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Sunday 10th March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 10th March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

6.15pm (Saturday 9th March 2019)

Noreen McGing RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Daryl Desa RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Mary Portelli RIP

4pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

5pm Canon Francis Moran RIP

First week of Lent:

Monday 11th March 2019

7.30am Eileen McCarthy RIP

10am Requiem for Tony Tambirasa

Tuesday 12th March 2019

7.30am Francis D'Mello RIP

10am Thanksgiving – Eric Giggins

Wednesday 13th March 2019

7.30am Thanksgiving – Louis Kwame

Tsegah & Helena Boamah Akaadom

10am Michael Kane RIP

Thursday 14th March 2019

7.30am Intentions of the Lawrence family

10am Tony Tambirasa RIP

Friday 15th March 2019

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY

7.30am Rosita & Kieran Ugoh RIP

10am Hazel Timmins RIP

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

8pm Our brothers and sisters for

whom we fast today with CAFOD

Saturday 16th March 2019

10am Recent victims of knife crime

Next Sunday 17th March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

6.15pm (Saturday 16th March 2019)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

8.30am People of the parish

10am Michelangelo Picciano RIP

(LIFE Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Thanksgiving –

Chidimma Muoghalu

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

(LIFE Coffee Morning after this Mass)

4pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

5pm Eileen McCarthy RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer

***Mass:** Monday - Friday: **7.30am**

***Morning Prayer of the Church**

Monday – Saturday: **9.15am**

***Adoration & Benediction.**

Monday – Saturday: **9.30am**

***Mass:** Monday – Saturday: **10am**

***Mass:** – Friday: **8pm**

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday: **10.30am**

***Confessions:**

Saturdays, after 10am Mass, until

11am; Then from 5pm to 6pm.

(and at call, if a priest is available.)

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday P.153

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Last weekend's Collection: **£1846.00,**

including £650.00 in Standing Orders.

You also gave **£830.00** to the

Poor Parishes of our Archdiocese.

PARISH MISSION

PREPARATORY WEEKEND

We welcome our Redemptorist Mission priests this weekend, who will introduce themselves and talk about the Mission, which will take place from

Saturday 6th April to Friday 12th April.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter, and on our Parish Web Site. The Mission Programme is now available to view.

Copies will be available at all Masses this weekend. You are strongly encouraged to take a full part in our Mission to enrich your spiritual lives as much as possible.

Why not invite your friends along?

GIFT AID – NEW ENVELOPES

Today, John Byrne, our Gift Aid organiser will be speaking briefly at all Masses. He will then be available in the small room behind Our Lady's altar, where you can pick up your envelopes, collect Standing Order forms and sign up for Gift Aid. The Church can claim back tax you have paid. **It costs you absolutely nothing extra!** If all those eligible for the scheme were to Gift Aid their offerings, we could claim about **£500** per week from HMRC! It really makes a significant difference. Please consider joining the scheme.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK, UNDERGOING TREATMENT OR WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake,

Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,

Barry Breese, Erna Breese,

Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie,

Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail,

Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,

Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,

Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,

Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standlee, Edythe Thirlwall,

Monica Vergara, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo,

Tony Zammit.

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

On Friday evenings at 7.30pm, Stations of the Cross, led by various parish groups, followed by the usual 8pm Mass.

Sundays at 4pm, Stations of the Cross,

with Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament, followed by the 5pm Mass.

Please see overleaf for details of Lenten talks and daily reflections available.

There are also **CTS** booklets in the rack, including Stations of the Cross.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

is this coming Friday. Please pick up a donation envelope from the porch.

The collection itself takes place next Sunday 17th March, and there will be a speaker from CAFOD at all Masses.

Parish Gift Aid envelopes may **NOT** be used for this collection. In order to

Gift Aid your contribution, it is essential that you complete the Gift Aid form on the CAFOD envelope.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church,
Eva Gomes Johnson, Baptised here last Sunday.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Angela Cassidy, of Lakehall Road, Thornton Heath, who died on 14th February. Her funeral will take place here on
Thursday 4th April at 10am.

