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Sunday 21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(REMEMBER TODAY IS CENSUS DAY!)

6.15pm (Saturday 20th March 2021)

People of the parish

8.30am Eamon Gillespie RIP

11.30am Pietro Mobile RIP

5pm Mario Rodrigues RIP

Fifth week of Lent

Monday 22nd March 2021 (Feria)

10am Stephen Cowie RIP

(10th anniversary)

PVT David Plant RIP

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 (Feria)

10.00 Raffaele Forte RIP

PVT Elizabeth Scarpa (Foundation Mass)

Wednesday 24th March 2021 (Feria)

10am Charles & Angela Desa RIP

PVT Blaise D'Cunha RIP

Thursday 25th March 2021 (Solemnity)

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10am George Meyern RIP

PVT George Redmond RIP

Friday 26th March 2021 (Feria)

10am UCM intention

PVT Intentions of Mary Ann

Bonett Sladden

Saturday 27th March 2021 (Feria)

10am Julius Filomeno Fernandes RIP

(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)

REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS

FORWARD ONE HOUR TONIGHT!!!

Sunday 28th March 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE

PASSION OF THE LORD

6.15pm (Saturday 27th March 2021)

Anne Mitra RIP

8.30am Maggie Desa RIP

11.30am Thanksgiving – Romano Ippoliti

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, Raffaella Forte,
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,
Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,
Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp,
Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez,
Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,
Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin,
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 **George Redmond**, formerly of Briar Avenue, and late of Eastbourne, who died on Wednesday 10th March 2021. Husband of Elizabeth Redmond, George was an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion here. 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.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf Psalm 42:1-2)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning, rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them, I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15, response v 12)

R: A pure heart, create for me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion, blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart, create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour, sustain me. that I may teach transgressors your ways, and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 5:7-9)

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.

Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became, for all who obey him, the source of eternal salvation.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 12:26)

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL (John 12:20-30)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus, Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven,
'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words, he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (John 12:24)

Amen, Amen I say to you:

**Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

CAFOD LENT APPEAL 2021

**Envelopes are available now from our stewards.
Please take one today. If possible, please give on line
and remember that you may Gift Aid your
contribution. Please do not use normal parish Gift Aid
envelopes, as they cannot be used for this collection.
Only the special CAFOD envelopes should be used.**

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DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT ONLINE

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

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'!

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME – SPRING FORWARD!
CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR OVERNIGHT
NEXT SATURDAY/SUNDAY**

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Crosses will be distributed by stewards *as you leave the Church*, after Communion. We have a limited supply, so please take only what you need for yourself and those unable to attend.