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	ຣເ	JNDAY	20th March 2022	Тн	IRD SUNDAY	OF LENT			
THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS									
SATURDAY	19тн	10:00	Second Week of Ler	nt	Lent	Aud Gutierrez RIP			
SATURDAY	19тн	18:00	Third Sunday of Len	ıt	Solemnity				
SUNDAY	20тн	08:30	Third Sunday of Len	t	Solemnity	Rose Kelly RIP			
	20тн	10:00	Third Sunday of Len	ıt	Solemnity	PRO POPULO			
	20тн	12:00	Third Sunday of Len	ıt	Solemnity	Tiehi, David & Family			
	20тн	18:00	Third Sunday of Len	ıt	Solemnity				
Monday	21st	10:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent				
TUESDAY	22ND	10:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent	Thanks Giving			
TUESDAY	22ND	19:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent				
WEDNESDAY	23rd	10:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent	Rev Daniel O'Meara			
WEDNESDAY	23rd	19:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent				
THURSDAY	24тн	10:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent				
FRIDAY	25тн	10:00	The Annunciation of	f the BVM	Solemnity	Ann Thomas RIP			
FRIDAY	2 5тн	19:00	The Annunciation of	f the BVM	Solemnity				
SATURDAY	26тн	10:00	Third Week of Lent		Lent				

ADORATION: MON-FRI: 9AM-10AM TUE, FRI: 6PM-7PM

CONFESSIONS: FRI: 6PM-7PM, SAT: 5PM-5:40PM

We pray for Robert Devine, Jean Quinn, Alfred Noone, Cathy Crayton, Cristina Woodward, Rosa Sagona and Evelyn Drisdale who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Anthony Nwigwe, Hertha Findlay, Mark Smith, Patricia Sweeney and George Naoum-Cassir.

In St Matthew's account of Jesus' 40 days in the desert we hear that - after the devil had tempted him - angels came and ministered to him. Those angels are the Solemnities we are blessed with in the middle of these 40 days and this coming Friday our angel is the solemn feast of the Annunciation. Nine months before Christ's birth we remember he took flesh in the womb of the virgin Mary as a small embryo. As the prophet Isaiah said, "the maiden is with child". It was from this moment that Mary became the new Holy of Holies; the temple of the Holy Spirit. We can make sense of the destruction of the temple building in Jerusalem as we meditate upon the role of Mary as the new temple. For because of Mary - mother of the Church and our Mother (free from sin and assumed into heaven) - God is with us. Yet God did not want to be stuck in one geographical place alone but - as we learn from Mary's immediately journeying to her cousin - He wanted (and He wants) to be with everyone. The consequence of Mary's "yes" to God is that the original tabernacle of her womb is now the tabernacle we can visit in any Catholic Church across the world. It's not mistake that - when we look to so many of these tabernacles (our own being a fine example) - they adopt a rounded shape. It reminds us of Mary's womb in which was the exact same Jesus we are so blessed to have in our Church.

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK: This week we introduce two evening Masses - on Tuesdays and Fridays - at 7pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 6pm and 7pm in the Church and all are welcome to attend.

POST-CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP BEGINS <u>**THIS FRIDAY 25TH MARCH:</u>** 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!</u>

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.

DIOCESAN SYNTHESIS DOCUMENT FOR SYNOD: The Archdiocese of Southwark has produced its initial synthesis of all the contributions from parishes in the Synodal process. It is inviting comments and suggestions to be received by our delegates and relayed to the Archdiocese. The document is attached to the online version of this Newsletter. If you have any comments then please feel free to email our parish delegates: KATIE DONKOR or EDWARD PARRY **by this Tuesday evening**.

SENIORS' GROUP: There will be a bread, soup and cheese lunch taking place on **Monday 28th March at 12:30pm** in the hall. We will also be having Francis Wheatley, a member of the parish and a TV documentary maker, coming to speak to us at 11:30am. Seated exercise is at 10:30am.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth since it is prayed by Jesus Himself as He offers Himself up on our behalf to the Father. Each Mass is traditionally offered by the priest for a particular intention and - you will notice from this Newsletter - that intentions are recorded in print. It is possible to arrange for a Mass to be said for a particular intention (<u>for someone who has died</u>). To do this you can take an envelope from the Church porch in which it is customary to place a donation which forms a significant part of a priest's annual income. <u>Mass cards can be purchased from the parish office which you can send to relatives who are in mourning.</u>

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.

STAY AND PLAY GROUP: The Stay and Play Toddlers' Group takes place every Friday during term time **between 9:15 and 11:15am**. 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.