

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mrs Johanna Marengi R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Thursday 17th March at 12.00pm.

Mrs Elizabeth Ramsey R.I.P. – The date of the funeral has yet to be arranged.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Vivian Miller, Collette Griffin, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Susanna, Chris Collins, Zaid Saffo, Joseph Stancombe, Peter Macpherson.

St Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, Marian Lamb, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Ben Foster, Carina Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin, Jacob Callaghan, Martin Jones, Connie Greck, Owen Williams and Andrew Nash.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend in aid of CAFOD.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

*** St Mary of the Angels.

Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm.

Saturday 19th March at 11.30am.

Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm.

Saturday 26th March at 11.30am.

Wednesday 30th March at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 6th April at 7.00pm.

Saturday 9th April at 11.30am.

Friday 15th April at 12.00pm.

*** Holy Family.

Friday 15th April at 12.00pm.

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18.

The First Readings on the Sundays of Lent during Cycle C present aspects of the history of salvation. Today we hear of how God forged a covenant with Abram/Abraham of Ur. Each link in the chain leads us to the eternal covenant established through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. The sequence of significant covenants described in the Old Testament are sealed by sacrifice. Today we hear of a firebrand passing between the two halves of a complex animal sacrifice. We also hear of how Abram/Abraham experiences a kind of 'half sleep' before awaking to a glimpse of God's glory. This element links to the experience of the three Apostles at the Transfiguration of the Lord as described in today's gospel reading from Luke.

"Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified."

"I am the Lord", he said to him, "who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land."

"To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 26.

The Lord is my light and my help.

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1.

We could interpret today's extract from Philippians as a reflection on self-denial, which would be appropriate as we make our way through this early part of Lent. However, a more accurate description of the focus would be detachment. The message that nothing on this earth holds much value is expressed with tremendous force by Paul. The most prized state within the Roman Empire was possession of Roman Citizenship, a privilege that Paul held. Roman Citizenship provided the foundation of assured security and prosperity. Yet Paul brushes aside the notion that this privilege is anything more than transitory. Our homeland, our true citizenship, is rooted in heaven. It is a struggle to preserve our grasp of this identity in the midst of our present condition.

"My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us." " ... there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ ... they are destined to be lost ... they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful."

"For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body."

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Luke 9:28-36.

In Luke's account of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the divine character of Jesus is emphasised. In Luke's description it is as though the three Apostles who are present are transferred to another world (see what is described regarding Abram/Abraham in the today's extract from Genesis). The glory of Christ is revealed (a specifically divine attribute) and the Apostles stand in awe of their experience of the divine. Although glory is revealed, the dialogue that takes place focuses on the Lord's suffering and death at Jerusalem. From this point onwards in Luke's account we are journeying ever more swiftly to the conclusion of Jesus' ministry. The Transfiguration of the Lord offers a respite for the three Apostles who are privileged to behold the scene, but the direction of movement is made clear to them. The reaction of the Apostles, encapsulated by Peter's declaration that "it is wonderful for us to be here", provides clarity regarding the meaning of the event. Far from this being an escape from the harsh realities of life, it is a moment of penetration into the truth concerning Christ's identity and mission. The Apostles are made fully aware of the fact that they are keeping company with the Divine Lord. Reality, including our own identity, is only glimpsed and understood through the prism of God's glory.

"Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem."

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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13th - 20th March 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent (13th March)

10am Paul Garcia

12pm Spiro Abela RIP

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Pam Ward RIP

Monday: Weekday in Lent (14th March)

9.30am McGlinchey Family Intentions

Tuesday: Weekday in Lent (15th March)

9.30am Joe & Rona Donovan RIP

Wednesday: Weekday in Lent (16th March)

9.30am Fr Volans Evans

**Thursday: St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland
(17th March)**

**9.30am Mass at St Mary's School
Adoration & Benediction**

Friday: Weekday in Lent (18th March)

9.30am John, Ann & Michael Murphy RIP

**7.00pm Mass for Welcomers/Stewards
in the Liturgy Room**

**Saturday: St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM
(19th March)**

12.15pm Thanksgiving to St Joseph

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent (20th March)

