eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. (From the Magnificat Lenten companion 2021)

Stations of the Cross: Will take place on Friday nights at 7:00pm followed by Mass.

**Pathways to Christ's passion:** Three webinars by scripture scholar Henry Wansborough, Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey. Looking at the narratives of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. These take place on the Wednesdays of 10th, 17th and 24th of March at 7:45pm - 9:15pm. Please register at the following website: https://hiwebinars-10and17and24mar.eventbrite.co.uk

**Fr Ki:** Has written to us to say how he is looking forward to coming to us again and how he misses our parish. His flock has been shattered by COVID-19, with his people suffering extreme poverty due to the lockdown. Please remember Fr Ki and his parish in your prayers.

**Lent Retreat:** Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar.

If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on <u>http://</u><u>www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme</u> where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

**CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.** CAFOD invites you to support communities around the world and to reach out to young people like Abdella. Abdella is 25 and lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes.

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 $\pm40$  can bring safe drinking water to a hard-to-reach school You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate  $\pm10.*$ 

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Rev Felim McCarthy (Deacon)

28th February 2021 - Second Sunday in Lent Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18. Romans 8:31b-34. Mark 9:2-10.

**Responsorial Psalm 115**: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living"

Glory and praise to you, O' Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Glory and praise to you, O'Christ!



Fr Neil Vincent

A colleague of mine I used to sit next to when I worked for the railways, when free used to have some wonderful chats, from family life to topics on the faith. A wonderful person that she was, could not bring her to believe the fact that Jesus was God. For her, he was a nice man who said nice things and did good deeds, someone like Mahatma Ghandi. And this is a notion that is held by a good group of people,

who put Jesus to the man of history who stood up for the vulnerable people of Israel, and was killed by their leaders for fear of starting a revolution, as many others had done before him. Our faith and the scriptures teaches us that Our Lord Jesus was fully God and fully man. His disciples are given a glimpse of his heavenly likeness in the gospel today. A glimpse that they will remember as they mourned him, when they missed him, when they talked about him to the new Christians. Our Lord shares with the disciples the likeness of his and our future glory. As Moses was taken up to the mountain to meet God and receive the ten commandments to give to the people. The

## Mass Intentions

## Sunday 28th - Second Sunday of Lent Friday 5th of Mar - Feria of Lent

9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass - Colleen Conn RIP 6:00pm Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 1st Mar – St David, patron of Wales, Feast 10:00am Mass

**Tuesday 2nd Mar - Feria of Lent** 10:00am Mass

Wednesday 3rd Mar - Feria of Lent 10:00am Mass - Deceased family members of Samuel Koroma.

Thursday 4th Mar - Feria of Lent 10:00am Mass 12:00pm Requiem Mass of Geoff Jones RIP 7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

Saturday 6th Mar - Feria of Lent 9:00am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am - Mass

Sunday 7th - Second Sunday of Lent 9:00am Mass - Elsie Chacko RIP 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass - People of the Parish

Lord takes Peter, James and John the core unit of apostles up Mt Tabor where he is transfigured. The voice of the heavenly Father too instructs them, "this is my beloved Son, listen to him". One of the only times the God the Father speaks to us in the scriptures.

I remember in most churches in the Holy Land a plaque with these words, "Come in as a tourist and leave as a pilgrim". So we too come together and through meeting the Lord in the Eucharist, go out transformed. Let us like the disciples then listen to the Lord and remember what he is saying to us, in our prayer, when we read the bible and through our family and friends. A friend confided in me as to how prayer has helped him. Throughout the lockdown, he prayed the rosary on his walks. And he felt the Lord and our blessed mother has guided him to keep him from despair. Let us thank God for his blessings, let us think of the times we have felt God is surely answered our prayers and with us. Let these thoughts guide us on our way, knowing no matter what the Lord is on our side, preparing us for future glory. God bless, Fr Neil.

**Collection Last Sunday 21/2/21:** Gift Aid  $\pm$  212.00, Loose  $\pm$  138.60 and Direct Debit  $\pm$  120 =  $\pm$  470.60. Thank you.

**Geoff Jones RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geoff. His funeral will take place

Lent & Easter dates.
17th of February - Ash Wednesday
28 <sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday
1 <sup>th</sup> April – Holy Thursday
2 <sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday
3 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter Vigil
4th April - <b>Easter Sunday</b>

on the Friday the 5th of March at 12:00pm. Please pray for the repose of his soul, for Geoff's wife Lucy and all who are mourning.

As the numbers for the funeral is already taken up we sadly inform there will be no places on the day. Lucy will attend some of the weekday Masses where you will be able to meet and express your condolences.

**Louise Rikkers RIP:** Please pray for Louise who was called to her eternal rest yesterday morning. She is the aunt and twin sister of the mother of our organist Kathleen Austen-Tee. Please remember the family in your prayers. May Louise rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Colleen June Conn RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colleen who was called to rest recently. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday the 16th of March at the 10:00am Mass, followed by burial at St Margaret's cemetery, Maidstone Road.

**Lent Resources:** The Redemptorist publications "Lent Extra" £2.50, and CTS - "The meaning of Lent" for 50p are now available. Please do take one.

**Church recommendations on fasting and abstinence:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover,

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