

Sunday 27th March 2022

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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For children,
download a weekly sheet:
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THIS WEEK

Sun 27 March **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
6.15pm (Vigil) John Naughton RIP
8.30am Kathleen O'Connor RIP &
 Patrick Hannon RIP
9.45am Souls of Fernandes Family
11.15am Michael O'Connell RIP
5.30pm **THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Mon 28 March **Lent feria**
9.30am Mr B. Balarajan RIP
11.00am **FUNERAL MASS**
 Mary Bunker RIP

Tues 29 March **Lent feria**
9.30am Anastasia Johnston RIP
11.30am **FUNERAL MASS**
 Gabriella Henry RIP

Weds 30 March **Lent feria**
9.30am Barretto family RIP

Thurs 31 March **Lent feria**
9.30am Derek Lynas RIP

Fri 1 April **Lent feria**
9.30am Carmel O'Dwyer (Ints.)



Sat 2 April **Lent feria**
9.30am Michael John Faughnan

Sun 3 April **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
6.15pm (Vigil) Mum & Dad (Davis) RIP, Mum &
 Dad (Valles)RIP
8.30am Jean Gabriel RIP
9.45am Liam Nevin RIP
11.15am S. Manuelpillai RIP
5.30pm **THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

TODAY'S MASS



In today's gospel the younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honours him

with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. By way of contrast, the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9a,10-12*

The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 34:2-7*

A prayer of praise to God.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

St Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-3,11-32*

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

Pope Benedict XVI

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am.

ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: *Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Rowland Watts Catherine Corcoran, Trezel Dias*

RECENTLY BAPTISED: *Anver Ferrao*

RECENTLY DEPARTED: *Sr Una Trant, Mary Bunker, Sheila Trinidad, Gabriella Henry*

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: *Kathleen O'Connor, Patrick Hannon, Michael O'Connell (8th), John Broderick, Anna Carbery O'Donohue, John Hurley.*

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intentions of Baptiste Fernandes

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant father? Is it the contrast between an obedient and a disobedient son? Or the reception given to a spendthrift son by the father and the reception given by the eldest son? Jesus does contrast the eldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's rather lavish party and warm embrace for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him. His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of anyone who returns to God.

The prodigal could not return to the garden of innocence, but he was welcomed and reinstated as a son. The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead, a rebirth to new life from spiritual death. The parable also contrasts mercy and its opposite - a lack of forgiveness. The father who had been wronged, was forgiving. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving. His 'lack of forgiveness' turns into contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners. In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home.

During this Lent let us rediscover the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of our heavenly Father.



NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome back if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions.

PLEASE LEAVE THE PEW NEAT AND TIDY AS YOU DEPART CHURCH TODAY. This is especially true if you have children using their worksheets. Please make sure they (or you) bring all the crayons back to the basket.

MOTHERING SUNDAY this Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Len. **MOTHERING SUNDAY** is an ancient title given to this Sunday - midway through Lent. It is traditionally the day that the faithful would go to visit (would go a mothering), to the mother church of their Baptism. Nowadays this weekend is also used as an occasion to give thanks for our mothers, living and departed. There will be flowers blessed for children to give to their mothers at the 9.45am Mass and 11.15am Mass.

IF YOU WERE LATE FOR MASS>>>> The clocks went forward one hour to British Summer Time **THIS Sunday 27th March.**

HELPUKRAINE COLLECTION Thank you to all who gave last 2 weeks. We have raised an amazing: **£3215.13.** The fund remains open if you still wish to give.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORKSHEETS Are available again this weekend and are at the back of the church where you pick up the weekly sheet together with a basket of crayons (Please make sure you put these back neat and tidy. They are in two age groups: 3-6 & 7-12. Please try to make sure your children don't draw on the pews or the walls!!!

FUNERAL MASS of Mary Bunker on Monday 28th March at 11.00am followed by burial in Acton Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Gabriella Henry on Tuesday 29th March at 11.30am followed by cremation at Breakspear crematorium. May she rest in peace.

LOOKING AHEAD—LENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION Saturday 2nd April given by Fr Pius Collins O.praem. Beginning with Mass at 9.30am and end with a simple lunch. All Welcome. No need to book ahead.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday in Lent after the 9.30am Mass (and the Café/Bar will then be open afterwards).