10am Christina Sueref (Thanksgiving)

12pm Birchall, Ferro & Kemble Family

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Rita Aquilina

Monday: Weekday in Lent (21st March)

9.30am Joseph D'Alpa

Tuesday: Weekday in Lent (22nd March)

9.30am Beattie Family

Wednesday: Weekday in Lent (23rd March)

9.30am D'Alpa Family

Thursday: Weekday in Lent (24th March)

9.30am Ellen & Daniel Murphy

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord (25th March)

12.00pm Nuptial Mass

**7.00pm Mass for Music Groups
in the Liturgy Room**

Saturday: Weekday in Lent (26th March)

12.15pm Marjorie Belt RIP

St Mary's Masses cont'd

**Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (27th March)
Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday**

10am Sam Cross

12pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

6pm Veronica McCarthy

**Confessions will be celebrated in children's liturgy
room on Saturday from 10am to 11am. Access via
the Church.**

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent (13th March)

6pm Vigil Mass Phyliss Lyons

11am Louise Macpherson

Tuesday: (15th March)

NO MASS TODAY

Thursday: (17th March)

12pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Johanna Marengi

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent (20th March)

6pm Vigil Mass Cliff Jones RIP

11am Tina Gallagher (Birthday)

Tuesday: (22nd March)

NO MASS TODAY

Thursday: (24th March)

NO MASS TODAY

**Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (27th March)
Laetare Sunday / Mothering Sunday**

6pm Vigil Mass Carlos Velasco RIP

11am Patrick Morris RIP

SEASON OF LENT

It is my intention through Lent to celebrate Friday Evening Masses for the different parish groups in St Mary's and in Holy Family. Mass will be followed by a soup supper. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Friday 18th March – Mass at 7.00pm in the Liturgy Room of St Mary's for Welcomers and Stewards.

Friday 25th March – Mass at 7.00pm in the Liturgy Room of St Mary's for members of the Sunday Morning Choir, the Sunday Evening Music Group and the S.V.P.

Friday 1st April – Mass at 7.00pm in Holy Family for all parish volunteers.

THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

As the third week of the invasion unfolds, we are conscious of the devastation to life and property that is being inflicted upon the Ukrainian people. The Ukrainian armed forces and the civilian population are demonstrating their courageous resistance against overwhelming odds. Despite Russian disclaimers, it is clear that indiscriminate attacks are being unleashed against non-military targets. Last week brought news of an attack on the largest nuclear facility in Europe. Although the fires on the site were brought under control, employing live munitions in proximity to a nuclear installation is to be condemned unequivocally. Over two million Ukrainians (mainly women and children) have now left their country, seeking refuge in bordering countries to the west. The welcoming response in these countries has been immediate and generous. The United Kingdom is yet to play its full part in welcoming refugees. Let us keep our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in our prayers, praying for their immediate safety, for their proximate liberation and for their ultimate victory. Putin should not, must not, gain any kind of victory from his despicable conduct.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Mary, Our Lady of Kyiv, Mother of God, we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine, for their government, and for all who suffer as a result of war. Stand with them now just as you stood beside your Son as he suffered on the Cross at Calvary. Give the people of Ukraine strength and courage through faith, hope and justice. May we, in our turn, support them through prayer and generosity that human lives may be saved, that the injured may be healed, that the dead may rest in peace, that there will be abiding peace after war. Amen.

LENTEN ALMS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Our Lenten Alms will this year be donated to the people of Ukraine in the midst of the crisis afflicting their country. Our donations will be channelled through the global Catholic Caritas Network.

