

# Parish of St Peter and St Paul

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## FOURTH Sunday in LENT

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7 - 8pm (animated by HAKUNA)

## FRIDAYS IN LENT

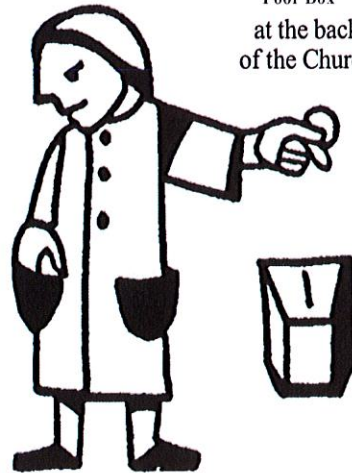
7pm

## STATIONS of the CROSS



## LENTEN ALMS

Poor Box  
at the back  
of the Church



ADORATION & 7-8pm

CONFESSIONS THURSDAYS IN LENT

SCAN to GIVE  
You can scan this QR  
code for your weekly  
Sunday donation.  
Thank you.



Sr Jucunda was a quiet, unassuming, gentle and very kind person who had a deep relationship with God and a great gift of appreciation. Sr Jucunda was musical and initially taught music and spirituality in the convent school in Rochdale. Sister also trained as a counsellor and Novice Directress which she continued from 1974 to 2016.

Sister was Novice Directress in Rochdale followed by 15 years in South Africa, and 20 years in Tanzania. Sister came to London in 2016 where she enjoyed contact with parishioners, helped the Polish student-Sisters with English, and prepared and held the Communion Service in St Peter & St Pauls while Fr Barry had a day off.

In Nov 2018 Sister was transferred to Pallotti Convent, Macclesfield where she prepared and held Communion services for the residents in the nearby Elderly Care Home and spent most of her day in chapel.

Sr Jucunda slipped away gently and silently, surrounded by Sisters and carers on 1st March, 2024, aged 92.

Her last words that anyone can recall were "Thank you". May she R.I.P.

# LENT

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After the risk of an 'Abstract Lent' ineffective in our real concrete lives, the risk of a 'Formal Lent' duly kept outwardly in terms of fasting, prayer and almsgiving but missing out the deep truth about our inwardly transformation, the risk of an 'Orphan Lent' somehow lost and disconnected from Easter and from Pentecost, there is yet another risk: '1/2 Lent', half a Lent. What do I mean?

Very simple. The big risk is to put around the word Lent two big parenthesis: a start date and an end date. In this way, we have 40 days of Lent, of conversion, of penance, yes, and that's it!

But this is not the truth about Christian life. In Christianity each so-called strong liturgical season underlines something which is always true across the whole life of a Christian. As we live in time and seasons, so we emphasise one particular aspect of our faith and live it more intensely in different times of the year.

Hence, the Cross is not something we kiss or venerate just on Good Friday. "The Christian", writes Saint Augustine, "ought to be suspended constantly on this cross through his/her entire life, passed as it is in the midst of temptation. For there is no time in this life when we can tear out the nails". Lent is not an interval, a parenthesis, but a time of grace to be lived out for the whole duration of my life.

Fasting, intense prayer and almsgiving are not some sort of 'seasonal Lenten fruits' but they belong to the whole of our life where we are constantly called to fight against the Devil, the concupiscence of the flesh and the seductions of the world.

It is Lent.

Not an 'Abstract Lent', dissociated from our reality.

Not a 'Formal Lent', emptied of its deep meaning.

Not an 'Orphan Lent', separated from its origin and destination.

No 'Half a Lent', no expiring date please!

*fr. Ivano*

Father Ivano