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SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	5TH	10:00		Lent	
SATURDAY	5TH	18:00	First Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Carlos Culeta RIP
SUNDAY	6TH	08:30	First Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Bruno Romano RIP
	6TH	10:00	First Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	6TH	12:00	First Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	
	6TH	18:00	First Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	
MONDAY	7TH	10:00		Lent	
TUESDAY	8TH	10:00		Lent	Cristina Woodward RIP
WEDNESDAY	9TH	10:00		Lent	Angele Falle's Intention
THURSDAY	10TH	10:00		Lent	Rev Herbert Leach
FRIDAY	11TH	10:00		Lent	John Nguyen RIP
FRIDAY	11TH	14:30	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
SATURDAY	12TH	10:00		Lent	Clare Leonard RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS



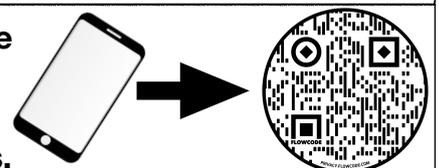
We pray for Cathy Crayton, Cristina Woodward, Rosa Sagona and Evelyn Drisdale who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Verdal Smith, Louis Beche, Mark Smith, Maddelena Lucas, Alfred Kamara, Josephine Riley and Guiseppe Mason. We pray for the people of Ukraine at this time and ask God to bring about peace in the hearts of all involved in the current conflict.

Fr Mebrate and I don't often get to hear one another preach (as we celebrate different parish Masses) but last Wednesday - as I waited in the Sacristy to join him in distributing the ashes - I stood there moved by his words I heard through the audio feed in the Sacristy. He spoke of Lent as a journey which is not gloomy but joyful. It is - Fr Mebrate said - a journey on which we make sacrifices readying ourselves to nail them to the cross with Jesus on Good Friday: our sacrifices are nothing compared to His sacrifice but we offer ourselves with Him to the Father knowing that we have an advocate in Jesus: one who loves us and made the one, perfect sacrifice for us. This is the cause of our joy: that God loves us so much and we remember this love in the season of Lent. Fr Mebrate and I visited the school this past week to distribute ashes to the children and during this time I chose to ask them if they'd ever ran out the front door to go to school in the morning and realised they'd forgotten something: lots of heads nodded. I then asked whether - when they'd done this - they'd also heard the voice of mum or dad say "Stop! You've forgotten something." Heads nodded again. I then said that this experience of hearing our mum or dad say "Stop!" is what Ash Wednesday is about and what the Lenten season is about. It's our heavenly Father saying "Stop! Do not forget that I love you!" When we begin to see the Lenten season in the way Fr Mebrate described - as joyful - we come closer to the truth Jesus wants to tell each of us.

Parish Offertory

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PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: From this coming **Friday** we will celebrate Stations of the Cross in the Church at **2:30pm** which will be followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm. All are welcome. Let us make the end to the war in Ukraine our special intention in this Lenten season.

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE: The Charity Aid To The Church In Need has launched a special appeal to help the religious communities within Ukraine ministering to some of the most vulnerable. If you wish to learn about their appeal and support their efforts please [click here](#).

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES FROM MID-MARCH: From the week beginning 21st March there will be two mid-week evening Masses in our parish on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7pm. These will be preceded by adoration of the blessed sacrament from 6pm to 7pm with Confession available.

POST-CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP BEGINS ON FRIDAY 25TH MARCH: All parents of candidates who were confirmed last weekend have been emailed regarding their youth group which begins on Friday 25th March after the evening Mass at 7:30pm in the Hall. If you have not received an email please contact the parish office. Please pray for the success of our new parish group!

THE PRISON ADVICE AND CARE TRUST [PACT] is asking for people to put their faith into action by reaching out in a practical way to some of the most socially disadvantaged people in our community. The charity would like to invite potential volunteers to attend a workshop which offers the opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching, through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. There is a workshop taking place on Saturday 12th March (10am-4pm) at St George's Cathedral. Email marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk for more info.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: This coming Friday - 11th March - you are invited to forego a meal and use the money you save to support CAFOD's work to help those who go hungry. Envelopes will be available for collection this weekend and you can bring them back next weekend with your donation. There will be a parish hunger lunch on this day at 12:30pm in the Hall. You are invited to bring an offering for CAFOD or the local food bank and vegetable soup and a roll will be provided.

STAY AND PLAY GROUP: The Stay and Play Toddlers' Group takes place every Friday during term time **between 9:15 and 11:15am**. The group connects parents living in the parish and provides a safe environment for children. We ask for a donation of £2 per child and £1 for siblings [you can now use contactless]. Please call Blathnaid Duffy if you can help: 07816980010.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND: If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322838415 or Maura 07795498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

OUR BOILER: I am sorry that our Church will remain cold for the foreseeable future. I have had more contractors visit from whom I'm receiving advice about potential short and long term solutions. Our parish finance committee meets this coming week at which the issue shall be discussed.