THE 'FORTY DAYS' OF LENT

In biblical terms, reference to the number 'forty' holds significance in representing the concept of 'enough' or 'ample'. Forty days is another way of saying 'long enough' or 'enough time'. The various biblical stories involving forty days/years all include some significant change or development in the life of a person or community: the forty days of Noah's flood (Genesis 7:12); Moses on Mount Sinai for forty days when he was receiving the Law (Exodus 24:18); Elijah's forty days walk through the desert to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8); Jonah's forty-day warning to the people of Nineveh (Jonah 3:4). The forty-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert allowed enough time to pass for an entire generation of people to come and go so that a new people could emerge. Pope St Gregory the Great (540-604) considered the six weeks of Lenten weekdays (thirty-six) to be a 10% tithe of the year. The forty-day fast of Christ between his baptism and public ministry (Matthew 4:2, Mark 1:13, Luke 4:2) is the principal inspiration for our forty-day Lenten pilgrimage.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND TAIZE MEDITATIONS

There will be a Lenten Penitential Service celebrated at St Mary of the Angels on Thursday 7th April at 7.00 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Scripture Readings – Guided Reflection and Examination of Conscience - Opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (a number of priests will be present) – Benediction and Thanksgiving. The Sunday Evening Choir will provide a framework of meditative music from Taize.



LENTEN LUNCHEAS AT HOLY FAMILY

A Lenten Lunch will be provided in Holy Family Parish Hall on the Fridays of Lent, from 11.45am to 1.00pm. There will be a short prayer in the Church followed by home-made soup accompanied by a bread roll, with tea and coffee. Donations of £5. For further information contact Cecilia Brookman on 02920563829.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: DATES FOR CELEBRATION

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession).

*** St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 7th May 2022 at 10.30am.
*** Holy Family - Saturday 14th May 2022 at 10.30am.

First Reception of the Holy Eucharist (First Communion).

*** St Mary of the Angels – Saturday 25th June 2022 at 10.30am.
*** Holy Family – Saturday 9th July 2022 at 10.30am.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (United celebration for both parishes)

*** Sunday 10th July at 12.00pm.

TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (9/10 April): The usual Sunday timetable in both parishes.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday 12th April at 11.30am – please note the change of day from Wednesday.

Holy Thursday (14 April): The Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated in both S.M.A. and H.F. at 7.00pm.

Good Friday (15 April): Stations of the Cross celebrated in both S.M.A. and H.F. at 12.00pm. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion celebrated in both S.M.A. and H.F. at 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday (16 April): The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at S.M.A. at 8.30pm.

Easter Sunday 17 April): The usual Sunday timetable in both parishes.

DEACON ELLIOT EMERGES FROM CONFINEMENT FOLLOWING HIS TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID

A week last Thursday Deacon Elliot developed a temperature which was accompanied by some aching. His Covid test revealed a positive result which meant very negative consequences. He immediately went into isolation on the top floor of The Priory. I then had to undertake a Covid test myself and happily that brought a negative result. Deacon Elliot celebrated his thirtieth birthday on Friday 4th March but was unable to engage any of his plans with family members. His symptoms proved to be very mild and he is now back to full health. He can contemplate a transferred birthday celebration.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Elliot will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop George at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 16th July at 12.00pm. The newly ordained Fr Elliot will then celebrate his 'First Mass' at St Mary of the Angels on Sunday 17th July at 12.00pm. Deacon Elliot wishes to involve the 10.00am Choir and the 6.00pm Choir in preparing the celebration. I will arrange for Spiro's Catering Service to provide a buffet lunch in the Parish Hall. Please keep Deacon Elliot in your prayers over the coming months.

MONSIGNOR MAGUIRE OUT OF OPERATION

Please keep Fr John in your prayers. He has been suffering some dizziness over the past week and will not be celebrating any of the Masses this Sunday. Having consulted his doctor and having received some medication we pray that he will experience a swift recovery. I have omitted Masses in Holy Family on Tuesday and Thursday until Fr John is fully recovered.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:
27th February - Gift aid £62.60 Loose £834.35
6th March - Gift Aid £56.91 Loose £628.76
Lenten Alms for Ukraine £442.71

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:
27th February - Gift aid £145.00 Loose £251.33
6th March - Gift aid £215.95 Loose £277.01

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.

INVEST IN MY COMMUNITY

If you would like to make a donation online, please use the following link. In the future there will be a button on the parish website.

