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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026

SATURDAY	21ST	18:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Marge Clancy RIP
SUNDAY	22ND	08:30	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Rick Buckler RIP
SUNDAY	22ND	10:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Fr. David Standley RIP
SUNDAY	22ND	12:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
SUNDAY	22ND	18:00	Sixth Sunday	Solemnity	Erika Escobar Castillo - Birthday
MONDAY	23RD	10:00		Feria	Bernardino Herrera RIP
TUESDAY	24TH	10:00		Feria	Suzanna Manning - wellbeing
WEDNESDAY	25TH	10:00		Feria	Joseph J Caffrey Constable RIP
THURSDAY	26TH	10:00		Feria	Thomas Newton RIP
FRIDAY	27TH	10:00		Feria	Krystyna & George Rampersaud RIP
SATURDAY	28TH	10:00		Feria	Frederick James Barthorpe RIP

TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY EVENING: 5PM - 5:40PM



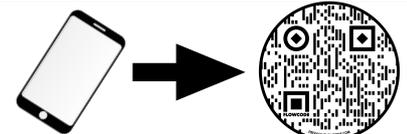
We pray for Teresia Augustin, Myrtle Augustus, Mary Akinduro, Victor Formosa and Michael Brady who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mark Patrick Smith, Maddelena Lucas, Alfred Kamara, Josephine Riley, Guiseppe Mason, Caret Kitralaki, Richard Gooden, George Rampersaud, Donald Oxley and Patrick Snow. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

It was a truly blessed experience last Wednesday - Ash Wednesday - in our parish as we gathered in great number (at both the 10am and 7:30pm Masses) to begin Lent together; to pray, fast and be charitable to one another. To be reminded that we are dust and unto dust we shall return; that our lives are short but that within them we are called not to allow passing appetites for worldly flourishing to conceal the appetite for the eternal which can (for all of us at times) be passed over and neglected. Thank you for your prayerfulness and devotion which inspired Father Godfrey and I and which sustains us. We are God’s family in the universal Church and in the local Church this was truly visible and tangible last Wednesday. Renewal is the great theme of Lent and it doesn’t begin with projects and strategies but with God. We reminded one another of this last Wednesday and we pray that we continue to do so especially in the coming weeks. I write this as I prepare to accompany our catechumens and candidates to St George’s Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This is the liturgy in which all those adults preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confession and Confirmation are called by Archbishop John; their names are read aloud and they stand to be seen and prayed for by the local Church family of our Archdiocese. All adults from south London and Kent will travel to be there today and it is an encouraging experience as we see God’s power visible in the diversity of people who have experienced His call to life in His Church. These candidates and catechumens are our new parishioners whom we welcome into God’s family at Easter and who join us in faith. We pray for them today and in these coming weeks; may they inspire within us greater devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through our giving ourselves to Him - in prayer, fasting and charity - that He will inspire within us a deeper love for one another. All the good things going on in our parish are initiated, sustained and completed by His grace. In the words of St Paul: “glory be to Him - whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ever ask or imagine.” He will renew us and our parish!

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PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will take place at 7:30pm every Friday in the Church.

GUIDED PRAYER DURING LENT: I'm grateful to our parish sisters who will lead us in guided prayer on Tuesday 24th February, 10th and 24th March at 7:30pm in the Hall.

FREE LENTEN ONLINE BIBLE COURSE: Reflections on the Gospel of each Sunday in Lent are live-streamed the preceding week via comeandsee.org. You can click [here](#) to get to the page.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION: I am delighted to announce that **Father Samuel Burke OP** - a wonderful preacher - is to lead us in a Parish Mission during Lent. He will speak on the subjects of "Silence", "Sorrow" and "Sacrifice" on **5th, 6th and 7th March** after which there will be a simple supper in the Hall. Please Save The Dates and share the news with others so we can all grow in our faith together.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is next Friday. We are encouraged to give what we would spend on food to help those in need. Envelopes can be collected this weekend or visit www.cafod.org.uk/envelope.

CAN YOU HELP SUBSIDISE OUR SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING? We are in the weeds with all projects due to our financial circumstances to be presented at the AGM on 19/3. During our recent Sparks Of Light event some first-time visitors said they didn't realise our Church was open. We need to be more visible and inviting on Brixton Hill. Courtesy of CL Signs we have three signs to put up and illuminate and lighting our restored Church facade would make us more welcoming and attractive. This requires planning applications to Lambeth Council. We have an architect ready to sketch and apply but need to pay fees, materials, & contractors. I estimate c. £12,000. If you can afford to give to this appeal I would be very grateful. Please select "signage and lighting" on the devices in the porch or [online](#) or - if you can give via envelope - please put envelopes through our letterbox marked with "signage and lighting".

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE WIDOWED, SEPARATED & DIVORCED: I highly recommend this weekend - 8th-10th May 2026 at Worth Abbey, Sussex, RH1 4SB - which helps participants deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For more information contact Mary on 07730884315 or beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com. It provides real support for those in vulnerable situations.

PARISH AGM BROUGHT FORWARD: Our Parish Finance Committee met recently and advised that - given serious concerns about the sustainability of our financial position - we need to bring our AGM forward. It will be on **Thursday 19th March** at 7:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES: are available for collection after Mass on Sundays 1st & 8th March.

UPDATE: SYCAMORE COURSE: Our course continues this Thursday at 7:30pm in the Hall. The topic will be "The Gift of Faith". Why not give it a try? Do not worry if you have missed a session as you can catch up online with the short videos available by clicking [here](#).

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: It will be a great battle of wits but if - like me - you don't have much wit (and are hopeless at Quizzes) it's really good fun and you can try some delicious cocktails from our much-loved parish mixologist. It will take place on the weekend of Laetare - Rejoicing - Sunday (an oasis within the Lenten desert) on **Saturday 14th March**. More information on booking a table will be available soon...