

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:
Mrs Elizabeth Ramsey R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at Thornhill Crematorium on Monday 28th March at 1.15pm.

Mr Spiro Abela R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 29th March at 11.45am.



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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS IN HOLY FAMILY

There will be Confessions at 6pm and Mass for the first Friday of the month at 7pm on 4th March in Holy Family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

*** St Mary of the Angels.

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 continued

We are not meant to focus on the contrast between the two sons, but rather on the contrast between the father's generous welcome and the reaction of the elder son who cannot even bring himself to acknowledge his brother – 'this son of yours' / 'your brother here'. "The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. So he spoke this parable to them."
"A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.'
"... he squandered his money on a life of debauchery."
"... his father saw him and was moved with pity."
"... the elder son was angry."
"The father said to the elder son, 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

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

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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.

Holy Family & St Mary of the Angels

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27th March - 3rd April 2022 4th Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (27th March)

6pm Vigil Mass Carlos Velasco RIP

11am Patrick Morris RIP

Tuesday: (29th March)

9.30am

Thursday: (31st March)

9.30am Johanna Marengi RIP

Friday: (1st April)

6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.00pm For the Volunteers of Holy Family Parish

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent (3rd April)

6pm Vigil Mass Theresa & Peter Rees

11am Special Intention (J. Joseph)

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent (27th March)

Laetare Sunday

10am Sam Cross

12pm Intentions for the Thomas Family

6pm Veronica McCarthy

Monday: Weekday in Lent (28th March)

9.30am Deceased members of the Jones Family

Tuesday: Weekday in Lent (29th March)

9.30am John & Denise Coombes RIP

11.45am Funeral Mass for Mr Spiro Abela

Wednesday: Weekday in Lent (30th March)

9.30am Rona Maria Perry RIP

Thursday: Weekday in Lent (31st March)

9.30am Michael Maher

7-8pm **Adoration & Benediction**

Friday: Weekday in Lent (1st April)

9.30am McGlinchey Family Intentions

12.00pm Sacrament of Marriage

Saturday: Weekday in Lent (2nd April)

12.15pm NO MASS TODAY

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent (3rd April)

10am Frances & Stan Trigg

12pm Sheila Sage

1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism

6pm Dorcus & Peter Fernandez

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

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12.

We hear of how the Israelites celebrated the PASCH for the first time following their return to the land of Canaan. The Pasch represented a 'fresh start' – the beginning of the Hebrew year in the springtime. The Hebrew feast of the Pasch was a compounding of two distinct festivals. The first of these feasts was that celebrated by Bedouin shepherds at the first full moon of spring. These shepherds would move their flocks from winter pastures in the plains to summer pastures in the hills. There would be a roasted meal, eaten with loins girt and staves to hand (ready for a swift move). The lamb sacrificed was originally offered to God as a symbol of the offering of the whole year to him and it also constituted a plea for his protection of the flocks. Spring is always a time of hope and resolution. The second of these feasts is the that of unleavened bread, when the first corn was cut and all the old stale leaven was thrown out. This was a time of freshness and purgation. When the Chosen People finally make their return to their ancient homeland, the celebration of the Pasch would have held particular significance. Our recollection of this event should help us to prepare well for our own approach toward the mysteries of Holy Week. "The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal ... in the plain of Jericho." "And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

II Corinthians 5:17-21.

Paul describes Christ as a new Adam. Paul says that anyone who is in Christ is nothing less than a new creation, for Christ is the progenitor of a 'new' humanity just as Adam was the progenitor of the 'old' humanity. Elsewhere he writes of the new leaven that replaces the old, stale yeast. The first Christian communities were thrilled to inhabit a 'new' world in Christ. In Christ everything takes on a new value. Christ refreshes the entire world by his sacrifice. The world that was estranged from God is now reconciled to him.

"It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation."

"We are ambassadors for Christ."

"For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God."

