



Mary Immaculate & St Peter's Catholic Church

PARISH UNDER THE CARE OF THE MISSIONARY CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. SPIRITANS

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Fri - 9.30am
Sat Vigil - 6pm
Sun - 9.30am, 11am, 6pm
Holy Days of Obligation - 7.30pm

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LIVING THE GOSPEL - Lent

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

CHURCH NOTICES

DEANERY MEETING - Fr James hosted his first Deanery Meeting this week and it was a great success. Thank you to the parishioners who prepared a lovely lunch and looked after the priests in the Deanery so well.

CELEBRATION FOR FR MARK - A celebratory mass to thank Fr Mark for his dedication to the parish will be held on Sunday 6th March. The morning masses will be combined to one mass at 10.30am led by Fr Mark and followed by a shared lunch in the parish hall. The Saturday and Sunday evening masses will take place as usual. The First Holy Communion session scheduled for that day will take place before mass at 9.30am and will be finished in time to attend mass afterwards. Can any parishioners who are able to help to organise the lunch please contact the parish office asap.

WEEKDAY MASSES - From the beginning of March there will be mass at 9.30am on Saturday mornings and no mass on Monday mornings.

LENTEN ALMS - There will be a series of second collections during Lent with donations going to Caritas Westminster, Prisoners (PACT), CAFOD, Cherry Lodge, St Joseph's and a charity chosen by the Confirmation Group.

COLLECTION COUNTERS - More counters are needed to help with counting of the weekly collections. If you are available on Monday mornings from 10am and can spare 2 hours your help would be appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office with your details if you can help.

LIVE SIMPLY AT HOME - Food

Please write your lent Live Simply pledge on a card and hang it on the tree at the front of the church. Can you manage to stick to it until Easter Sunday? Or permanently?

- Eggs: far too many hens in the UK still live in battery conditions. Avoid battery eggs and choose those labelled free-range or organic
- Meat free Fridays: Could you go vegetarian one day a week?
- Give a hen a home! Could you re-house a hen that's spent its life in an area smaller than a sheet of A4 paper? See www.thehenhouse.co.uk.

LIVE SIMPLY LENTEN GROUPS - The first sessions are being held on Wednesday 17th February at 10.30am and 8.00pm and Friday 19th February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre (upstairs room) and then weekly at the same times for the duration of Lent. During the sessions the group will study passages from the Pope's Encyclical, Reflections, discuss ideas for Action and share prayers. All are welcome and you can mix and match sessions to suit your individual plans.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER DAY, SATURDAY 5TH MARCH - If you are interested in finding out more about voluntary work the Volunteer Day is a chance for Catholics in the Diocese of Westminster to find inspiration, motivation, and opportunities to volunteer in their community. The day will include a panel of volunteers who will talk about their experiences, a workshop on the importance of social action to the Catholic faith, and stalls from community organisations from across the diocese. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2016 AT 3PM - The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by the 7th March 2016

PARISH WORKDAY - Thank you to the parishioners who came to help last Saturday. The next workday will be on Saturday 5th March

CHURCH COLLECTION: 7th February: £ 1,717.72 *Thank you for your offerings*
This Week - 2nd Collection for Lenten Alms
Next Week - 2nd Collection for CAFOD

PARISH DATABASE: The parish database contains current information of the parishioners and their family members. The information on the database contains is for the parish use only, allowing us to verify parishioners and to complete school forms, passport applications, job references etc. It is important that the information held on the database is correct so please check regularly with the parish Secretary that your details are correct. New parishioners please contact parish secretary to register.

PLANNED GIVING FOR WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION -

Over the next couple of weeks the parish office will be updating the Planned Giving Envelopes Database. If you don't use Planned Giving Envelopes, but would like to start, or if you are a new parishioner and would like to join the parish planned giving, please contact the parish office. Please notify the office if your circumstances have changed over the last tax year i.e: if you are no longer a tax payer, if you have started paying tax or if you have changed address. Over the years the planned giving for weekly Sunday collections has proved to be the most efficient and effective method of ensuring regular parish income, enabling the parish to budget its finances to meet the monthly bills



An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers.
 The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.
 An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more.
 This happens yet again.
 The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.
 Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?"
 'Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond."
 The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.
 Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening - he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.
 The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know the two beers and all..."
 The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well.
 It's just that I, meself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

