on both Wednesdays 22nd & 29th March 2017 at 8pm, in the room behind the sacristy. Those wishing to take part should take a Baptism Details Form from the porch, returning the form to the parish office as soon as possible.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Once again, our Scout Group, the 32nd Streatham, are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain camping equipment. Our scouts have greatly benefited from these in the past, so once again we ask that you kindly donate your vouchers to them. Please ask for the vouchers when shopping, and bring them with you to Mass. You will find boxes in the porch and in the lower hall in which to put them. Thanks.

Confirmation 2017 – Outing TO “FLAME”

The Confirmation Group will be attending FLAME at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March 2017. The group should meet at the bottom of Green Lane, near the traffic lights, at the 250 bus stop bearing the letter “M”, marked “Hermitage Lane”

(NB Do not go into Hermitage Lane itself! - The stop is right beside a newly constructed block of flats and a building site.)

Please arrive by 8.45am for a prompt departure at 9am by coach to Wembley. The coach should be back in Norbury between approximately 7.30pm and 8.00 pm. All attending are reminded to bring a packed lunch for the day. Food can also be purchased at the site, as well as souvenirs. Candidates are permitted to bring their mobile phones, and they will use these to let their parents know when we are close to Norbury on the return journey.

Additionally, those with smartphones should download the **CYMFED Flame App** before the trip.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

If you attended one of the three presentations about our sick and retired priests last weekend, thank you. Our parish team has been working hard, and they are greatly encouraged by the warm and positive response, particularly to the film, which features retired priests who have served in this area of the diocese. The team have organised the next presentation for Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.00pm in the hall, which will be introduced by Fr Deo. If you have asked to attend, we look forward to seeing you, and if not you are still most welcome to attend. Light refreshments are provided on arrival and there is an opportunity to learn about how you can join us in helping our sick and retired priests in this final chapter of their lives and to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS REGARDING PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

Palm Sunday: Please sign up on the notice in the Sacristy.

Palm Sunday falls on April 9th 2017. The **11.30am Mass ONLY** will start with a procession from the Hall. A short practice for this Mass will take place on Sunday April 2nd from 6.00pm until 6.30pm

Easter: please sign up for Holy Week

If you are able to serve any, or all, of the Easter services please sign the notice in the Sacristy. Practices last 45 – 60 minutes as follows:-

Maundy Thursday, 13th April (This Mass starts at 8pm)

Practice for this Mass is on Wednesday April 12th @ 7.30pm.

Good Friday, 14th April (This service starts at 3pm)

Practice for this service is on Good Friday morning @ 10:30am

Easter Vigil, Sat 15th April (This Mass starts at 8.30pm)

Practice Holy Saturday morning @ 10.30am.

Please also consider serving on Easter Sunday itself, though please note that there will NOT be a Mass at 5pm.

It's always great to see so many of our servers participating – especially our older servers - please serve if you possibly can, as we always need as many servers as possible.

LENTEN MASSES: – Each Monday at 12.00 Noon at Croydon University Hospital Chapel (Nearest entry – Woodcroft Road).

LENTEN TALKS: – At St Andrew's, Thornton Heath every Thursday, from 7.30pm to 9pm right through to April 6th. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

As ever, on Good Friday, 14th April 2017 at 12.00 Noon, some of our young people will take part in a special Stations of the Cross. We are now seeking volunteers to help us re-live the passion and death of Our Lord in this special way. Children are needed to carry banners, to read for each station and to perform roles. Those from nursery up to secondary school age are invited to take part, with parental permission.

Please contact Marion at: mh.brown@virgin.net. Please register your interest by Friday 7th April 2017. A rehearsal will take place in the church on Maundy Thursday, 13th April at 4pm.