

Saturday 9th March St Frances of Rome	10am Adam Onyibe Birthday 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 10th March First Sunday in Lent	10am Gudrun Feleifel Int 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm Philomena Butterfield RIP
Monday 11th March	8am *Mass at Struan Convent 10am No Mass
Tuesday 12th March	8am *Mass at Struan Convent 10am Olabisa Dina RIP
Wednesday 13th March	8am *Mass at Struan Convent 10am Paul Michael Cornally RIP
Thursday 14th March	8am *Mass at Struan Convent 10am Martina Clemente & Family Thanksgiving
Friday 15th March	8am *Mass at Struan Convent 10am Patrick Padden RIP
Saturday 16th March	10am Holy Souls 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March 2nd Sunday in Lent	10am The Doyle Family RIP 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm Elizabeth & Michael Duane RIP

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Peggy Frost, Marlize Gauci, Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Roberto Farina, Paul Gismondi, May Ranns, Jane Sullivan, Sr. Blanca, Bob Hutchins, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Liana Lloyd, Ann Bedding and Amanda Stockley

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
Sunday's offering was £1,085
Standing Orders £250 **Total £1,335**
Second Collection for Poor Parishes £284.78

Thank you for your generosity

This is a School Voucher Sunday

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head Teacher: Mrs Angela Pitcher B. Ed.; M.A.
www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM
Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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First Sunday in Lent Year C

Pope Francis sermon for Ash Wednesday 2019

Blow the trumpet [...] sanctify a fast (Joel 2:15), says the prophet in the first reading. **Lent opens with a piercing sound, that of a trumpet that does not please the ears, but instead proclaims a fast. It is a loud sound that seeks to slow down our life, which is so fast-paced, yet often directionless. It is a summons to stop – a “halt!” – , to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul.**

This wake-up call is accompanied by the message that the **Lord proclaims** through the lips of the prophet, a short and heartfelt message: **“Return to me”** (v 12). To return. If we have to return, it means that we have wandered off. **Lent is the time to rediscover the direction of life. Because in life’s journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal.** If what interests us as we travel, however, is looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we will not get far. We should ask ourselves: On the journey of life, do I seek the way forward? Or am I satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun? What is the path? Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing? **But we are not in the world for this. Return to me, says the Lord. To me. The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to him.**

Today we have been offered a sign that will help us find our direction: **the head marked by ash.** It is a sign that **causes us to consider what occupies our mind.** Our thoughts often focus on transient things, which come and go. The small mark of ash, which we will receive, is a subtle yet real reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, that we chase after and worry about every day,

nothing will remain. No matter how hard we work, we will take no wealth with us from this life. **Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes. The culture of appearance prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception.** It is like a blaze: once ended, only ash remains. **Lent is the time to free ourselves from the illusion of chasing after dust. Lent is for rediscovering that we are created for the inextinguishable flame, not for ashes that immediately disappear; for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?**

On this Lenten journey, **back to what is essential, the Gospel proposes three steps which the Lord invites us to undertake without hypocrisy and pretence: almsgiving, prayer, fasting. What are they for? Almsgiving, prayer and fasting bring us back to the three realities that do not fade away. Prayer reunites us to God; charity, to our neighbour; fasting, to ourselves. God, my neighbour, my life: these are the realities that do not fade away and in which we must invest. Lent, therefore, invites us to focus, first of all on the Almighty, in prayer, which frees us from that horizontal and mundane life where we find time for self but forget God. It then invites us to focus on others, with the charity that frees us from the vanity of acquiring and of thinking that things are only good if they are good for me. Finally, Lent invites us to look inside our heart, with fasting, which frees us from attachment to things and from the worldliness that numbs the heart. Prayer, charity, fasting: three investments for a treasure that endures.**

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PARISH NEWS

Every Thursday

Our Lady's Prayer Group, 7 – 8.30 pm

Every Friday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 10.30am—8pm

Junior Legion of Mary meet every Sunday after 10am Mass (In Parish Room)

Stations of the Cross:

Every Sunday during Lent, 4pm

Lenten Penitential Service

Sunday 24th March, 11.15am

THE WINNERS OF LAST SUNDAY'S 200 CLUB

1	17	Delia Andrews
2	199	John Tarling

CAFOD FAST DAY

Friday 15th March

Envelopes at the back of the Church

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

Please speak to:

John O' Reilly 020 8947 3828

LENTENT TALKS AND ADORATION

Please do join us for a series of Lenten reflection talks given by three very learned Priests, followed by Adoration.

