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Sunday 28th February 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B)

#### Mass Times and Intentions: Sunday 28th February 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6.15pm (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021)
People of the parish
8.30am Intentions of Karim Bacchus
11.30am Deceased members of the
Buckley family (Foundation Mass)
5pm Claire Purnell – Browne RIP

#### Second week of Lent

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (Feast) Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales 10am People of the parish PVT All Carers during COVID

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 (Feria) 10.00 Edward Harrington RIP PVT Intentions of Roy Durrant

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (Feria) 10am Raffaele Forte RIP PVT Intentions of Jasmine Durrant

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria) 10am Alice McGowan RIP PVT Intentions of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria) Women's World Day of Prayer 10am Blaise D'Cunha RIP PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Feria) 10am Diogo Barreto RIP (Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6.15pm (Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021)
Archbishop Peter Smith RIP
(First Anniversary)
8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass
11.30am Intentions of Jack & Ron Mather
5pm People of the parish

Current Public Mass Schedule

\*Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;

\*Confessions: Saturday, after
10am Mass, until approx 11.30am;

\*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane. Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail. Raffaela Forte. Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez, Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Pauline Susan Jean Gray,** 

formerly of Hassocks Road, who died on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Our condolences and prayers go to the family.

#### **MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS**

Please contact us to book Masses.
Kindly include contact details as well as your Gift Aid number if applicable.
Mass Offering Envelopes are available from our stewards at church.
You are invited to make an offering if you can. Most tend to offer £10.00, where they can afford to. Please address any queries to the Parish Office.

#### **COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION**

Please do not come to the church if you have any symptoms, whether COVID or not, or if you have been told to shield.

Please do as directed by our stewards.

Always use a fresh disposable face mask or other face covering, which should cover your nose and your mouth.

Hand sanitiser is available at the church. Please keep at least 2 metres from others. Please follow instructions regarding the reception of Holy Communion or a blessing. Please then go straight home and don't socialise outside the church.

"HANDS - FACE – SPACE"
Stay Home; Protect the NHS;
Save Lives;

Should you need to visit the presbytery, kindly ensure you wear a mask.

STANDING ORDERS & FINANCE
Would all those who kindly set up a
Standing Order during our Planned
Giving Drive check their bank
statements to see if their instructions
to their banks have been received.

We have found that, in many cases, they have not been put in place. Please consider a Standing order, *should your financial circumstances allow*.

Standing Orders currently assure us of approximately £750.00 per week. Whilst a small number of new Standing Orders have been set up, sadly we have also lost others through death and those moving away. We are also most grateful for the generous support of those who have sent in payments to bolster parish finances. For information on the Gift Aid Scheme, a crucial way to increase parish funds, please contact the Parish Office.

If you are a tax payer, and you join the scheme, we can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% back to your contributions, without you parting with any more money!

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office is currently closed. Please phone, email or send a message via the Contact Form on our web site.

Please wait patiently for a reply.

#### **READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 26:8-9) Of you, my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**FIRST READING** (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18)

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place that God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood, Then, he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven.
'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied.
'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said.
'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God.
You have not refused me your son, your only son.'
Then, looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you. I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your

descendants, as a reward for your obedience.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(Psalm 115:10, 15-19, response Psalm 114:9)

## R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

- I trusted, even when I said 'I am sorely afflicted.'
   O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. R.
  - Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
     A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
     I will call on the Lord's name. R.
- 3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. *R*.

#### **SECOND READING** (Romans 8:31-34)

With God on our side, who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn?

Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand, he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Matthew 17:5)

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

#### **GOSPEL** (Mark 9:2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves.

There, in their presence, he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then, Peter spoke to Jesus, 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so, let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah,' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering then in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, The Beloved. Listen to him.'

Then, suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain, he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though, among themselves,

they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Matthew 17:5)
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.

### BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS

As soon as we have any further information, we shall publish it in the newsletter and on our parish web site. Please be patient.

#### **LENT**

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We are still looking at the logistics of holding Stations of the Cross in line with COVID regulations.

#### **CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021**

CAFOD: Regular gift to the Lent Appeal 2021
Walk for Water: Join the Big Walk for Water! | CAFOD

#### **Lenten Retreats**

"Follow Me" - Southwark Archdiocese Spirituality Commission:

<u>Diocesan Retreat 2021 — Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality</u>

Commission (southwarkdsc.org.uk)

The Redemptorists: The Redemptorists » A Lenten retreat

#### **NATIONAL CENSUS 2021**

Census Day is Sunday March 21st 2021.

#### We are obliged by law to take part in this exercise,

which takes place every ten years. It helps towards the formation of policy in areas such as healthcare, education and transport.

The results of the census will affect us all in future years.

For full information, please go to: Census 2021

#### COVID SURVEY BY CATHOLIC VOICES

You are kindly asked by Archbishop John to go on line and complete this survey, designed to record experiences of both clergy and laity of all branches of the Christian faith, in relation to their experiences with the current pandemic. Please go to:

Covid-19 & Church-21 Survey — Catholic Voices