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

We tend to describe this parable in terms of the younger 'prodigal' son, but in fact the true emphasis is on the father. The ultimate degradation for a Jew is depicted in terms of the younger son having to attend to the needs of the swine, unclean animals. We might rightly question the motivation of the younger son as he decides to return to his father's house. There is no clarity regarding his heart being truly contrite. This younger son does at least offer some acknowledgement of fault in his carefully scripted and rehearsed speech that he prepares for delivery upon his return. We know, of course, that this son will not have the opportunity to deliver this speech for his father is waiting to receive him. The father is not interested in hearing any speech for the only condition of import to him is that his son simply returns. The father embraces his young son and enfolds him in love.

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THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

The Ukrainian armed forces and civilian population continue to demonstrate their courageous resistance against overwhelming odds. With deliberate calculation, the Russian military continue to perpetrate indiscriminate attacks on civilian targets. Each and every such incident constitutes a war crime. Over three and a half million Ukrainians (mainly women and children) have now left their country, seeking refuge in bordering countries to the west. Some have seemingly been forcibly transported to Russia. Over ten million Ukrainians are displaced from their homes. 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 and 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.

ON-GOING TOTAL: £ 1337.09

My sincere thanks for the magnitude of your continuing generosity.

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 12.00 pm. I will arrange for Spiro's Catering Service to provide a buffet lunch in the Parish Hall following the Mass. Please keep Deacon Elliot in your prayers over the coming months.

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 7.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture Readings, Guided Reflection and Examination of Conscience. There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a number of priests in attendance. The Sunday Evening Music Group 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.

NEWS FOR PARISH READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

It is my intention to host a Day of Recollection for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion during the Season of Lent. Ministers of Holy Communion have not been operational either at Mass or in terms of home/care home visitations since the dawn of the pandemic. The Day of Recollection will provide an opportunity to re-assess continuing involvement and the need for future provision. We can look forward to refreshing our commitment and sense of vocation in service to our parish communities.

N.B. THE DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR ALL READERS AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FROM BOTH PARISHES WILL BE HOSTED AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL ON SATURDAY 2nd APRIL, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM AND CONCLUDING AT 2.30PM.

10.00AM – GATHERING FOR TEA AND COFFEE.

10.30AM – THE PRINCIPLES OF MINISTERIAL SERVICE.

11.00AM – PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYING WITH THE SCRIPTURES.

11.30AM – HOLY MASS.

12.15PM – LUNCH (BRING A PACKED LUNCH) – TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED.

1.00PM – SERVING THE SACRED LITURGY AND SACRAMENTAL VISITATION TO THE HOUSEBOUND.

1.30PM – DISCUSSION OF PRACTICITIES AND PLANNING FUTURE PROVISION.

2.00PM – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION.

2.30PM – CONCLUSION.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION – THE EASTER VIGIL

Three adults and five children of catechetical age will be baptised at this year's Easter Vigil. One baptised adult will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and two other adults will complete their Christian Initiation through Confirmation and Reception of the Holy Eucharist at the same celebration. Let us rejoice as we welcome these brothers and sisters into the heart of our parishes. Please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

SYNOD 2023: A WORD OF THANKS TO THE PARISH TEAMS AND PARISH COORDINATORS

On behalf of our parish communities, I wish to express gratitude to the members of both Synodal Teams for their excellent work in organising the recent process of consultation. The facilitation of parish-wide gatherings, the provision of opportunities for submissions from parish groups, the preparation and distribution of material for each and every parishioner was a major undertaking. I am particularly grateful to Kath Elley at St Mary of the Angels and to Neil O'Toole at Holy Family for accepting appointment as coordinators. Kath and Neil, with the support of team members, have now compiled parish documents which accurately reflect the wide spectrum of opinions which were expressed through the process of consultation. These documents have been shared with members of the Parish Advisory Councils, have been signed by the coordinators and myself before being finally submitted to the diocesan team. These documents will soon be accessible on the parish website and paper copies will also be available for those who wish. The consultation that has taken place will be of immense importance in enhancing our parish renewal as well as contributing to the universal nature of the forthcoming Synod. My thanks to all who have taken the time to reflect and contribute to the process.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The recruitment of new Altar Servers in both parishes has already borne fruit, with six new servers at Holy Family and seven 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 soon be issued with new vestments. Our new recruits will be formally enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen (the national association for Altar Servers) at Pentecost.