This is an opportunity to grow your faith.

Wednesday, 13th March 7-8pm

Fr. George Boronat, Kelston Club, Balham
Fr. George Boronat was a medical doctor in Spain before becoming a Priest and is now a member of Opus Dei Prelature.

Thursday, 21st March 7-8pm

Fr. Lawrence Richardson, Kelston Club, Balham
Fr. Lawrence Richardson is also a member of Opus Dei Prelature and is a renowned Retreat giver and Spiritual Director.

Wednesday, 3rd April 7-8pm, Father Marcus Holden,

Parish Priest, St Bede's, Clapham
Fr. Marcus Holden is a Catholic Apologist and Writer.

Confessions available during Adoration

All welcome

Lent is when I determine which addictions I may still have some control over.



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LEGACIES

Help provide for the future of our Parish by including the Parish in your will



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PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

in the Footsteps of Saint John Paul II, 7th-12th October 2019, price £780, includes flights, hotel accommodation and meals, guided tours.

Day one – Monday, 7th October

London Gatwick to Krakow. Coach to Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains. Accommodation La Salette Pilgrim House. Mass followed by a traditional Polish dinner and free time to walk into town.

Day two – Tuesday, 8th October

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Mass and Funicular railway to the top of Mount Gubalowka. Guided tour of Krakow and the old city; the cathedral, and the bishop's palace where Cardinal Karol used to live. Wander the old streets to the market square and finish at the church of St Mary .

Day three – Wednesday, 9th October

Guided tour of Auschwitz followed by a visit to the Birkenau extermination camp. Visit the family home of John Paul, which is now a museum and then to the Basilica of the Presentation of Our Lady, where the future Pope was baptised. After Mass we can enjoy the famous local puff-pastry cakes which were a favourite of the Pope before we return to our hotel.

Day four – Thursday, 10th October

Guided tour of the world famous salt mines at Wieliczka, ending with Mass in the underground chapel (walking tour will take up to three hours.) Afternoon visit to the centre of Krakow at your leisure.

Day five – Friday, 11th October

Czestochowa, the National Marian shrine in Poland. The town had great significance for Blessed John Paul II who was devoted to the "Black Madonna". Guided tour of the shrine, lunch at a local restaurant, free time to walk the Stations of the Cross Traditional evening Polish meal in a local restaurant.

Day six – Saturday, 12th October

Visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy and see the relics of Sister Faustina. Visit the new church and take the lift to the top of the tower for some spectacular views over the old city. Visit the shrine of Blessed John Paul II, a newly built church, where we can visit the relic of the late Pope and it is here that we celebrate our final Mass. We break for lunch before leaving for the airport.

*Flight times TBC

Please pick up an application form from Fr. Philip

NOTICE BOARD

CATHOLIC WALKS

Westminster

Sunday 17th March, 3pm;
Wednesday 20th March, 6.30pm;
Wednesday 3rd April, 6.30pm.

Catholics, politics, and monarchy: Thomas More, Emancipation and more. Meet outside Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

The King's Good Servant

Saturday 23rd March, 2.30pm.

The story of heroic St Thomas More. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row SW3 5HS. Nearest Tube: South Kensington.

Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com or find us on Facebook or see catholichistorywalks.com Cost: £5, concessions available. Please wear suitable footwear and plan for the weather. Walks may take up to 2 hours. Many more walks in April and May - see our website.

Mortlake Deanery Pastoral Council –

What is it and how you can help?

The MDPC brings together the nine neighbouring Catholic Churches of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton (including the University) and Wimbledon Common to share ideas and organise events. We meet three times a year and organise sessions for our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Children's Liturgy leaders, as well as other local events. It is a great way for the different parishes to learn from each other and work together.

We are always looking for additional members and input. For more information please contact: fionalhoyle@gmail.com or 07941237497.

Many thanks.

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