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SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSIONTIDE)

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	20TH	10:00	Fourth Week of Lent		John Ferry RIP
SATURDAY	20th	18:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Mai, John, & Michael Howley RIP
SUNDAY	21ST	08:30	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Antonina Mena RIP
		10:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Pro Populo
		12:00	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Solemnity	Edward Tabet RIP
MONDAY	22nd		NO MASS		
TUESDAY	23RD	10:00	Fifth Week of Lent		Rev Daniel O’Meara
WEDNESDAY	24th	10:00	Fifth Week of Lent		Angele Falle
THURSDAY	25th	10:00	The Annunciation	<i>Solemnity</i>	Margaret McEvoy RIP
Friday	26th	10:00	Fifth Week of Lent		Katrina Fleming RIP
Saturday	27th	10:00	Fifth Week of Lent		Zach Maach RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 6PM IN THE HALL

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: WEDS: 12-2 SAT: 4-6



We pray for George Rampersaud whose funeral was on Friday & all those who have died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for Françoise Atta who is unwell and remember all who are sick at this time. We pray for those in the developing world who are working to secure vaccines for their populations. May they be assisted by the generosity of other nations with more resources to ensure that they receive adequate protection as quickly as possible so they can grow.

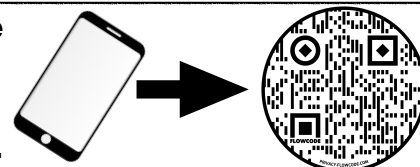
One of the many blessings of spending seven years studying in Italy was the language course in Tuscany and living in the small town of San Giovanni Valdarno (near to Arezzo). It was there I first encountered the works of Fra Angelico (c.1395: the Dominican friar beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982). He is most famous for the frescoes he painted on the walls of the Dominican friary in Florence, however, it was his altar piece of The Annunciation that is most proudly held by the small town of San Giovanni Valdarno: painstakingly preserved in the town’s small museum, it is a simply beautiful image of the moment the angel Gabriel announced that the virgin would conceive. This coming Thursday we keep the wonderful feast - nine months before Christmas Day - of the moment Jesus Christ began to exist in time in Our Lady’s womb. The celebration reminds us of the importance of the moment of conception: a sacred moment indicated by Fra Angelico’s choice to display the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) radiating upon the womb of the virgin Mary. We can easily romanticise the Annunciation and fail to consider the enormity of what Mary was being asked to do and the great responsibility being entrusted to her. Fra Angelico captured the tension by revealing Gabriel as both beautiful but imposing: Our Lady’s reaction is one of acceptance yet reservation. Let us pray for all who - like Our Lady - face crisis pregnancy and pray that we may build a culture which cares for all mothers in difficulty and their unborn children.

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PARISH NEWS

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: I'm happy to announce we will gather for a brief Lenten Reconciliation Service **THIS Wednesday 24th March at 7pm in the Church.** *****You can book to attend via [this link](#)*****. **The Service will be live-streamed for those of you at home.** There will be another priest present and Confessions will be heard - socially distanced - in the Church Hall and Sacristy. It will be an opportunity for us to join in communal worship of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, reflect on His message of mercy and come to experience it personally before Easter.

EASTER SERVICES 2021: Bookings will open this Wednesday at 00:00 for our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. **Please only book if you are sure you can attend!** All Masses will be live-streamed. Click on the relevant times of services to book a place.

Maundy Thursday 1st April 2021, [7:30PM](#)

Good Friday 2nd April 2021, [3PM](#)

Easter Saturday Vigil 3rd April 2021, [8PM](#)

Easter Sunday 4th April: [8:30AM](#), [10:00AM](#), [12:00PM](#)

GIFT AID ENVELOPES AVAILABLE TO COLLECT: I am very grateful to Nigel Bellamy for all his work in administering the Gift-Aid scheme in the parish for many years and to Olga Slater who is now taking on the role. Envelopes are available for collection immediately after all Masses this weekend. If you are not at Mass please contact the parish office to arrange collection or delivery.

NATIONAL CENSUS 2021: CENSUS DAY IS SUNDAY 21ST MARCH: You should have been contacted about completion of the National Census: your answers help build a picture of your community, supporting services like housing, transport and school places. If you need any assistance with completing your census please contact The Link, Brixton, 49 Effra Road for a consultation: Telephone: +44 (0)20 3411 6962 Email: info@bstartraining.com.

FR LOUIE SPEAKS ON THE DIVINE OFFICE: The series of Lenten talks from St George's Cathedral Clergy continues this week with Fr Louie speaking on [The Divine Office](#) via YouTube.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ONLINE: In place of being able to gather for Stations of the Cross at this time I invite you to make your own Stations of the Cross every Friday. Last Lent I produced images of our beautiful stations and set them to reflections by Fr Dominic Allain and I invite you to make use of this resource again which is now [on our website](#).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021: Parents of children who were to be catechised this year (in year 3 of primary school) can now apply for their child's enrolment on the programme. Please [click here](#) to access the online application form. Parents will be provided with resources to catechise their children at home and I will also give several sessions to parents on the subject. Details of the programme will follow by email but - pandemic permitting - we hope the children will be able to make their First Holy Communion before the end of the Summer term.

*****The deadline for receiving applications is THIS Sunday 21st March 2021*****