The link is rcadc.org/portfolio-item/parish-offertory/ then you select the parish.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY (FRIDAY 11th MARCH 2022) – RETIRING COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

Having celebrated our Lenten CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 11th March, we will have the opportunity to donate our offerings in the retiring collection this Sunday. Donation envelopes, including Gift Aid declarations, are available in the porch.

MISSIO RED BOXES AND MAGAZINES

The Red Boxes which were brought to The Priory last year are now ready for collection. The quarterly 'Mission Today' magazines are also available for collection. If you have a Red Box that requires emptying then please bring it to the Sacristy when you next attend Mass. N.B. A NEW PARISH REPRESENTATIVE FOR MISSIO IS NEEDED FOR ST MARY OF THE ANGELS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE IMPORTANT WORK OF OUR INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION AGENCY THEN PLEASE CONTACT CANON COLLINS.

'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS FOR LENT AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Copies of the 'Walk with Me' booklets are now available for £1. The booklets are an excellent spiritual aid for the Lenten pilgrimage, providing a daily scriptural reference with an accompanying reflection.

FINANCE REALITY CHECK

*** In addition to the on-going problem with the Church boiler at St Mary's (with its remedy probably costing in excess of £10,000), the two small boilers serving The Priory have developed major faults. Although they are only twelve years old, they will have to be replaced at a cost of around £20,000.

*** I had a site meeting with the Archdiocesan Project Manager on Tuesday regarding developments at St Mary's Parish Hall, followed by a meeting of the Parish Clergy. We had envisaged developing improvements to the kitchen and to the toilet facilities, including the installation of a shower for use by clients of the Night Shelter. We have accumulated grants amounting to £48,000 for the work. However, due to increased costs since the first estimates were presented before the pandemic, it is now apparent that the funding will only cover the cost of the kitchen. Due to significant calls on parish funds at this time, we cannot add more resources to the grants. We will therefore proceed with the project but be restricted to improving the kitchen. The kitchen must be improved if we are to pass regulations regarding preparation of food, an essential ingredient in the provision of night shelter facilities.

THEFT OF LEAD FROM ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

Last Monday morning I discovered that a large section of lead had once again been stolen from the roof covering the north aisle of the Church. This is the third such theft since my arrival in September 2019. Two raids had been perpetrated in the year before my arrival. Despite 'supposed' enhancements to the roof alarm system following the last incident, no alarm was triggered during the night. Deacon Elliot sleeps in the bedroom nearest the roof and he heard nothing. I am hoping that the costs will be met by our insurance policy. After consultation with the Archdiocesan Projects Manager, it is our intention to remove the lead entirely and replace it with a steel alloy which would have no re-sale value.

ST MARY'S PIETY STALL

Please call into the Piety Stall, there is new stock for Easter, Confirmation and First Holy Communion as well as for the forthcoming Ordination we will be celebrating.

ST MARY'S PAC MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Parish Advisory Council this Sunday at 7.15pm in the Priory.

CAN YOU HELP ST VINCENT'S?

St Vincent's in Mill Road, Ely, are asking for donations of coat hangers, especially the ones with two clips, as well as any clothes rails, preferably with wheels, to help in their clothes shop area. Some form of book storage is also needed, and finally sturdy shopping bags of the Bag for Life variety. Please contact St Mary's or bring small items to church. Many thanks in advance.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The recruitment of new Altar Servers in both parishes has already borne fruit, with six new servers at Holy Family and four at St Mary of the Angels. I am confident that more are about to step forward. The teams of Altar Servers in both parishes will be issued with new vestments in the near future and our new volunteers will be formally enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen (the national association for Altar Servers).

ST MARY'S QUIZ EVENING

Over £600 was raised at the quiz and a great night was had by all. Many thanks to all who attended and especially to those whose work made it such a success. We will announce shortly what the proceeds will be used for.

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

The date for the St Mary of the Angels Summer Fayre is Saturday 18th June. There will be a meeting for all potential volunteers on Monday 14th March at 7.00pm in The Priory.

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Mr Jack Meggitt-Phillips (St Mary of the Angels)

Bank details for standing orders are as follows:

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Sort code: 20-18-23 (for both)

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