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE leaflets are available as you enter church. Please use them individually and as a family. **LAST FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH**, the Holy Father, in Rome, consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Act of Consecration was made in each of the Diocesan Cathedrals across England and Wales. Please continue to pray for peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - On **Tuesday 29th March at 7pm** the children will be reflecting on how 'Jesus is the Bread of Life'. The children continue to practice receiving Holy Communion each week at sessions. Parents/Carers are encouraged to continue practicing at home and are reminded of the importance of **attending Mass each week** as the children prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May.

CONFIRMATION - This Sunday the Candidates are going on a 5km **Sponsored Walk** in aid of **Mary's Meals**. To sponsor them please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sponsoredwalkformarysmeals. At this week's session, on **Monday 28th March at 7.30pm**, the Candidates will be reflecting on **Holy Week**. Thank you for continuing to help the candidates to arrive in good time for the start of each session.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. 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 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the Parish Office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

THE OVER 60's CLUB Lots of people and great fun too! Why not join them? All over 60's welcome—just turn up on Tuesday in the café/Bar at 1.00pm. Everyone welcome—and not just Catholics!

ST LUKE'S COLOUR RUN at Kenton Recreation Ground on Saturday 23/4/22 at 11am. Book now at www.stlukes-hospice.org-colourrun or telephone 020 8382 8000.

PLANNED GIVING—envelopes for 2022/2023 are available this weekend. As we have many similar names please make sure you take the correct box. Also, please check the name and address on the box and let us know if it is incorrect. Thank you to parishioners who have now switched over to a standing order. This save us printing costs. **PLEASE** let us know:

- If you are new to the parish and wish to use these envelopes for the first time
- If you think you should have a box this year and your box is missing.
- If you wish to change from Planned Giving envelopes to a Standing Order.
- You wish to contribute by Standing Order.
- You wish to Gift Aid your contribution.
- You need a supply of "paid by Bankers' order" cards.
- You have a Gift Aid and your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay tax. It is the responsibility of anyone who has a Gift Aid and contributes by planned giving envelope or bankers' order to inform the parish office if they are no longer paying tax

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS Fridays at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

SPONSORING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP & THE LAMP AT OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM is a lovely thing to do for a departed loved one or a particular intention. There are some possibilities in the month of April. Please contact the office.

REPOSITORY: Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

CHURCH CLEANING: - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass.** All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: for details go to: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BUCHANAN COURT - Buchanan Court are looking for some new staff - Registered Nurses, Care Assistants, Kitchen Assistant & Housekeeping Staff. Students, who are only available Part-Time, are also welcome to apply. If you are interest-

ed, please contact Rohan Mathew at rohan.mathew@careuk.com.

WANTED: Large Room - for middle-aged working lady. "I have lived in the same house locally for over twenty years but need to move as my landlord's circumstances have changed". Tel. no. 07985531525.

MARY'S MEALS COLLECTING BOXES please hold on to these for Lent (and, of course, fill them up) and return them for Maundy Thursday (not now!).

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your **Digital 4 weeks FREE** trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7 6 5 0 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

MASS FOR MIGRANTS Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will celebrate the Mass for Migrants on Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral for the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The Mass will begin at 2.30pm, with a banner procession from 2pm. A poster is enclosed, all are welcome.

CATHOLICS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: ETHICS AND PRACTICE St Mary's University, the Anscombe Centre and the Bios Centre are holding an event on ethics and practice in health and social care, taking place on 2nd April at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square. The event is part of a series aimed at Christians working in the health and social care sectors, but anybody is welcome to attend. Topics include the challenges of assisted dying, the care of the dying and questions of conscientious objection in the workplace. Contributors include Bishop John Sherrington, Prof David Albert Jones, Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre; Margaret Doherty, Director of the Centre of the Art of Dying Well; and Dr Helen Watt, Senior Research Fellow of the Bios Centre. Poster is enclosed. Cost is £20. To book, please visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/04/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>. For more information, contact marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk

STRUGGLING WITH BILLS? If you or a family you know, are struggling to pay heating bills, please contact National Energy Action. Their Warm and Safe Homes helpline, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10am-12pm, to support people with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

WANTED: Walking aid with a seat and space for shopping for elderly gentleman. Please contact the parish office if you can help.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Is 66: 10-11*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a
wonderful way, grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 33:2-7*

R/. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *R/.*

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. *R/.*

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. *R/.*

Second reading: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk15:18*

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!*

Gospel: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This

man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy,
O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully
revere them and present them to you,
as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come
to life; he was lost and is found.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy
from every evil to reach the highest good.
Through Christ our Lord.. Amen.