'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.

COVID PANDEMIC / ENDEMIC

The Welsh Government has already exempted churches from compulsory mask-wearing. The national guidelines will change on March 28th in recognition of the current medical situation. I'm sure we are all conscious of the fact that the level of infection has risen recently though the severity of illness is much reduced. We are all having to learn to live with the endemic nature of Covid-19. We give thanks that we have emerged from the pandemic but let us continue to use common sense in taking precautions, for example by continuing to sanitise our hands as we enter the church. Individuals of course can continue to wear masks as they see fit.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We give thanks for family life on this Mothering Sunday. Let us be sure to express our care and gratitude to our mothers today.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Please note that BST begins in the early hours of Sunday morning. This is the occasion when we 'spring forward' and lose an hour's sleep. I shall be taking note as to who arrives late at Mass!

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:
13th March - Gift aid £88.12 Loose £725.05
20th March - Gift Aid £48.90 Loose £785.87
Lenten Alms for Ukraine currently total £1168.09
CAFOD Family Fast Day - £1124.60
St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:
13th March - Gift aid £494.10 Loose £195.60
20th March - Gift Aid £115.00 Loose £198.28
Lenten Alms for Ukraine currently total £169.00
CAFOD Family Fast Day - £242.25
Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.
My sincere thanks for the magnitude of your continuing generosity.

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.

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.

THEFT OF LEAD FROM ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

The security cameras have captured the perpetrators in the act. I am immensely grateful to the local police constabulary and to their support officers who are investigating the incident.

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.

FAREWELL TO THE IRONSIDE FAMILY

We are sorry to be losing the Ironside family from St Mary of the Angels. The family have been in residence for 2 ½ years on a work placement but will shortly be returning to Canada. We wish them a safe journey and assure them of our prayers in the coming days.

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 QUIZ EVENING

£746.14 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. £300 will go to the Ukraine fund and the balance to parish funds.

ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Francis Primary School is in need of Foundation Governors. Please contact either the Chair of Governors alexkydd57@gmail.com or the headteacher marie.langsdale@stfrancisprimary.co.uk



Dear Brother,

Nearly a month has passed since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine that is daily inflicting immense suffering upon its sorely tried people and threatening world peace. At this dark hour, the Church is urgently called to intercede before the Prince of Peace and to demonstrate her closeness to those directly affected by the conflict. I am grateful to the many people who have responded with great generosity to my appeals for prayer, fasting and charity.

Now, also in response to numerous requests by the People of God, I wish in a special way to entrust the nations at war to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As I announced yesterday at the conclusion of the Angelus prayer, on 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I intend to carry out a solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since it is fitting that we should invoke peace with hearts renewed by God's forgiveness, the Act of Consecration will take place in the context of a Celebration of Penance to be held in Saint Peter's Basilica at 5:00 p.m., Rome time. The Act itself will take place about 6:30 p.m.

This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace. I ask you to join in this Act by inviting the priests, religious and faithful to assemble in their churches and places of prayer on 25 March, so that God's Holy People may raise a heartfelt and choral plea to Mary our Mother. I am sending you the text of the prayer of consecration, so that all of us can recite it throughout that day, in fraternal union.

I thank you for the attention you will give to this request and for your ready cooperation. With great affection, I bless you and the faithful entrusted to your pastoral care. May Jesus protect you and the Holy Virgin watch over you. I ask you, please, also to pray for me.

Fraternally,

Francois

From Saint John Lateran, 21 March 2022