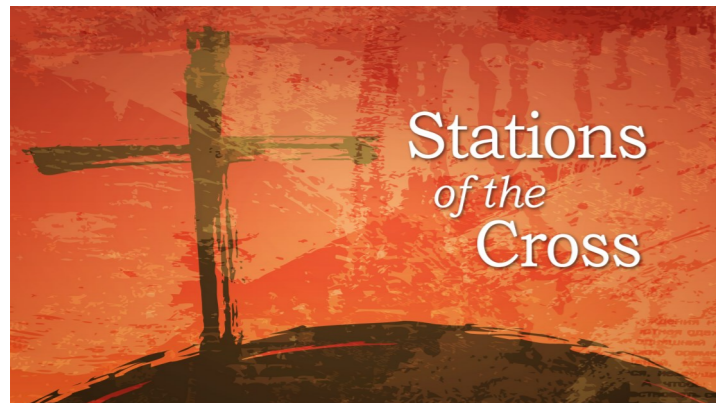


STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

*** St Mary of the Angels.
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.



SYNODAL REPORTS FROM BOTH PARISHES

Attached to today's newsletter email you will find a copy of the reports which were prepared by teams in each parish after the recent Synodal Consultation process. You can also view these on the website (newsletter section) and a paper copy can be viewed at the back of each church.

Readings continued No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus, "go away, and don't sin any more." Those who accuse the woman of adultery possess incontrovertible first-hand evidence of her guilt. The woman herself stands in the midst of the hostile crowd, mute and repentant. The Gospels of Luke and John depict the treatment of women with delicacy and sensitivity. It is with delicacy, but with firm assurance, that Jesus frees the woman from the self-righteousness of her accusers. It is the accusers who are shamed by Christ. There follows the minimum of dialogue between Jesus and the woman, enough to ensure clarity of communication. Jesus is not merely imparting ideas, he personally engages. Jesus is prepared to engage with every one of us so as to set us free from the burden of our sins. The compassionate Jesus will, nonetheless, always address us with the final command to sin no more. "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?" "If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her." "When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest."

IRAQI CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

The Iraqi Christian Association will celebrate Mass in the Syriac Rite at Holy Family Church on Saturday 9th April at 12.30pm. It is a joy to host this event, as in the past.

ST MARY OF THE ANGELS P.A.C.

There will be a meeting of the Parish Advisory Council on Monday 4th April at 7pm in the Priory.

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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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3rd - 10th April 2022 5th Sunday of Lent (Cycle C)

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21.

This part of the Book of Isaiah prophesies the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, seeing such a return as a renewal of the wonders performed by God at the time when Israel returned home from exile in Egypt. The Babylonian captivity was interpreted as a punishment for infidelity. The experience proved to be a purification for the people of Israel, an opportunity for the nation to rethink its entire relationship with God. The failures of the pre-exilic state would have to be acknowledged and purged. Our own journey through Lent should be seen as an opportunity to reassess our lives, to acknowledge fault and to cast away everything that distracts us from the truth. How can we make our service to the Lord more genuine and direct? "See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?"

"Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 125.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Philippians 3:8-14.

Paul makes plain that he has no time for the vanity of presumed respectability. Paul's own radical conversion to Christ and his 'Way' led him to abandon slavery to the prescriptions of the ancient Law. The Pharisees were zealous in their belief that laborious obedience to the minutiae of the Law could establish righteousness. Paul came to recognise that we cannot self-justify, however many good works we may accomplish. Our only hope is to be found in the resurrection of Christ. In Christ alone will we find our emergence from the darkness of sin. What was once thought of as a prop is now recognised to be an obstacle. The age of the old law is passed for the age of freedom has come. This freedom has nothing in common with raging self-indulgence. The freedom that is found in Christ is the ultimate purification, our true and abiding liberation from sin and death.

"I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

"All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death."

"... I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me."

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

John 8:1-11.

Today's Gospel extract is from S. John. Some ancient manuscripts of the fourth Gospel did not contain an account of today's event. Some scholars have speculated that this fragment was not written by St John but comes rather from the hand of St Luke, for it is crafted with his linguistic tones. The theme is repentance and forgiveness, elements that Luke constantly stresses in his writings. Whoever is the true author, the substance of the story is clear. We cannot emerge from the state of sin by our own efforts, it is accomplished only by the purity and magnitude of the Lord's own generosity. "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" **Continued opposite**

Holy Family Masses

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

6pm Vigil Mass Theresa & Peter Rees
11am Special Intention (J. Joseph)

Tuesday: (5th April)

9.30am Mrs Kavitha Nelson (Healing)

Thursday: (7th April)

9.30am Michael & Olive Lynch RIP

Sunday: Palm Sunday (10th April)

6pm Vigil Mass Nonie & Frederick Colbert
11am Michael & Elizabeth McMahon

St Mary's Masses

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

10am Frances & Stan Trigg
12pm Sheila Sage
1.30pm Sacrament of Baptism
6pm Dorcus & Peter Fernandez

Monday: Weekday in Lent (4th April)

9.30am Eddie & Stella Beaverstock

Tuesday: Weekday in Lent (5th April)

9.30am Intentions of the Holy Father

Wednesday: Weekday in Lent (6th April)

9.30am Bernadeta Kopka RIP

Thursday: Weekday in Lent (7th April)

9.30am Lili Anstee-Jones (Health & Wellbeing)
7pm **Lenten Penitential Service & Taizé**

Friday: Weekday in Lent (8th April)

9.30am Michael Maher
7.00pm Mass for Readers (followed by supper)

Saturday: Weekday in Lent (9th April)

12.15pm Edmond Fivet RIP

Sunday: Palm Sunday (10th April)

10am John & Mary Elias
12pm Jonathan Stevens (Anniversary)
6pm Lena Buttle (Anniversary)

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

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.

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: £ 1616.44

My sincere thanks for the magnitude of your continuing generosity.

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 LUNCHES 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 homemade soup accompanied by a bread roll, with tea and coffee. Donations of £5. For further information contact Cecilia Brookman on 02920563829.



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.

PALM SUNDAY (ST MARY OF THE ANGELS)

Before the 10am Mass on Palm Sunday, members of the congregation are asked to assemble in the patio area accessed through the gate (normally locked) on Kings Rd. We will then process into the church.

PALM SUNDAY (HOLY FAMILY)

Before the 11am Mass on Palm Sunday, members of the congregation are asked to assemble in the car park near the entrance to the hall.
BOTH DRIVERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE REMINDED TO TAKE EXTREME CARE.

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.

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.

FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:

27th March - Gift Aid £48.74 Loose £638.90

Lenten Alms for Ukraine currently total £1349.00

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

Parish Offertory Collection at Holy Family:

27th March - Gift Aid £170.00 Loose £232.78

Lenten Alms for Ukraine currently total £267.44

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

*****EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE CLERGY ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT AT BOTH CHURCHES*****

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

The Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year are now available for collection at both churches. I am grateful to Philip and Tony for preparing the envelopes for distribution.

N.B. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE MOVED FROM THE ENVELOPE SCHEME TO STANDING ORDER CONTRIBUTIONS. AS A RESULT, MOST PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED A NEW NUMBER IN THE SYSTEM. PLEASE NOTE YOUR NAME RATHER THAN PRESUME ON YOUR PREVIOUS NUMBER.

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

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

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.

TWO RECENT WEDDINGS

*** Congratulations to Jonathan and Francesca (Lado) Williams who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 25th March.

*** Congratulations to Lee and Victoria (Poole) Highgate who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday 1st April.