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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 13TH MARCH 2022

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.***

Communion Antiphon: ***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.***

Everyone is encouraged to **CONTINUE WEARING FACE MASKS**. Sanitisers will continue to be made available.

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please contact Jeanette in the parish office. Alternatively please use the Mass Intention Envelopes available at the back of the church and put it through the office letter box with your contact number. The recommended Stipend by the Archdiocese for a Mass Intention is £10.

Lent is a season of opportunity in which we can take stock of where we are in our life of faith and perhaps consider where we may like to be. Through the tried and tested practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we can submit ourselves to God's grace and ask him to enrich and deepen our Christian life. During this season I pray that we will all grow in faith, both as individuals and as a community gathered around our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May we all have a great Lent.

Fr. Paul

2ND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR THE CAFOD LENT APPEAL

You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or scan the QR code on the poster or by visiting the website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>

UKRAINE APPEAL - 2ND COLLECTION ON THE 19TH/20TH MARCH

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) are appealing for money to buy medical and surgical supplies for the people in Ukraine. There will be a special second collection at all Masses on the 19th/20th March. The amount raised will be matched by the government. Thank you for your generosity.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - FRIDAYS 10AM - 12:00 Noon

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on Fridays after the 9:30am Mass until 12:00noon. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church. We require two names for each available time slot.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS 12NOON

Stations of the cross will be on Fridays after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking for different people to lead the stations each week. Sign up sheet at the back of the Church.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME - ENVELOPES/DONATIONS

For those of you already on the scheme thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over the next 3 weekends, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for the Standing Order Donors. If you are a Standing Order Donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase? Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax please contact me as soon as possible.

For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations. We simply need your name and address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see one of the representatives outside Mass over the next three weekends, or contact me direct.

Many Thanks Nick Wells nickjohnwells@hotmail.com 07986 348013

Support Your Parish by Standing Order

It is of great benefit to the parish if its members are able to sign up to a regular monthly standing order. If you are able to do so please complete a form that is available at the back of the Church. If you are a tax payer, please gift aid your donation. Thank you.

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings are held after the 8:30am and 10:00am Mass on Sundays and on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am. Please come along and meet up with fellow parishioners. The Repository will be open during the coffee mornings.

CTS BOOKS AND LEAFLETS

Spiritual Books and Leaflets from CTS are available at the back of the church, please put the money in the box at the back of the church.

The 9:30am Mass on Thursday 24th March and Wednesday 6th April are replaced by the Funeral Masses.

DEATH NOTICES

1. Funeral Mass for Bridget Mary Spaul will take place on Thursday 24th March at 10:00am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 11:30am.
2. Funeral Mass for Mary Catherine O'Connell will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 11:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12:30pm. Mary will be brought into the Church at 4pm on Tuesday 5th April.
3. With sadness we announce that Kathleen Metcalf passed away on Sunday 6th March. Funeral details will be communicated when received.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

SOUTHWARK MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM EVENT

"Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ Retreat" - On Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March 2022 at Aylesford Priory. Mourning the loss of a loved one, trying to cope with feeling out of control, this retreat is a space away for you. To book and an opportunity to find out more please telephone Aylesford Priory on 01622 717272.

PACT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lent PACT, the major Catholic prisons charity, is sharing with parishes a new Stations of the Cross liturgy. The simple text includes the words of prisoners, people with convictions and people who have served a 'hidden sentence' alongside a family member in prison. PACT invites you to use the stations of the cross liturgy during Lent. The human dignity of those among us whose lives have been shaped by their experiences of the criminal justice system, shines through this text. Copies of the stations of the cross liturgy are available at the back of the Church or you can download the stations of the cross liturgy here: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/stations-of-the-cross>.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN RETREAT FOR LENT - "SAVING GRACE"

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called **Saving Grace**. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection.

All you have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! Visit: <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>.

For further details and to sign up visit: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz.

For enquiries please email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk.

WINTERSHALL PASSION PLAY

After a break of two years due to the pandemic, Wintershall will once again be performing Passion of Jesus Christ in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday 15th of April 2022 at 12 noon and 3:15pm. The play takes place in the open air and has been extremely popular in previous years, so arrival in good time in order to obtain a seat on the steps or elsewhere around the Square is recommended. Tickets are not required.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12th March (Vigil Mass)	Second Sunday of Lent Year C
6.30pm	Yvonne Harvey RIP
Sunday 13th March	Second Sunday of Lent Year C
8.30am	People of the Parish
10.00am	Intention of Ian and In Thanksgiving
11.30am	Mrs T Butler RIP
Monday 14th March	Feria
9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 15th March	Feria
9.45am	Elizabeth Lane RIP
Wednesday 16th March	Feria
9.30am	Gwen Lane RIP
Thursday 17th March	Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
9.30am	Jenny Chappell RIP
Friday 18th March	Feria
9.30am	Intention of Mary Fernando
Saturday 19th March	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church
9.30am	Intention of Tessi Sevi

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and by prior arrangement.

Collection	6th March 2022
Cash	£270.82
Gift Aid	£301.20
Total	£572.02
Monthly Standing Order	£4159

Please keep in your prayers the people of Ukraine and the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

***Turn back to Him whom you have deeply betrayed, O people of Israel.
Isaiah 31:6***