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Sunday 6th March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 6th March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Coffee after all morning Masses)

6.15pm (Saturday 5th March 2022)

Joaquim Jacob Fernandes RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Intentions of Erna & Barry Breese

11.30am Mario & Edna Kumar

(recent 40th Wedding Anniversary)

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

5pm Dennis & Sheila O'Donoghue RIP

First Week of Lent

Monday 7th March 2022 (Feria)

7.30am Joaquim Jacob Fernandes RIP

10am Oliva Msahala RIP

Tuesday 8th March 2022 (Feria)

7.30am Canon John Devane RIP

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

Wednesday 9th March 2022 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Francis Jayarajah

Thursday 10th March 2022 (Feria)

7.30am Daryl Desa RIP

10am Micheal Lord RIP

Friday 11th March 2022 (Feria)

CAFOD FAST DAY

7.30am The people of Ukraine

10am Requiem for Carmelita

Lomio Asuncion RIP

Saturday 12th March 2022 (Feria)

10am Archbishop Peter Smith RIP

Sunday 13th March 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

6.15pm (Saturday 12th March 2022)

Bernard Forward RIP

8.30am People of Ukraine

10am Intentions of Bridie Hart

11.30am Intentions of Maria & Arturo

Giannini (recent birthday)

5pm People of the parish

MASS SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am.

Monday – Saturday: 10am.

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am

Mass, until approx 11.30am.

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction

Mon – Sat 9.30am; Sunday 4pm.

CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Our sincere thanks to all our stewards.

If you feel ill, whether or not you have symptoms of COVID, please stay away.

Though the Sunday obligation remains suspended, it's good to see more of you returning to Mass. Please do have consideration for fellow parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, AND HOUSEBOUND:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie, Arabella D'Souza, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp, Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Dorothy Sammut, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Carmelita Lomio Asuncion**, of Streatham Vale, who died on Monday 14th February 2022. Her funeral takes place here on Friday 11th March 2022 at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.



Please continue to pray for Ukraine.

GIFT AID YEAR END LETTERS

FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020-2021:

If you urgently require a year end letter, please contact the Diocesan Gift Aid Office email: giftaid@rcaos.org.uk or call 020 7960 2513.

Otherwise, please contact the Gift Aid Organiser via the parish office.

NB: Due to COVID issues, letters may not show the full amount of your offerings, thus affecting also the amount of tax reclaimed.

GIFT AID & FINANCE

If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% to your offering at no extra cost to you! You may download a Standing Order form here: <https://bit.ly/3ExB8aM>

BAPTISM PREPARATION PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The first course is already underway. The next course will run as follows:
Wednesday 9th March 2022 @ 8pm
Wednesday 16th March 2022 @ 8pm
These courses are for new parents, or those parents who have not attended such a course in the last three years.

You must attend both sessions.

Please do not turn up without first having registered, as places are limited.

Please take a Baptism Preparation Form from the porch, complete it and return it to the parish office, and you will then be contacted to book places. Those who have already submitted forms should contact the parish office to book courses, unless they have already been contacted and confirmed dates. All sessions will last for approximately one hour. Once the course is finished, you will be able to book dates for Baptisms to take place.

Please consider making an offering towards the work of the Church.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office opens on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Please note that the deadline for items in the parish newsletter is 12 Noon on Wednesdays.

CAFOD FAST DAY AND COLLECTION

No child should go hungry. Yet 200,000,000 (two hundred million) children around the world face the threat of malnutrition. That figure is just over three times the current population of the UK!

CAFOD Appeals continued throughout the COVID pandemic, which changed many of our own circumstances beyond recognition, causing us to look inwardly. As we emerge from the pandemic, we are faced with a cost-of-living increase which will outstrip many people's incomes, particularly with rising fuel prices and increasing food prices.

However, the way of life in what we call the 'Third World' has remained unchanged. Millions of families still look to find food and water to survive on a daily basis, on top of dealing with the pandemic and the turmoil of armed conflict in many countries.

These people innocent victims.

CAFOD's aim around the world is not just to plug a hole by providing basic food and water; the aim is always to provide people with the ability to provide for themselves and future generations going forward: - Providing engineers to help find water, to drink and to grow crops; Providing lawyers to protect people's rights to their own land; Providing Mother and Child clinics for children like Lomben in Sierra Leone, a country that, just five years ago, had to deal with the Ebola Virus. Lomben, now five years old, had a tiny bracelet given to her, that could fit all the way up to her shoulder – a bracelet no bigger than a two pence piece! That's how malnourished she had become!

CAFOD Family Fast Day takes place on Friday 11th March 2022. Envelopes will be collected on Sunday 13th March 2022. Please take a CAFOD Fast Day Envelope home with you today. Think what sort of sacrifice you could make. Perhaps just have a simple meal, and use what you save to make your own contribution towards ending malnutrition and poverty, making your own small act of love towards our sisters and brothers around the world.

Please rest assured that even the smallest contribution does and will collectively make a huge difference.

Ways to contribute may be found on the CAFOD website and on the special CAFOD Fast Day envelopes. If you are able to contribute, and you are a taxpayer, please also consider Gift Aiding your donation. This means that CAFOD can gain a further 25p per pound.
Thank you for your attention.

UKRAINE APPEAL

CAFOD, as a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee, is involved in a major appeal in response to the Russian invasion, the results of which are evident to us on a daily basis. Please go to the following link in order to donate what you can:
<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/direct-debit? Amount=5& Appeal=21906>

THE RETURN OF COFFEE MORNINGS

If you would like to host a coffee morning, whether or not you have done so in the past, please contact the PPC via the Parish Office.

SYNOD 2021-2023

If there is anything you would like to discuss or share, please get in touch with Lee and Sonia:

norburysynod@rcaos.org.uk

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND,

You may donate online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
or use this QR code:



By phone, from Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm,
on **020 7960 2504**.

By cash or cheque, using the dedicated Clergy Support Fund Envelopes, which are available in the porch.

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

Following the recent guidance from the Bishops of England & Wales concerning the lifting of COVID restrictions, we have put a plan in place for the gradual return of Altar Servers at Mass.

Our core principle has been to ensure that we minimise the COVID risk to the Altar Servers, parishioners and clergy. We shall start with the senior Altar Servers covering each of the weekend Masses. In some cases, where servers are members of the same family, we believe this will further reduce COVID risks. We shall also be keeping in place some basic COVID precautions such as the wearing of face masks, the use of hand sanitiser and taking lateral flow tests. After Easter, having assessed the COVID situation at that point, we believe this may be an opportunity to get more Servers back onto the Sanctuary. We think that a short refresher training session would be useful for all servers, and we shall also plan new Altar Server Training for those who have made their First Holy Communion over the last 2 years. Any questions, please contact Fr Deo, Fr Augustine, Deacon Ged or Jed Murphy.

THE RETURN OF THE HYMN CHOIR

We are pleased to announce that our Hymn Choir returns to sing at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 27th March 2022 and thereafter at the same Mass time on the 4th Sunday of each month.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2022

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.