

**THIS WEEK'S LAMP DEDICATIONS ARE FOR:**  
**Sanctuary Lamps** - All those in our garden of remembrance  
**Our Lady's Chapel** - Helena & Jan Lada (RIP)



**Parish of St. Gregory The Great**  
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**5th March 2023**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A**  
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**PARISH TEAM**

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**Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00am-12noon**  
**The Parish Office is closed on Thursdays.**  
**Link to our live broadcast: <https://www.churchservices.tv/southernruislip>**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 5TH MARCH TO 12TH MARCH 2023**

<b>5th March 2023</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	Binkowski Family (Intentions)
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Anne Leathem (RIP)
<b>Year A</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Bernie & Maureen O'Connor (RIP)
<b>Monday 6th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Michael Waterford (RIP)
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Rosary
<b>Tuesday 7th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	David Cullen (RIP)
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Rosary
<b>Wednesday 8th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	John Murphy (RIP)
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Rosary
<b>Thursday 9th March</b>	<b>NO MASS HERE TODAY</b>	
	<b>The Church will remain closed all day.</b>	
<b>Friday 10th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Tracy Tierney (Intentions)
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 11th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	David Cullen (RIP)
<b>Sunday 12th March</b>	<b>5.30 pm (Sat)</b>	Donal O'Sullivan (RIP)
<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Hubert Clancy (RIP)
<b>Year A</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Peter Farrell (RIP)
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Yvonne Edwards (RIP)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**  
**Saturday 10.30-11.30am & 4.30pm-5.15pm**

In the Transfiguration, Christ is approached by Moses, Elijah, and his heavenly Father. A beautiful parallel can be drawn between this episode and the temptations that Christ suffered in the wilderness. In order to draw the parallel with this Sunday's gospel, I would like to remind you of how Jesus was tempted. In the first temptation Satan is not only tempting Christ's lack of food and immediate feeling of hunger: it is a temptation for Christ to look for life and security on anything else besides or instead of God. This fear of lacking anything can drive anyone to sacrifice so many beautiful things in life in order to secure one's life in forms of work, career, money, wealth...In the transfiguration we see Moses, who, in the face of the rebellion of the people of Israel in the desert for the lack of bread (the incapacity of the people to trust that God would look after them) was the instrument used by God to feed his people with bread from heaven: man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. The Devil then tempts Christ into idolatry: too look for fulfilment in something or someone else other than God. It is easy to say with that only God is God; yet it is also very easy to fall into the worship of the idols of this world: money, sex, career, status, appearance, alcohol, drugs, even ourselves. In the transfiguration we see the prophet Elijah, who in the face of the idolatry of the people of Israel challenges them saying: "until when will you go on limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him, but if the Idols, then follow them!" You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone." Christ was then taken to the top of the Temple, being tempted by the Devil to throw himself down so the angels could catch him and so make a spectacle of himself; everyone would see and believe in him. This is a temptation for Christ to rebel against his history, against the fact that, in the eyes of the people, he is just a carpenter's son, a nobody. It is a temptation to rebel against the history that God does with each one of us, not accepting the fact that we are poor, or do not have the job that we want, that we are not married, that our spouse or children are not in the way we want them. This rebellion is the one that make us, as it made the people of Israel in the desert, put to God the test, to force him to change things, to do our will. In the transfiguration we hear the voice of the Father, making explicit to all that this Jesus is not just anybody: he is His Son, "the Beloved! Listen to Him." The history that God is doing with Christ, and with us, is beautiful; one of love. Only in Him we can discover who we truly are, a beloved child: 'You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

## CURRENT VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

For all vacancies in the Diocese please visit the website

<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have recently joined the parish, or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years, please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-

Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Micah McKennon, Mary Temple, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Bridget Finch, Angie Webster, Mary Wallace, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, Nora Demello, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Peggy McNicholas, Gillian Burke, Alan Downes, John Higgins, Maxi Giambrone, Mary O'Regan, Nollaig Donegan, Kamini Mahida, Salvatore Giambrone, Francis Thone, Gary Sheppard, John McCarthy, John & Agnes Keane, George Alden, baby Wilf, Joseph Jackson, Kitty Kiely, Isabella Czerniajew, Bernie Killeen, Doreen Sullivan, Audrey Farrell, John Boyne, Philip Rodgers, Rita Clli, Mary Theresa Mills, Laura Madeira, Tom Doyle, Jim Kennedy, Pamela Murray, Ciaran Murphy, Lilian Scott, Phelmene Henry, Josie Lambert, Pat Naylor.

*(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME. WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME:

Mary Boyne, Geoffrey Allan, Helena & Jan Lada, Anne Leathem, Bernie & Maureen O'Connor, Michael Waterford, David Cullen, John Murphy, all those buried in our garden of remembrance.

### RED SANCTUARY LAMPS / BLUE LAMP BY OUR LADY

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, or for someone's intentions please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10 for the Red Sanctuary lamps and £5 for Our Lady, the names will appear on the newsletter for the specific week.

### COLLECTIONS 26/02/2023

Standing Orders            £1192.38

Envelopes                    £ 115.50

Loose Plate                   £ 569.41

### WEDDINGS

Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

## JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

The Jesuit Refugee Service is an international Catholic organisation supporting refugees and displaced persons globally. The central ministry is Accompaniment, being with someone who is suffering and marginalised, to walk alongside them.

In the U.K., JRS helps support men and women held near Heathrow Airport in one of Europe's largest immigration detention centres. Those detained are often isolated and alone, with no local friends or family to visit them. Unlike in a prison, their sentence is indefinite, awaiting the resolution of their cases, which can drag on even for years. Sadly, the detention centres are bursting at the seams, with over 23,000 people detained a year, and JRS needs more volunteers for this challenging, but rewarding, work. Social visits provide a vital connection and source of strength to those detained and the only skills required are an open heart and a listening ear.

If you'd like to learn more, JRS will be at Sacred Heart in Ruislip on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Detention Outreach programme. All are welcome!

### SCHOOL FORMS

If you require a school form signed, you must first collect an information form from Fr. Paulo after any weekend Mass. Once you have this, please contact Gillian in the parish office to make an appointment to come along and meet with Fr. Paulo.

### ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2023 AT 2:30PM.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the parish office with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

### HILLINGDON DEANERY LENTEN RETREAT - EVERYDAY PRAYER FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Led by Sr. Gemma Simmonds, Saturday 18th March 9.30am - 3.30pm. Pield Heath House, Pield Heath Road, UB8 3NW. Donation to cover costs. See poster in porch for more details or to book a place, please email [uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk) or call Angela on 01895 233193.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL

The appeal is open for the entire duration of Lent and your envelopes can be dropped off at any Mass.

### "LILIES OF REMEMBRANCE"

Please take a slip of paper and PRINT clearly the names of loved ones to be remembered. Please also consider taking an envelope for your donation to help with the cost of the lilies. All the masses on Easter Sunday will be offered for all our loved ones. Please return slips to the Presbytery as soon as possible.