Despina D'Emanuele, of Marian Road, who died on 24th February. Her funeral will take place here on **Thursday 28th March at 12 Noon.**

The Requiem for **Margaret Duggan** will take place here on **Monday 18th March at 10am.** Our condolences and prayers as a parish family go out to all the families.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next course takes place on both **Wednesdays 27th March and 3rd April at 8pm.** Please pick up an application form from the porch, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish Office. You must attend both sessions.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Would those who have not yet done so kindly provide dates for the special rota for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. We need to get the rota done soon.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 23rd March at St Bede's Clapham Park.
Please see the poster in the porch.

IN THE COMING WEEK:

Church Cleaning – Group 5 please.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Following the amazing and spiritually uplifting day our candidates spent at "FLAME" last Saturday, their next session takes place on **Wednesday 13th March** from 7.30pm to 9pm in the upper hall. Candidates should bring pens & their folders as well as any outstanding money for the cost of the programme. Please see the parish web site where there is a blog running regarding "FLAME".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Saturday 16th March, Session 7, for candidates, entitled "Fruit of the Vine", takes place from 10am – 11.30am in the upper hall. Please ensure that all children arrive in good time and that they are collected promptly.

BARTS SENIORS

Friday 15th March, from 2pm – 4pm in the lower hall. There is a St Patrick's Day theme this week, with dancers from the Conor Academy performing. Those who are interested in joining classes for adults or children may contact Bridie Willis on 07801 814748.

COFFEE MORNING WITH LIFE

Next Sunday after the 10am & 11.30am Masses, with refreshments, cakes and sale of knitted goods. Proceeds to LIFE Head Office. Please see: www.lifecharity.org.uk

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' COFFEE MORNINGS

As part of the Confirmation Programme, our candidates will hold two fundraising Coffee Mornings to raise money for two charities, which are the SVP and the British Home (where they spent an "awayday" as part of their journey). The first of these is on Sunday 24th March, after ALL morning Masses. Please do come along and support our Confirmandi as they give of their time to support those less fortunate than themselves.

ALTAR SERVING OVER THE EASTER PERIOD

There are rotas in the sacristy to which as many servers as possible are asked to add their names, ensuring that parents and guardians are informed where necessary. It is always good that so many servers participate, including those older servers who may be in further education or employment, and yet still find the time to come along when they can. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Practices as follows:

For Palm Sunday 14th April, 11:30 Mass:

(Starting in the hall, followed by a procession to the church)

A short practice will be held on **Sunday 7th April at 6pm**

For Maundy Thursday 18th April, 8pm:

Practice will be on **Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm**

For Good Friday 19th April, 3pm:

Practice will be on **Good Friday morning at 10.30am**

For Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday 20th April, 8.30pm:

Practice will be on Holy Saturday morning at 10.30am

Please also sign up for Mass on Easter Sunday morning.

NB: No Benediction or 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

NEW ELECTRICAL HEATING

We thank you for your patience whilst we await necessary work by UK Power Networks, electricity suppliers, electricians and builders, before the system can be fully up and running.

GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE

Saturday 6th April, at 5.15pm, organised by Eddie Sanders. Please pick up a form, which explains everything. This is our annual Youth Club fundraiser. The Youth Club is open to all young people aged 10 to 16. Club night is every Friday from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. Details from Eddie on 020 8333 0690.

FREE COFFEE MORNINGS

A handful of volunteers have come forward, and we shall begin today after the 10am Mass only. As more people put their names down, we hope to increase the frequency as well as the number of Masses covered.

LENTEN TALKS AND REFLECTIONS

Throughout Lent, the Centre for Catholic Formation will be holding Lent Talks at Holy Ghost Parish in Balham:

Prayer: Tuesday 19th March. **Speaker:** Sebastian Morello

Fasting: Tuesday 26th March. **Speaker:** Dr Mark Nash

Almsgiving: Tuesday 2nd April. **Speaker:** Theo Howard

The Passion: Tuesday 9th April. **Speaker:** Pierpaolo Finaldi.

Details from CCF on 020 8672 7684. The CCF runs a number of courses and events to help us with our faith.

Please see: <https://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/>

The Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission is providing daily reflections, which you can receive by email.

To subscribe, please visit: <http://eepurl.com/bF0b6P>