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1st March 2020 ~ First Sunday of Lent

We Welcome...

*People of All Faiths and Cultures
Divorced or Separated Persons
Families with Children
Those in Loving Relationships
Those in Difficulty
Married Couples
Single Persons
Those in Recovery
Travellers from Far and Near
Widows and Widowers
Visitors*

We Seek...

*To live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
To Gather the Community and Tell the Story
To Sing and Make Music to the Lord
To Break the Bread and Share the Cup*

We Celebrate...

*Diversity
A spirit of hospitality
The unity that God wills
Enlightening those who seek God
Reaching out to alienated Catholics
Reverencing the dignity of each person
Caring for the needs of the less fortunate
Empowering Christians to realise their call
Providing a spiritual oasis
Honouring an understanding among all faiths
Nurturing our gifts and sharing them*

PARISH DIARY – REGULAR EVENTS

*Lectio Divina – Tuesdays during term time
(Email kjaubert@btinternet.com for details)
Mother's Prayers – Wednesdays in the STM Room
10am
SVP Meetings – 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm
SVP Outreach – 4th Thursday of the month 8pm
Good Friends Café - 2nd Saturday of the month
10.30am*

The Parish Office is open on:
Mon, Weds & Fri. 9.30am - 3.30pm

The word 'Lent' is originally derived from Anglo-Saxon words 'Lencten' which means 'spring', it is a time of growth and new life and it lasts for a period of 40 days. We remember that Moses stayed with the Lord at Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights in order to receive the Ten Commandments. In these forty days and nights, he did not have food or water at all.

The prophet Elijah walked to the Lord at Mount Sinai, for forty days and nights. And, before commencing his public ministry, Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days and nights. 40 is a very biblical number!

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives as Christians. We try to do this in three very practical ways; by paying greater attention to our prayer lives, by trying to live more simply through fasting, abstaining from things which are superfluous to our needs and finally by trying to help others through the practice of Almsgiving.

In our diocese every year the Cardinal makes a special Lenten appeal. He encourages you to make a donation to strengthen marriage and family life, to inspire young people in their faith and to help those in need in our communities. Envelopes in which to make a donation to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal can be found at the back of the church and there will also be a Lenten Alms Appeal box near the sanctuary in which you can make your donations throughout the season of Lent.



Fr Shaun

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Sat 29 Feb	18.30	Manuel Rodrigues & Rosa Pais, Bday
Sun 1 Mar	10.00	Diogo Ribeiro RIP & Private Int.
	11.30	People of the Parish
	18.30	Michael Hawksley RIP
Mon 2 Mar	10.30	Private Intention
<i>At the Royal Hospital</i>		
Tues 3 Mar	12.00	Holy Souls
Wed 4 Mar		<i>Church open for private prayer</i>
<i>St Casimir</i>		
Thurs 5 Mar	12.00	Vincenzo Arrigo RIP
Fri 6 Mar	12.00	Vocations to the Priesthood
<i>Family Fast Day – World Day of Prayer</i>		

Stations of the Cross 11.00-11.45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat 17.45 to 18.15

(Reconciliation at other times by arrangement)

Second Sunday of Lent

CAFOD Family Fast Day Offerings Collection

Sat 7 Mar	18.30	Jeannette Raad RIP
Sun 8 Mar	10.00	Philipp Wahl's 51st Birthday
	11.30	Edwar Barret RIP Ann.
	18.30	Thanksgiving

Confirmation Preparation Confirmation preparation continues on Saturday 7th March with a Candidates' Session in the St John Southworth Room; this time the focus is on Why the World is Broken.

All EU, EEA and Swiss Citizens Living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30th June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

Journeying with the Bible Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona PhD are running a series of talks for the Year of the Word on the Bible. The next talk is on 10th March and looks at Major Themes of the Bible. All talks take place at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN from 7pm to 8.30pm. Suggested donation £5. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Re-dedication of England to Our Lady The final visitation of the statue of our Lady of Walsingham will take place at Westminster Cathedral from 19th to 21st March and will include a Eucharistic healing service with Benediction at 7pm on 20th March. The closing

Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent at 6pm on 21st March. The Cardinal will celebrate the 12 noon Mass on 29th March, which will include the Act of Entrustment rededicating England to Our Lady. All are welcome. www.Behold2020.com

CAFOD Family Fast Day Is on Friday 6th March 2020. This Lent, please support the life-saving work of local experts like Sister Consilia in Zimbabwe who gives vital medication at her health centre.

Social Justice and Peace Forum Led by Bishops Paul McAleenan and Nicholas Hudson and co-hosted by Westminster Justice and Peace Commission and Caritas Westminster on Saturday 14th March 2020, 10.30am – 12.30pm. The focus is on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. All are welcome to attend.

Lourdes It is 30 years since Cardinal Hume led the first diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and since then thousands of pilgrims from our diocese have gathered together, in the last week of July, in this little town in the foothills of the Pyrenees to pray and to deepen our faith and love of God. Please do join this joyful journey to Lourdes from Saturday 25th to Friday 31st July 2020. See the pilgrimages page on the diocesan website for online links or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

Stations of the Cross During lent we celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings between 11am and 11.45 am. All are welcome to participate in this wonderful Lenten devotion.

Getting Married? Please note that in order for us to have enough time to complete the necessary paperwork for a marriage and for the people concerned to make adequate preparation to receive this sacrament the Bishop's Conference requires that a notice period of six months should be given to the local parish of a couple's intention to marry.

Westminster Cathedral Samuel Group Following on from a very successful day retreat, the Diocesan Vocations team is running a group after the 5.30pm Mass on the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone who is interested in discovering the call of the Lord is invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Clergy House Library, with a notice at the end of Mass as to where to assemble. It will mainly consist of a period of Lectio Divina, prayer and fellowship. For more details, contact Canon Stuart Wilson at stuartwilson@rcdow.org.uk.

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