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Sunday 1st March 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Yr A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

First Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

(Parish Mass Book – Page 151)

6.15pm (Saturday 29th February 2020)

José Januario RIP (24th anniversary)

8.30am Canon Francis Moran RIP

10am Intentions of Erna Breese

(birthday)

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Thanksgiving (Anna)

(Polyphony Choir singing)

1pm Polish Mass - Deceased members,

Cichosz, Adamiec & Dworuch families

4pm Stations of the Cross

& Benediction

5pm Dennis & Shiela O'Donoghue RIP

First Week of Lent

Monday 2nd March 2020

7.30am Thanksgiving – Yvette & Mike

10am Annie Colleran RIP

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

7.30am John Higgins RIP

10am Patrick Colleran RIP

Wednesday 4th March 2020

7.30am Mary & Séan Kenny RIP

10am Intentions of the Maduka Family

Thanksgiving Novena

Thursday 5th March 2020

7.30am Tim & Catherine Dennehy RIP

10am Baby Huxley Beck RIP

Friday 6th March 2020

Women's World Day of Prayer

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

7.30am Diogo Barreto RIP

(90th birthday)

10am May Brown RIP

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

8pm The work of CAFOD

Saturday 7th March 2020

10am Intentions of Seeven Gandhi

(80th birthday)

In the coming week:

Church Cleaning – Group 3 please.

THE PILGRIM – MARCH EDITION

Please take a copy of our Archdiocesan newspaper for March. Please consider a fitting offering to cover our costs of providing this paper. Please use the 'Newspapers & CTS' wall box.

Next Sunday 8th March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

(Parish Mass Book – Page 155)

6.15pm (Saturday 7th March 2020)

Agnes & Hugh Maguire RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Baby Huxley Beck RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Maggie Walsh RIP

4pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

5pm Intentions on the birthdays of

Helena Akaadom – Boamah

& Kwame Boadi Tsegah

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.

Also in Polish as announced

and at call, when a priest is available.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Collection for last week:

Sunday 23rd February 2020 - £2313.00

(Including Standing Orders of £750.00**

****NB: this figure is subject to change.)**

THANKS FROM LIFE

Last Sunday, you helped to raise **£233.00,**

which has been sent to LIFE HQ.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

FOR POOR PARISHES

Please help parishes in need. Your offerings enable the Archbishop to make grants to them. Gift Aiders, please use the envelope in your boxes for this collection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm.

Every Sunday in Lent at 4pm,

followed by Benediction.

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

After the 10am Mass today. Also next Sunday. These are organised by the Social Committee. Please support them.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE CURRENTLY ILL OR HOUSEBOUND

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Octaviano D'Souza; Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, Delphine Fernandes,

Teresa Florek-Smail, Michael Fogarty,

Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,

Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave,

James McDonald, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,

Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,

Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Mary Vassallo, Monica Vergara,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo,

Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The funeral of **Eileen Spencer** will take place here on Tuesday 24th March at 10am. Our sympathy and prayers as a parish go to the family.

CTS

Stations of the Cross and other Lent related booklets are now available in the CTS rack beside the repository.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Please take a copy of the Year of the Word prayer card. Do join in this short prayer and its responses, which will be read at every Mass this year. There are also very informative A4 brochures for you to take away. To watch a video by Cardinal Vincent Nichols please click on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAvwDIToAs8>

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued guidelines on the subject of Coronavirus. Please observe the NHS guidelines on tissues and hand cleansing etc as per the posters in porch areas.

We shall attempt to source supplies of hand sanitiser gel, though it is in short supply. In any event, please provide your own, carry it with you and use it. Dependent upon how the situation develops, it may be necessary to modify the way in which Holy Communion is given, as well as the Sign of Peace. If you are suffering from any symptoms, please stay at home and seek medical advice.

You can call NHS by dialling 111 from any phone. As a precautionary measure, we have removed all our Holy Water Stoups. Please take any rubbish home with you, especially tissues etc.

