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Mass this Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 11th February 2024

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 There are always people who are excluded, but Christ is the great unifier

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 There is no action too trivial to offer to the glory of God.

Mark 1:40-45 The harshness of the law excluding lepers prepares the way for the mercy of Christ.

Today's Readings

Mass This Week

Saturday 10th 6:30pm

Sunday 11th 9:00am

10:30am *(First Holy Communion Link Mass)*

Tuesday 13th 6:00pm

Wednesday 14th **9:15am**

6:00pm

Thursday 15th 9:15am

Friday 16th 9:15am

Weekday

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent Weekday

Lent Weekday

Intentions

Fr Seamus McGeoghan (anniversary)

Nora Ward (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Parish Synod Discussions

Departed Member of Villa/Stables Families

Our Lent works of charity

Our Lenten Devotions

Our Lenten Disciplines

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Fr Seamus (RIP)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

10:30am Mass **this Sunday:** is our First Holy Communion Link Mass. *After Mass could people could assist in clearing flowers.*

Lent has almost arrived!

1. On Ash Wednesday there will be mass with the imposition of ashes at 9:15am and 6pm.
2. If you are willing to lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent, please sign up on the sheet in the Sacristy
3. If you would like to be part of a group using the resource on the Lord's Prayer *We Dare to Say* please sign up on the sheet in the sacristy – it is looking as if we shall have at least one Wednesday afternoon group and a Tuesday evening group – venues to be confirmed.
4. Our Parish **Lent Penitential Service** will be Thursday March 14th at 7:30pm. The usual opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation will continue at 5:30pm on Saturdays or by appointment.

Lent Lunches Please come and join us for Lent Lunch in the Parish Hall between 12 noon and 1:15pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 13th March

Lunch will consist of home-made soup, bread and fruit, followed by tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £5 and all proceeds from the lunches will go to CAFOD and Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome!

On 28th February, it will be our turn to host the lunch so any volunteers would be appreciated.

Lectionary Readings For Lent Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge

on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'.

Pilgrim Cross - Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

We are looking for some lovely hosts for the evening of Palm Sunday from about 5pm until Monday at 8am. The Pilgrims always appreciate a warm comfortable bed, a hot meal in the evening and breakfast to restore them for the onward journey on Monday.

Last year we were able to host all our Pilgrims and it would be wonderful to be able to open our homes to them again this year.

Prior to their visit we are made aware of any dietary needs and we do know that we have a Pilgrim who has an Assistance Dog. Please contact Marion on 07511 009472 or email marion.kett@btinternet.com.

World Day Of Prayer This will be on Friday 1st March 2024 at 2.00pm - 3:00pm at The Methodist Church. All are welcome. A bit nearer the time we will need some volunteers to do Readings etc - possibly up to 4 or 5 - not sure yet exactly how many but if anyone felt able to please let Marion Kett know. There will be more information coming out in the next few weeks. Telephone Number 07511 009472 or email marion.kett@btinternet.com.

Weddings: Summer 2024 Several couples have dates coming up for their weddings this summer. Please can they contact Fr Philip to make sure that all the necessary paperwork and timings we have are correct, and we can begin to plan the Orders of Service.

Towards October 2024 . We will have two Parish Gatherings. The first will be on **this Tuesday 13th February** at 6:30 and will focus on co-responsibility in the life and mission of the Church, following the evening mass, the second will be on Thursday 22nd at 6pm and will focus on formation. Everyone is invited, especially members of our PPC and Finance Committee, our Evangelisation Team and other groups and individuals actively engaged in mission and ministry.

The Light Party are seeking to have a 'Light Party Champion', from each of the churches involved in the project. Their role would include:

- Sharing regular updates about the event with their church
- Encouraging church friends to volunteer at the event, if appropriate
- Asking for and collecting donations of sweets from their church
- Helping with the content of the outreach leaflet that is given to all families who attend The Light Party
- Giving feedback to their church, following the event

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February For the Terminally Ill The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."



Lenten Prayers

From Saint Ephraim of Syria (4th century):

O Lord and Master of my life,
take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and
idle talk,
but grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience,
and love to Thy servant.
Yea, O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge
my brother,
for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen