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Sunday 18th February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 18th February 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 6.15pm (Saturday 17th February 2024) November Deceased List 8.30am Barbara Farmer RIP 10am Ben Canavan RIP 11.30am Steve & Berni Knight 40th Wedding Anniversary

4pm Stations of the Cross 5pm People of the parish

First Week of Lent

Monday 19th February 2024 (Feria) 7.30am The Holy Souls 10am Raffaella Forte RIP Tuesday 20th February 2024 (Feria) 7.30am The Holy Souls 10am Tony Tambirasa RIP Wednesday 21st February 2024 (Feria) 7.30am Jerome B Persaud RIP 10am Pietro Mobile RIP

Thursday 22nd February 2024 (Feast) The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle 7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ruth Yeats RIP

11.30am Requiem for Raffaella Forte Friday 23rd February 2024 (Feria) CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY 7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP 7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 24th February 2024 (Feria) 10am Leslie & Florence Bickers RIP

Sunday 25th February 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

6.15pm (Saturday 24th February 2024) Mike & Jean Mooney 60th Wedding Anniversary 8.30am People of the parish

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am Thanksgiving - Susan D'Souza (Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Teresa Stenson RIP

(Hymn Choir) (Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Stations of the Cross 5pm Mathias & Celsa Menezes 29th Wedding Anniversary **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** (Plainchant Choir) (First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm) *Rosary: Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass Stations of the Cross: Sunday 4pm throughout Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT & THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane. Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley, Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie, John DeWaal, Audrey Draude, Terry Folorunso, Giovanni Franco, Daniel Furtado, Rachel Gadd, Michael Goodwin: Anna Harris. Agnes Healy, Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp, Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski, Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez, James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Andrew McMillan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle, Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po, Sheila Price, Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira. Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ivete Vaz, Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu, Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

FUNERAL DETAILS

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo

The funeral of Pamela Joyce

will take place here on Thursday 29th February 2024 at 10am. The funeral of

Margaret McSharry

will take place here on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 11.30am.

FREE COFFEE MORNING NEXT SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

After all morning Masses. Led by our Church Cleaning Team. Please speak to any of their members if you would like to join them in cleaning God's House each week. We also really need more Coffee Morning helpers going forward. If you would like to volunteer to help in some way with future coffee mornings, in particular setting up and clearing away, please speak to a member of the team or leave your details with the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session, for children only, takes place on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at St James the Great School from 10am - 11am. Please refer to your programme schedule.

All children must be registered in the Sacristy every Sunday.

More dedicated catechists are required for future years, both for First Holy **Communion and Confirmation. Please** contact Fr Deo, Deacon Ged or Teresa

Furtado if you are interested in volunteering your help.

RECENT COLLECTION 11th February 2024 Basket: £922.21:

Gift Aid: £353.50; Non G/A: £568.71

SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Representative, Teresa Furtado, will be unavailable for the next couple of weeks. If any Safeguarding issues arise, please contact either Father Deo, the Parish Office or call the Archdiocesan Safeguarding office on 020 7261 1606.

FATHER PAUL IS TAKING A BREAK

Father Paul will be taking a few days off from next Tuesday 20th February 2024, returning Tuesday 27th February 2024.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WHAT IS IT, AND WHY IS IT SET TO INCREASE IN THIS PARISH SOON? FIND OUT AT ALL MASSES ON THE WEEKEND OF 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2024!

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day – 23rd February 2024
Palm Sunday – 24th March 2024;
Parish Day of Penitence – 26th March 2024
Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral – 27th March 2024
Maundy Thursday - 28th March 2024;
Good Friday - 29th March 2024;
Holy Saturday - 30th March 2024;
Easter Sunday – 31st March 2024

ST JAMES THE GREAT CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Please support St James the Great School in their efforts to raise money for CAFOD during Lent.

You can donate using the following link:

St James the Great's Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

. The collection for the Lent Fast Day will now take place on **Sunday 3rd March 2024**, with special envelopes being available in the porch areas.

<u>A reminder to Gift Aiders that you should not use</u>
<u>envelopes from your boxes</u>. Anybody may Gift Aid their
contribution, regardless of whether or not they belong to our
Gift Aid Scheme. Please follow the instructions given.

SVP

If you know of anybody in need, just drop a note into the presbytery, marking the envelope "SVP", and contact will then be made confidentially in due course. Please continue to leave any unwanted currency or old British notes and coins in the special basket in the main porch.

CAFOD LENTEN EMAILS

To sign up for daily Lenten emails, please click on this link: Lent calendar with daily prayers and reflection (cafod.org.uk)

LENTEN TALKS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS, STREATHAM

In response to Archbishop John Wilson's call to provide 'Some Definite Service', these talks will take place on the first three Wednesdays in March 2024. Please see the poster and leaflets in the main porch for full details

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next course will take place on Saturdays 20th April and 27th April 2024 at 2.30pm. If you have not attended a course in the past three years, you will need to sign up. You must attend both sessions. Godparents are welcome to attend the second session in particular. Ideally, there should be a Godfather and a Godmother. Where this is not possible, there must be at least one Godparent.

Given the serious supporting role which they play in the Catholic upbringing of children, Godparents must be Baptised, Confirmed Practising Catholics, aged 16 or over.

Otherwise they may only act as Witnesses.

Please pick up a Baptism Details Form from the main porch, complete it and return it to the parish office. A date for Baptism may be chosen upon completion of the course.

Baptisms take place most Sundays of the year at 1pm.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones.

Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF or scan QR code below.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri **020 7960 2504** or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.



There will be a collection for this appeal next **Sunday 25th February 2024**. Whilst Gift Aiders may use the special envelopes in their packs, all are encouraged to use the specially printed envelopes provided by the Archdiocese of Southwark. You may use those envelopes to Gift Aid your contributions, whether or not you belong to the Gift Aid Scheme

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2024

For the terminally ill:

Let us pray that the sick, who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and support.