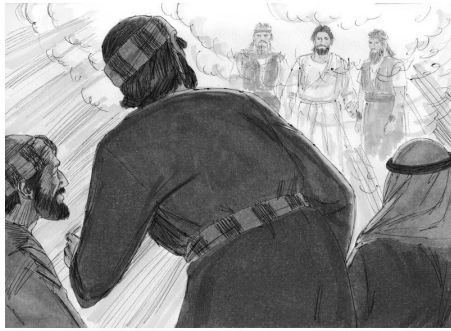


Our Lady &amp; St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

# NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent • Year B**Mass Book** Page 155  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 8:31-34  
**Gospel** Mark 9:2-10**God did not spare his own Son.**

Christ did not come to explain away suffering; he came to fulfil it.

Like Abraham we are called to be prepared to sacrifice everything to God, and thus we find fulfilment.

God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause in heaven.

**Mass Times, Intentions and Feast Days**

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Michael Calligy & the deceased member's of the Calligy family	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Birthday intention for Minna	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Lent (B)</b>
		11.00am	Tina Maduaka & family, and Inyeji's family	
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Wellbeing of Mimi Parkinson	
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Carl Burrows RIP	
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Toni Mascolo RIP	
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Adrian Gibbons RIP	Saint David
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls	
		<b>7:00pm</b>		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	<b>Exposition and Morning Prayer</b>	
		9.30am	People of the Parish	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Reconciliation Service</b>	
		6:30pm	Faithful Departed - Christmas Flower Donations	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mr Cullagh RIP	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent (B)</b>
		11.00am	Intention of Henry Hutcheon's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	

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### Prayers

Please Pray for the sick and housebound, for those recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our blue book "Prayers for Wellbeing", and our black book "Prayers of Remembrance" are located at the back of the Church.

### Confession

Confession times are: Monday to Friday • 9am, Saturday • 9am and 6pm, Sunday • 9am, and by appointment.

### Collections

<i>Last Week</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
£342 not Gift Aided £362 Gift Aided £300 Standing Order Gift Aided £246 raised for <b>Parish Development Fund</b>	<b>Mission Appeal</b> for Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver	<b>CAFOD</b> Family Fast Day

### Twenty Four Hours for the Lord

This year's version of "24 hours for the Lord" will take place from Friday 9 March to Saturday 10 March. The entire Church Community is invited to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. We will observe this by having the exposition of the Blessed sacrament for the whole day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. A schedule of prayer times will be on the notice board next weekend. We will be invited to sign in the times we are able to come to the Church to spend some time with the Lord in prayer. We will pray as individuals or as groups etc.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross is at 7pm every Friday during Lent. Leading will be: **2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Fr Regis; **9<sup>th</sup> March** - Sacred Heart prayer group; **16<sup>th</sup> March** - The combined Choirs and **23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Fr Regis.

The practice of following the Stations of the Cross is a special service when we follow Jesus' path through the streets of Jerusalem to his place of execution on the cross at Calvary. All parishioners are invited to support these services, and encouraged to join in especially if their group is leading it.

### First Holy Communion Classes

25<sup>th</sup> Feb No Class  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mar FHC Reconciliation Service - Individual Confessions

### Morning Prayer and Exposition

It is a tradition in the Catholic Church that we come together and pray together. In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in September we will have Exposition and morning prayer every Saturday morning at 9.00am. This will be followed by Mass at 9.30am.

Morning prayer, or the prayer of the Church, is a beautiful prayer and parishioners are warmly invited to come and say it together on a Saturday morning.

### Silence in Church

We are reminded to avoid unnecessary talking while we are in the Church. Unnecessary and usually loud talking tends to disturb many people as they try to pray. Let us remember that God speaks in silence, and silence leads to prayer.

### Parish Diary

Leaders of the various groups within the parish are being asked to send to the secretary, the dates of their important events planned for this year. We would like to compile our parish diary for this year.

### 200 Club

The winner of the February £75 prize is Joan Hewish (80). Congratulations.

**Please do not park in the Church grounds**, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

**During Mass**, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.