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Sunday 14th March 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 14th March 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

6.15pm (Saturday 13th March 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am For all mothers in our parish

11.30am Intentions of

Steven Pantelleresco

5pm Intentions of Pope Francis on the 8th anniversary of his election

Fourth week of Lent

Monday 15th March 2021 (Feria)

10am Intentions of Deirdre Laurence

PVT The Holy Souls

Tuesday 16th March 2021 (Feria)

10.00 Raffaele Anthony Forte RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Wednesday 17th March 2021 (Feast)

St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Nigeria, Australia and Montserrat

10am People of the parish

PVT John Joseph Murphy RIP

Thursday 18th March 2021 (Feria)

10am Intentions of Pierre Lain

PVT The Holy Souls

Friday 19th March 2021 (Solemnity)

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 20th March 2021 (Feria)

10am Jörgen Maltberg RIP

(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)

Sunday 21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6.15pm (Saturday 20th March 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am Eamon Gillespie RIP

11.30am Pietro Mobile RIP

5pm Mario Rodrigues RIP

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, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Elenaoir 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 **Joseph Lunn**, who died peacefully at home on his 19th birthday, Monday 8th March 2021, after a long illness. Joseph was one of Amelia Mobile's grandchildren. *Che Dio gli conceda il riposo eterno.* Our condolences and prayers as a parish go to the family.

EASTER OFFERINGS

As usual, your offerings at Easter are your personal gift to our priests. Envelopes are now available from our stewards. Those of you who are in the Gift Aid scheme will find a special light green Easter Offering envelope in their boxes or packs. Gift Aid givers using one of the Easter envelopes from the stewards are kindly reminded to write their Gift Aid number clearly on the front.

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, even if you have already received the vaccine. Please do as directed by our stewards. Always use a fresh disposable face mask or other face covering, **which must cover nose and 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.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

We celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph this coming Thursday. Please find below a link which will take you to many prayers dedicated to him.

[Prayers – Year of St. Joseph](#)

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Isaiah 66:10-11)

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who are in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

FIRST READING (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus, king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 136:10, response v 6)

**R: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there, we hung up our harps. **R.**
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. ‘Sing to us,’ they said, ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ **R.**
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING (Ephesians 2:4-10)

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 3:16)

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

GOSPEL (John 3:14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him, the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world, men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 121:3-4)

**Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
to praise the name of the Lord.**

CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021

[CAFOD : Regular gift to the Lent Appeal 2021](#)

Walk for Water: [Join the Big Walk for Water! | CAFOD](#)

LENTEN RETREATS ONLINE

[Diocesan Retreat 2021 — Archdiocese of Southwark Spirituality Commission \(southwarkdsc.org.uk\)](#)

Jesuit Retreat: [Lent Retreat – from the Jesuits in Scotland \(onlineprayer.net\)](#)

NATIONAL CENSUS 2021

Census Day is next Sunday March 21st 2021: [Census 2021](#)

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please contact us to book Masses, giving contact details, also your Gift Aid number if applicable. Mass Offering Envelopes are available from our stewards. You are invited to make an offering if you can. Most give £10.00. Kindly post Mass requests through the presbytery door to avoid them being ‘quarantined’!