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Sunday 26th March 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6.15 pm (Saturday 25th March 2023)

Peter Morton RIP

(NB: Clocks went forward 1 hour overnight)

Free Coffee Morning after all

Morning Masses today

8.30am People of the parish

10am Mary O'Sullivan RIP

11.30am George Meyern RIP &

Anne Mitra RIP

(Hymn Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Stations of the Cross

5pm Joseph Zhu RIP

Fifth Week of Lent

Monday 27th March 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Annie (Hunter) Gillespie RIP

10am In Thanksgiving – Clark family

Tuesday 28th March 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Claire Watt RIP

10am Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 29th March 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am In Thanksgiving – Martin D'Mello

Thursday 30th March 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Michael Glynn RIP

10am Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Friday 31st March 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Tom O'Riordan RIP

10am Charles & Angela Desa RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 1st April 2023 (Feria)

10am Francis Jeyarajah RIP

Sunday 2nd April 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE

PASSION OF THE LORD

DISTRIBUTION OF PALM CROSSES

6.15 pm (Saturday 1st April 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Nicole Gaëtan Yan Leung RIP

10am Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP

11.30am Hazel & Andy McCrystal

& family (Foundation Mass)

This Mass starts in the Hall.

A special booklet is available.

(Hymn Choir & Plainchant Choir)

4pm Stations of the Cross

with the Polyphony Choir

5pm Daniel & Juliann Linehan RIP

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

***Mass:** Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

***Confession:** Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

***Sunday Masses:** (Sat 6.15pm);

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

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Stations of the Cross: Sunday 4pm

(Rosary & Benediction outside Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso;

Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Margaret White, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

THANKS FOR MASS COVER

We thank Father David Standley and Father Gus Kinnane, both retired from full time priestly ministry, who continue to make themselves available to say Masses on Sundays whilst Father Deo's recovery continues and until we have news of when we shall be welcoming a new assistant priest.

FREE COFFEE MORNING

After all morning Masses today.

It will be hosted by parents of our

First Holy Communicants.

Do come along. All are welcome!

GIFT AID

For those who are taxpayers, the Church can recover an extra 25% on top of what you give under the Gift Aid scheme, without your having to do anything more than sign a form. Please ask for your new box of Gift Aid envelopes or, if you give by Standing Order, your pack of second collection envelopes.

The parish has to pay for these envelopes. Standing orders help to cut our costs, as well as enabling us to budget better. Forms are available to join the Gift Aid scheme and/or to set up a Standing Order, whether or not you are already a Gift Aider.

Please note that you are advised to check your tax status before signing up. Also, if you are on a low wage or no longer working, you are advised to check your tax status. If you are not paying sufficient tax in relation to what you Gift Aid, you could receive a tax demand from HMRC.

The golden rule, if you are uncertain of your tax status is: 'If in doubt, leave it out!'

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

First Collection: £1043.77

(Gift Aided: £465.50; Non GA: £578.27)

Plus Standing Orders £705.00.

Also received last weekend:

Poor Parishes: £637.52

(Gift Aided: £37.00; Non GA: £600.52)

Clergy Support Fund: Gift Aided: £10.00

CAFOD: £21.00

(Gift Aided: £20.00; Non GA: £1.00)

Priest Training Fund: £440.00

(Gift Aided: £390.00; Non GA: £50.00)

(Gift Aid collected by the CAFOD &

Priest Training Fund)

THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and
become instruments of your love and grace.
Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to
all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond
wholeheartedly to become the person you created them
to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of
your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we
may love you more deeply and serve you more
faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son,
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

FLOWERS

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing
towards decorating the church with flowers.

If you would like to help us to provide flowers,
please put your donations, however small, into the wall box
in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the
presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people
tend to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too,
and there is a special place for that on the envelopes.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

**If a particular date and time are important to you,
then you are advised to put your request in early.**

There is no availability for 5pm until May 2023.

**Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass
Intention if they cannot to make an offering.**

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

These posters will be available this weekend after all
Sunday Masses and the Saturday Vigil Mass. You are
invited to take one home and you are kindly asked to
make a voluntary donation to the Seminary Fund.

REPOSITORY URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP

After years of dedicated service to our parish, Tim and
Maureen O'Donoghue will soon be moving away. This
means in particular that we are looking for somebody who
would be willing to take over the running of the Repository
or join a team to do so. Full training would be provided.
Please let Fr Deo know if you might be able to help.

LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE 2023

This will take place on Tuesday 4th April 2023.
After the 10am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be
exposed on the altar. Adoration will continue and
Confessions will be available throughout the day
until Benediction at 7pm.

You are strongly encouraged to set aside time to attend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS

**Please would those altar servers available to serve
between Palm Sunday, throughout Holy Week and on
Easter Sunday kindly note that this year they should
sign up by email. The address is given below. There will
not be any paper charts stuck to the doors this year!
For safeguarding reasons, parents of those aged under
18 years should email on behalf of their children.
Practices will be held prior to each Mass and service,
and most of these will last approximately 45 minutes.
We hope so see as many of you as we have in past years.
To take part, please email: norburymc@rcaos.org.uk**

Details of practices are as follows:

Palm Sunday April 2nd 2023.

On Palm Sunday, the 11.30am Mass *only*
will start with a procession from the Hall.

Practice for this Mass the day before:

Saturday 1st April 2023 at 12.30pm.

Maundy Thursday 6th April 2023

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm.

Practice the evening before:

Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7.30pm

Good Friday 7th April 2023

The Passion of the Lord at 3pm.

Practice on the morning of the same day at 10.30am.

Holy Saturday 8th April 2023

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at 8.30pm.

Practice on the morning of the same day at 10.30am.

EASTER OFFERINGS

As is customary, your offerings at Easter are your personal
gift to your priests. This year, we have had some special
envelopes made for this purpose. You will find these
envelopes in the porch areas. Please take one home with
you. If you are a member of our Gift Aid scheme, you may
Gift Aid your offering by writing your Gift Aid number in
the box provided. If you prefer, you can use the Easter
Offering Envelope found in your new Gift Aid Boxes,
though please note that many have not yet collected them.

PARISH EASTER CARD

This will be available shortly, containing details of all Masses
and services up to and including Easter Monday 10th April 2023.