**SUNDAY MARCH 15th, 2020. – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

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SATURDAY 14th18.00 **Agnes & Frances Swan (Anniv)**

SUNDAY 15th **[Third Sunday of Lent]**

09.00 **Carmine Noviello RIP**

11.15 **Filippa Pagano (Anniv)**  
18.00 **People of the Parish**

*Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:40*

MONDAY 16th *[Lent Feria]*

10:00 **Patrick Chow RIP**

TUESDAY 17th *[St Patrick]*

10:00 **Patricia Lee (Thanksgiving)**

WEDNESDAY 18th *[Lent feria]*

10:00 **Joan Taylor RIP**

THURSDAY 19th *[St Joseph]*

19.30  **Kin Hong Wong (Thanksgiving)**

FRIDAY 20th *[Lent feria]*

10.00  **Stephen Byrne (Sick)**

19:30 ***Stations of the Cross***

SATURDAY 21st *[Lent feria]*

10.00  **Marieta & Aurelio Atienza RIP**

18:00 (Vigil)  **Patricia Backman (Anniv)**

SUNDAY 22nd **[Fourth Sunday of Lent]**

09.00 **Giuseppe Noviello RIP**11.15 **Teresa Figueiredo (Anniv)**

18.00 **Esther Horkan RIP**

Masses and Services this week

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: John Cash, Stephen Byrne, Betty Conti, Margaret Wedgworth, Victor Kumarathasan, Jean Vaughan, Mrs Klavkowski, Michael Enskat, Laura Everest, Curzio Pirfo, Czeslaw Czaprowski, Mary Hodgison, Alexandre Silva, Bella King, Margaret Tso, Gerard O’Brien, John Donohoe, Margaret Saines, Mary Ahern, Dominic Manley, Cecil Cain, Eileen Murray, Kathleen Wood, Duncan Webster, Lisa Walker, James Elton, Michael Coyle, Timor Yonel, Jason Jackson, Luke Slater, Anna Benton, Joe Da Silva, Emma Quirke, Mary Wallace, Jacob Nuske, Susan Birley, Barrie Jervis, Ann Kelly.

**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**IMPORTANT**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU TAKE A SPECIAL ADDITIONAL LETTER FROM FR BRIAN TO ALL PARISHIONERS THIS WEEKEND**

**Prayer during Lent:**

**Stations of the Cross** each Friday in Lent at 7:30pm in the Church, subject to other circumstances changing our regular routines.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**: Will now taken place every day from 8am until the Church closes in the evening. Confessions will be available from 30mins before each Mass. The Church will be open daily, as usual, however if the Church is empty, the interior glass doors will remain locked to maintain security.

**Lenten alms 2020**

This year our Lenten Alms will be split between a local project and an international or missionary one. Our local project is the Cardinal’s *Lenten Appeal, and our missionary project is to support the work of* the Matumaini Project in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).

**CAFOD Family Fast Day:**

Any remaining envelopes from the Lent Family Fast Day on March 6th can be returned this week in the general collection basket, or to the parish office.

**Lenten Talks - The Year of The Word**

**Thursday 19th March: Rabbi Dr Adrew Goldstein,** Rabbiemeritus of Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue

**Thursday 26th March: Fr John Hemer MHM,** Scripture Studies Professor at Allen Hall Seminary

**These talks may or may not go ahead, depending on how the current situation unfolds**

**ST PATRICK’S CELEBRATION**

Many thanks to all who helped in so many ways to make our St Patrick’s night celebration such a success. Thanks especially to Ann Grant for all her hard work, and to the team who so ably assisted her.

**Raffle Prize Appeal**

Thanks to all who contributed such an array of wonderful prizes for our raffle. Anyone who did not collect their prizes on the night can pick them up from the Parish Office.

**PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP**

We are currently exploring whether there is interest in the parish in forming a weekly group for parents with young children to meet together to support each other socially, and spiritually. Please leave a message for Lizzy at the Parish Office if this may interest you.

**MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS**

The spring edition of the Missio magazine is now available for red box holders to pick up from the sacristy. If you would like your box to be emptied please leave it for Elizabeth Scudder and it will be counted and returned in due course. If you are interested in supporting the work of Missio please leave a message for Elizabeth via the parish office.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - SCHOOL ENTRANCE SEPT 2021**

Families with children applying for Faith schools to commence in September 2021 will be asked for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Fr Brian must be able to sign to say that the child and their family are known to him, and that they practice the faith – i.e. that they attend Mass on Sundays regularly. If this cannot be confidently stated, Fr Brian will **not**  be able to sign forms when they are presented in Sept/Oct 2020. In order to be able to honestly attest to practice, over the next few weeks we will be implementing a system to ensure that families of this age-group who regularly attend our parish are on Fr Brian’s radar. This will be so that we can be as fair as possible to everyone when school-form season comes around.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES- CLAIM THE DATE**

We are still planning to arrange a parish group to travel to Lourdes and join the annual Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage **25th – 31st July.** More information about booking & prices, etc. will be available soon. This event is still planned to take place, however current events may have an impact. When there is more information, we will share it with you.

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM – UPDATE**

It is our intention to have festive Mass on the eve of the Solemnity of the Assumption (Tuesday 24th March) at 7:30pm. During this Mass, our new statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be blessed and will be installed in her new place in the church porch.