Please click on the link below for information.

<http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf>

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Please take an envelope from the porch, and bring it back with your contribution enclosed **NEXT WEEKEND**. You may Gift Aid what you give, but to do this you must use the special slips which come as part of the envelopes. **NB: You CANNOT use normal Gift Aid envelopes for this.**

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – EASTER ROTA

Please provide your availability for the period from and including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Please do not leave this until the last minute. *A short rota will cover the last two weeks of April.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Session 7, “Bread to Offer” This Saturday
7th March from 10am – 11am at BTG School.

<https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/eucharistic-preparation.html>

CONFIRMATION 2020

Visit to Norwood & Brixton Foodbank this Saturday 7th March, 10am – 12 Noon, for St Basil & St Charles groups.

Session 3, ‘Gifts of the Holy Spirit’ Wednesday
11th March at BTG School from 7.30pm to 9pm.

<https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/confirmation-blog-2020.html>

RCIA – THE JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

Following the Rite of Election at St George’s Cathedral on Saturday, our RCIA group, the four members of which we refer to as **the Elect**, continue their preparation to become Catholics with the ‘Scrutinies’ which will take place at various Sunday Masses on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. During the Easter Vigil, our Catechumens, Nicholas, Claire and Aurelien will be Baptised, make their First Holy Communion and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Hiwot, who is already Baptised, will enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the same time and will also make her First Holy Communion and be Confirmed. Fr Deo will perform all these Sacraments, with special delegation from Archbishop John to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for the Elect.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Preparations continue for the Dinner Dance this spring. Please donate raffle prizes via the Parish Office. Details about this grand parish event will follow in due course. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to support this undertaking by the Social Committee.

IRISH NIGHT - SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

Entry is by ticket only at £20.00, from the Parish Office, or contact Maureen O’Donoghue on 07958 988959. Both meat and vegetarian options will be available.

PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

Work is underway on your responses relating to **time and talents**. You may be contacted by those parishioners who organise the various parish activities, according to the activities in which you have expressed an interest. *If you have signed a Standing Order, your bank may contact you to verify the details before commencing payments.*

SPECIAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2020

Following the very successful event for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion held last November, Bishop Pat has arranged for Father Victor Darlington to host a similar day at Sacred Heart Catholic School, Camberwell New Road, London SE5 0RP on Saturday 14th March 2020. Fr. Victor is a renowned scripture professor who teaches at St. John’s Seminary in Womersley. His area of expertise is the writings of St. John. In the first presentation he will speak about “The Journey Towards Faith in the Gospel of John”, reflecting especially on the Gospels for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of Lent. In the afternoon session he will speak on the theme “Called to be a Community of Life”, drawing especially from the seven “I am” statements in John’s Gospels, which are used in the readings on the Sundays and weekdays of Easter. All Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are welcome to attend. Please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

BIBLE STUDY COMMENCING THIS WEEK

Father Tomasz will be leading Bible Study sessions on the theme of ‘Salvation History – The Faithfulness of the Merciful God’ on Monday evenings at 7.30pm from 2nd March until 6th April. Or you may choose to come on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm from 4th March until 1st April, with a final afternoon session before Easter on Tuesday 7th April, also at 2pm.

All sessions will be held in the Retro Chapel. Please bring a Bible with you, preferably the RSV edition. By all means come equipped to make notes. Bible Study will continue after Easter.

UNCLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHS

A number of photographs ordered following past First Holy Communion and Confirmations remain uncollected. These photos were printed to order by John Taylor, at his own expense. Would the following families kindly contact the Parish office in order to arrange collection and payment:
Annobil; Cranwell, Desira; Gloucester-Troirra, Migliardi, Muthy, Odusanya, Prempeh, Smith, Venereau.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church:

**Vincent John Greaves,
Nikolas David Kollias - Jones
& Noah Grant Reece**

who were Baptised here last weekend.