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First Sunday of Lent (C)

Masses & Intentions

Sat 5	Feria of Lent
10-11am	Exposition & Adoration with Confessions
6pm	Tom Gregan RIP (SVP)
Sun 6	First Sunday of Lent
	2nd Collection for Poor Parishes
	Collection for Ukraine
9.30am	People of the Parish Peace in Ukraine
11am	Amadeo Conde RIP
Mon 7	Feria of Lent
	(Sts Felicity & Perpetua)
8.30am	Exposition & Adoration
9.30am	Canon John Devane RIP
Tues 8	Feria of Lent (St John of God)
12.15pm	Georg Loibl RIP
Wed 9	Feria of Lent (St Frances of Rome)
	No Mass Today
Thurs 10	Feria of Lent
9.30am	Holy Souls
Fri 11	Feria of Lent
	CAFOD Family Fast Day
9.30am	Gerard & Marian Thompson & Family
10-11am	Exposition & Adoration
7pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 12	Feria of Lent
10-11am	Adoration & Confessions
6pm	Joan Rundle RIP (SVP)
Sun 13	Second Sunday of Lent
	2nd Collection CAFOD Lent Fast Day
	Collection for Ukraine
9.30am	People of the Parish Care of the Planet & Peace
11am	Margaret & Gerrard Chittick RIP

No Alleluia during Lent At the end of the resp. psalm (weekdays) or 2nd reading (Sundays & Solemnities) repeat the first line of the acclamation and then also at the end. No Gloria during Lent either - with a few exceptions.

Readings: First Sunday of Lent

1st reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Resp. Psalm 90: *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

2nd reading: Romans 10:8-13

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
(Repeat)

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, kind of eternal glory!

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Spiritual Communion Prayer *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

Our prayers are requested for Clare Bertolotti, Mary Birch, Tony Harlow, Fiona Hopwood, Angelo Lopez, John Napier and Raie Smith.

Livestream Masses Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri at 9.30am and 11am Sundays via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvvsj3giEOIemlLQxHvMT6g> or go to YouTube and then search Our Lady of Loreto & St Winefride.

Please Pray for the Repose of The Souls of HANNAH HENRY, MARIA LOPEZ and JOAN RUNDLE. Joan's Funeral Mass is at St Winefride's on Thursday 24 March at 11.30am and the committal follows at Mortlake Crematorium at 1.20pm. Please keep Ed, her husband, and their children, Alex, Thea, Jessica and Lizzie, in your prayers. Maria's Funeral Mass is at St Winefride's on Monday 28 March at 10am and the committal follows at Mortlake Crematorium at 11.20am. Please keep Angelo, her husband, and their children, Maria, Robert, Michael and Javier, in your prayers. Hannah's Funeral Mass is at St Winefride's on Tuesday 29 March at 12noon and committal at Richmond Cemetery at 1.30pm. Hannah lived in the parish for many years, but moved to her family in recent years.

Second Collection Today for Poor Parishes in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There are a significant number of parishes in our diocese which are spiritually rich but are poor financially. Any help we can give will enable the Archbishop to make grants to these parishes to help them in their mission to spread the Good News.

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine *O God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.*

The following statement from Archbishop John Wilson on the invasion of Ukraine arrived too late for inclusion in last week's newsletter. Although a little out of date now (it refers to Ash Wednesday), it is still highly relevant:

The shocking news of the invasion of Ukraine is an outrage before God and all right-thinking nations and peoples. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and unite in responding to the call of Pope Francis for a day of prayer and fasting this coming Ash Wednesday, 2 March. We will fall on our knees before Christ, the Prince of Peace, praying for an end to this act of warfare. We welcome anyone to join us in St George's Cathedral, Southwark for Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration to pray for peace. I also ask Catholics across the Archdiocese to please pray the rosary for peace on Ash Wednesday. God's plan for the world is peace, not disaster. We pray for Ukraine and her people, and for the world's leaders. No one wins in war. Everyone wins in peace.

A Collection for Ukraine There are many charities appealing for help at this time, especially the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which oversees some fifteen charities. Many of us will have contributed to help Ukraine. This weekend we have a 2nd collection for Poor Parishes and next weekend there is one for CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Ukraine is in great need and so we have a collection basket available and on the contactless devices. All contributions will go to the DEC.

A New Vicar at St Anne's Church The following announcement was made last weekend:

We are delighted to announce that the Crown as Patron has approved the appointment of the Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser to be the next Vicar of St Anne's Church Kew.

Giles Fraser is currently Rector of St Mary Newington in the Diocese of Southwark, having previously been Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and, before that, Team Rector of Putney. He was ordained in Lichfield and after a curacy in Streetly he served as Chaplain of Wadham College Oxford.

Giles is married to Lynn, and he has five children. He says "My time at St Mary, Newington has been very rewarding - and I am, of course, sad to leave. But I am also excited by this new adventure. I very much look forward to getting to know the people of St Anne's and continuing to serve in the Diocese of Southwark."

It is anticipated that Giles will be instituted at St Anne's by the Bishop of Kingston at the end of May.