LIVE SIMPLY

COMMUNION CLOTHES & SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As part of the live simply project, we're collecting second hand, good condition communion clothes & uniforms from all local schools to exchange & recycle. If anyone has anything to donate, you can drop it off at the parish centre on Saturday 27th February between 1-3pm

OUR DEAD: Those recently deceased: Thomas Flood, Jose Menezes, Raymond McDowell, Jim O'Donnell, Michael Duffy, Peggy McGillicuddy, Tom O'Toole, Agnus Burns, Philomena Gahan, Raymondo Lenza, Rita Antonio, Malcolm Hayward, Elizabeth McGurrin, Alice Roche.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY: Joao Alves, Lawrence Annull, Joe Cassettari, Fr Michael Condon, Mary & Peter Duggan, Bernard Gallogly, Christine Gentles, Lawrence Kiely, Jean Knight, Keith Lancaster, Rachel McAfee, Carol Montefusco, Molly Moran, Pierre Ribet, Dave Shennan, Eric Steer, Mary Tully, Martin Walsh, Hilda Warren, Maureen Williams

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Beatrice Donohue, Stanley Filby, Gerry O'Donnell, Elenor Comber, Imelda Mills, Anthony Jones, Tony Tuff, Luke Peskett, Mario Joannou, Maria Wallis, Ethel McKenzie, Mary Boe, Emer McCloy, Jim Jones, Rita Edwards, Mary Rafferty, Judith Woodhead, Annmarie Hendy, Eliza Moniz, Tony Costello, Frances Brown Eastwood, Christopher Bettin, Michelle Flynn, Cian Carter, David Yeung, Helen Lee, Laurence Considine, John Barber, Mary Hanley, Albert Smith, John Wynne, Patricia Hills, Mary Leahy, David

MINISTRIES

THIS WK 2	6pm	9.30am	11.00am	6pm
Readers rota				
Euch. Minister	M. Shennan	P. Curran	P. Ruocco	J. Robinson
Euch. Minister	T. Sexton	R. Hanna	M. O'Connor Read	H. Williams
Euch. Minister	G. Bass	J. Riordan	M. Tuohy	J. Goring
Euch. Minister		T. Williams	A. Mondey	
Euch. Minister		R. Schley	K. Howson	
Euch. Minister			M. Spillman	
Euch. Minister			M. Wilkinson	
NEXT WK 3				
Readers rota				
Each. Minister	M. Cussell	T. Galvin	P. Peter	K. Cahill
Euch. Minister	K. Conway	A. Horn	P. Ribet	R. McBride
Euch. Minister	A. Brady	B. Nyman	R. Antoinette	G. Smallbone
Euch. Minister		J. McCraith	K. Comer	
Euch. Minister		C. Pereira	L. Lismore	
Euch. Minister			A. Lismore	
Euch. Minister			D. Mansi	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 13th Feb Lent feria

6.00pm Vigil - Anna Culligan - RIP Birthday

SUNDAY 14th Feb 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am - Agnus Burns - RIP RD

11.00am - Gerry Garside - RIP Anniversary

6.00pm - Sean O'Shea - RIP

MONDAY 15th Feb Lent feria

9.30am - Eric Steer - RIP 40th Anniversary

TUESDAY 16th Feb Lent feria

9.30am - Tommy O'Toole - RIP RD

WEDNESDAY 17th Feb Lent feria

9.30am - Thomas Flood - RIP RD

3.00pm - Stations of the Cross

7.30pm - Mass

THURSDAY 18th Feb Lent feria

9.30am - Keith Lancaster - RIP Anniversary

FRIDAY 19th Feb Lent feria

9.30am - Michael Duffy - RIP RD

7.00pm - Adorations & Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 20th Feb Lent feria

6.00pm Vigil - Joao Alves - RIP 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY 21st Feb 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am - Devasagayam Jeffry Richards - RIP Anniversary

11.00am - Krystyna Szafarz - 88th Birthday Intentions

6.00pm - Mary Furey - RIP 1st Anniversary

FOR ALL THE LATEST PARISH INFORMATION & PAST NEWSLETTERS VISIT: stpetersnewbarnet.org.uk