Lent, above all this year, is a time for prayerful reflection and action. Prayer is at the heart of all we are and do. It can be a time to live our faith in a new way. Some suggestions:

[1] set aside a time for prayer each day - it can be 5 minutes. Perhaps use the Sunday or weekday

Mass readings to help. A time to be still and place oneself in God's presence;

[2] attend a weekday Mass in addition to Sunday Mass;

[3] pray the Rosary;

[4] Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7pm;

[5] make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament - the church is open a lot and see the times for Exposition & Adoration;

[6] choose a charity to support this Lent as your almsgiving / choose something good to do;

[7] fast - not only from food but from all that does not build God's Kingdom;

[8] Confession - Saturday mornings during Lent between 10-11am during Exposition & Adoration. There are leaflets in the narthex which might help - on the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.

The CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal is this Friday 11 March. Every child should grow up big and strong. Family Fast Day is a day when we can eat simply and give generously to support families in need around the world. This small act of love will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church on 12/13 March using the contactless devices or the envelopes in the narthex or by visiting the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/lent.

Lent Groups based on *All's Well that Ends Well: From Dust to Resurrection - 40 Days with Shakespeare* by Peter Graystone. Final weekend to sign up on the sheet on the red board in the narthex if you would like to join a Lent prayer/study group this year. We very much hope that the groups will be ecumenical, with members from St Luke's/The Barn Church, St Anne's and St Winefride's. Valerie Booth is our contact person. She will liaise with the other churches and contact those who have signed up for the groups: val.booth123@btinternet.com

Lent 2022 CAFOD is calling on people to walk 200k for Lent and "*help stamp out hunger, one step at a time*". The Walk Against Hunger is being run with fundraising through JustGiving. Parishioner Ruth Gledhill has set up a Team Tablet and would love it if anyone would like to join that. Of course, feel free to make your own team or join a different one if you know of others. More info at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/team-tablet> and cafod.org.uk.

Saving Grace - Online Retreat Offered by the Diocese A retreat for Lent, introduced by Archbishop John Wilson and led by members of the Spirituality Commission. For more details and to register go to: http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz And see the notice in the narthex.

Covid Protocols and Returning To 'Normal' Our parish policy has been to have an incremental approach to return to 'normal'. All pews are now open for use and it is no longer necessary to sign in. In line with the most recent Government advice, the wearing of face masks is now optional and I shall continue to wear a face mask. We will continue to have a no-touch Sign of Peace for the moment. It is important that we continue to be careful as the virus is still prevalent. Please be sensitive to the needs of those around you, and, where possible, leave a space between you and those not known to you. Please do not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid. We have been advised to remove the NHS QR code in the narthex.

Sunday Choirs at 9.30 & 11am continue to welcome new members as they prepare for Easter. Choir practices are on Wednesdays at 8pm (lasting 45mins) during Lent. All voices welcome. Ability to read music not required but helpful. Three beautiful motets to learn.

Refreshments after the Sunday 9.30am Mass
Some parishioners have asked if it would be possible to reinstate the monthly coffee/tea after the Sunday 9.30am Mass. This is certainly possible but it can only happen if at least six volunteers come forward, one of whom is prepared to act as coordinator. This can't fall on those who are already volunteering for lots of things in the parish. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please email the parish office.

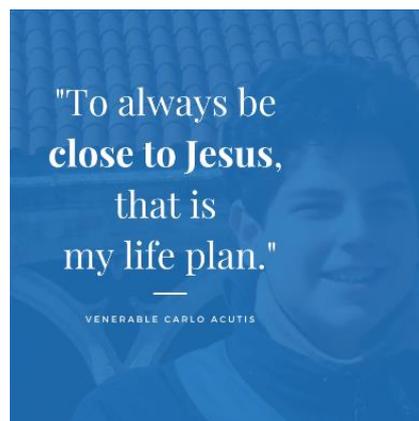
Journeying Together and Our Response to the Synod Process Initiated by Pope Francis: The summary report and feedback to the diocese is now on the parish website. Lent is a good time to reflect personally and prayerfully on the summary report and feedback. In Eastertide we will organise a series of meetings to enable as many parishioners as possible to gather to discuss what we believe the Holy Spirit is asking of us. Please have a word with Fr Brian if you do not have access to the internet and need a paper copy.

Catholic Medical Ethics A group for current university students of the healthcare professions interested in learning about the Catholic Church's response to difficult ethical questions. See the notice in the narthex.

The Church Narthex (Porch) You are kindly asked not to leave donations of books, toys etc. in the church. This is for reasons of health & safety/fire risk. Charity collection and council recycling points are available in Kew Village. This does not apply, of course, to the Richmond Food Bank collection boxes in the narthex. Many thanks for your help.

A New Initiative for Our Younger Parishioners

THE ACUTIS CLUB



Objective of the Group To create a nurturing, safe and positive environment for our young parishioners between their First Holy Communion and their Confirmation, so they feel connected to our parish, socialise with each other, and establish the foundations of a life of Faith and Love.

Our vision

- a place of joyful interactions
- a place of connection, wherever the child may be
- a safe place to talk about what concerns them
- a place that exemplifies why Faith matters

Our Mission To make it fun to go to Church by creating a safe and caring space where children can, simply, be.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Our club is named after the English-born Italian teenager who died of Leukaemia in 2006 and was beatified in 2020 by Pope Francis. During his life, Carlo showed that it is possible to put God first in our digitally obsessed world and to do so joyfully, putting oneself at the service of others. He is a wonderful model for our club and our young people.

Age Group Initially, we will open the club to the younger age band, **School Year 4 – Year 8**. Our ambition is eventually to offer a provision for all young people aged from 8-16 years, as well as a group for older teenagers.

Acutis Club Schedule We aim to start with a bi-monthly club on the following Sundays in term time from 4-5pm (possibly 5-6pm in the summer):

Sunday 20 March

Easter Break

Sundays 24 April; 8 May; 22 May

Half Term

Sundays 12 June; 26 June; 3 July

Summer Break

Sunday 18 September

Further dates to follow

JUSTPEOPLE In-Person Workshop at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, Southwark on 12th March, 10am - 4pm. The workshop is free to attend and comes with no strings attached. It offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. **Pact** is the national Catholic charity supporting people affected by imprisonment. Its mission is to support prisoners and their families in making a fresh start and to minimise the harm caused by imprisonment. Research shows that keeping families together helps to reduce re-offending rates by 39%. Volunteers are vitally important to all **Pact's** support services. Please see the notice in the narthex or go to [JustPeople In-Person Workshop | Prison Advice and Care Trust](#)

Missio Red Boxes - New Parish Rep Teresa Chance
Many thanks to those of you who have generously supported Missio over the years. See the link below to read more about Missio and how you can support their vital work through your prayers and through donations: <https://missio.org.uk/> Teresa Chance has now taken over from Jim McGlynn as the new Parish Rep for Missio Red Boxes. She has already been in touch with some Red Box holders and is keen to contact all those parishioners who still have Red Boxes at home. If you have a Red Box which needs emptying (it doesn't have to be full), please leave it with fr Brian / in the Sacristy. It would help if you could write your up-to-date contact details (name/phone number/email) on a slip of paper and either insert it into your Red Box or attach it. Teresa will then contact you directly to see if you are happy to continue using the Red Box. During the pandemic, some parishioners have switched to donating via a standing order or bank transfer direct to Missio. Please let Teresa know if you have switched or would be interested in switching. For those who are not currently able to come to Church, or anyone who has any questions about Missio or the Red Boxes, please contact Teresa directly on 07941 913282.

The Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP) in the parish exists to help those in need by providing companionship, transport, practical assistance and modest financial help. If you or someone you know needs help, please ask fr Brian to let us know and we will be in touch.

Kingston Hospital Charity Winter Appeal is focussed on raising funds to enhance the side rooms on the surgical, elderly care and orthopaedic wards. For more info. see www.khc.org.uk. The cost of enhancing one side room to create a tranquil space is approximately £3,000.

SPEAR Homelessness to Independence is a local charity with over 30 years' experience in this vital area of outreach. If you can help in any way, either

financially or as a volunteer, please see the posters in the narthex, including Active Events 2022. www.spearlondon.org

Vacancies The Archdiocese of Southwark has a vacancy for a Priests' Welfare Officer. More details can be found on the diocesan website www.rcsouthwark.co.uk Closing date 11 March.

Bereavement Weekend at Aylesford Priory (near Maidstone, Kent) *GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST*
Mourning the loss of a loved one? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18th - Sunday 20th March at Aylesford Priory. To book or find out more telephone 01622 717272.

Going into Hospital - Important Information It is no longer the case that hospitals will ask you your religion and would you like a visit from a priest. You must make known to the hospital that you wish to receive a visit from the priest / deacon / extraordinary minister assigned to the hospital. Families of patients also need to be aware of this where the family member is unable to request the presence of a priest. Most hospitals have a dedicated full-time priest chaplain or a rota of priests who visit on a regular basis.

Friends of The Holy Land Please see the letter in the narthex thanking us for the Crib Collection.

Something More on Fasting

*Is this a fast, to keep the larder lean?
And clean from fat of veals and sheep?
Is it to quit the dish of flesh,
Yet still to fill the platter high with fish?
Is it to fast an hour, or ragged to go,
Or show a down-cast look and sour:
NO: 'tis a fast to dole thy sheaf of wheat and meat
Unto the hungry soul.
It is to fast from strife and old debate,
And hate; to circumcise thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent; to starve thy sin,
Not bin; and that's to keep thy Lent.*

(Robert Herrick's paraphrase of Isaiah 58
in Geoffrey Preston OP, *Hallowing The Time*,
DLT 1980, p68).

We were all hoping that the lifting of COVID restrictions would help us return or discover a 'new normal'. The invasion of Ukraine and the terrible suffering and violence we see in the media have left many of us with a feeling of despondency. We feel powerless in the face of such violence and abuse of power. Yet what are we to do? Can Lent help us? In today's Gospel the devil says to Jesus, 'Worship me and all shall be yours.' But Jesus answers, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.' Yes, Lent can help us. Let us listen to the Lord! A Blessed Lent fr Brian