

NEWSLETTER

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1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel Luke 6: 39-45



WORDS FLOW FROM WHAT IS IN THE HEART

If we are filled with the love of God, then we will judge mercifully. Too often we are negative in our criticism of the petty faults of others, forgetting that we too are imperfect. We can turn to Christ in our weakness, knowing that in the Lord we can never labour in vain.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat	2 nd	6:30pm	Deceased members of the Dean Family	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	3 rd	9.30am	Wellbeing of Anthonia Adesite	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11.00am	Tommy Neavyn RIP Celebrating the work of Daughter's of Mary & Joseph. Refreshment in the hall afterwards.	
Mon	4 th	9.30am	Anne Sheehan's Intention	
Tue	5 th	9.30am		
Wed	6 th	9.30am	Owen Shannon RIP	Ash Wednesday A day of Fasting and Abstinence
		8.00pm		
Thu	7 th	9.30am		
Fri	8 th	9.30am	Josephine Anthony RIP	
Sat	9 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer & Exposition	
		9.30am	People of the Parish	
		6:30pm	Tommy Neavyn RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	10 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	First Sunday of Lent
		11.00am	Anthony Greene RIP	

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent reminds us of Christ's call to us to change the direction of our lives, to turn away from sin and walk in the path of the Gospel. Repentance means constantly taking stock of our lives so that we avoid becoming complacent. Even though we have been baptised, we are still inclined to sin. During the season of Lent we are called to have a change of heart and to put Christ's message at the forefront of our minds.

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Children: During Mass please keep your children with you at all times, accompanying small children to the toilet.

PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our "Prayers for Wellbeing", and "Prayers of Remembrance" books are at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

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

COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEK		THIS WEEK: Poor Parishes	
£569 Not Gift Aided	£426 Gift Aided		
£300 Standing Order Gift Aided	£531 Daughters of Mary & Joseph	NEXT WEEK: Parish Development Fund	

DONATIONS

GIFT AID	UK tax payers increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Forms are available at the back of the Church or via our website.	CHEQUE	Place your cheque, made payable to RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM in an envelope stating the purpose of your donation and post in at the parish house, or place in the Offertory Collection.
STANDING ORDER (PREFERRED METHOD)	Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM Sort Code 60-21-12 A/c No. 37298445	CASH	Offertory Collection at Mass

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

"That is why I am reminding you now to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord..." 2 TIMOTHY.1:6.

After Easter we will hold seminars to assist us to discover gifts that are hidden in our hearts. We will come together on one evening in a week for six weeks. The seminars will take place in our hall. We will be divided into groups and each group will have a leader who will facilitate the group discussions. At the moment we need people to volunteer to be trained to become group leaders. Any person interested should submit their name to the parish secretary.

BISHOP PAT'S VISITATION

Bishop Pat will be visiting our parish **22nd - 24th March**. He will visit our new school and give the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates. He has also invited parishioners to attend a meeting on **Saturday 23rd March at 7.30^{pm}** after Mass, giving you the opportunity to talk about the issues facing our parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

Our next lesson is **Sunday 17th March at 10^{am}** in the hall.
Chapter 11: To love and to serve.

CONFIRMATION '19

Our next lesson is **Friday 15th March at 7.30^{pm}** in the hall.
Chapter 11: Confirmation: Pentecost Story: Signs and Symbols.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 15TH MARCH



Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15th March, please eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. A Fast Day envelope will be attached to next week's newsletter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

The knights extend their gratitude to the parish for hosting their Annual Initiation ceremony, in this their centenary year. It was so nice to see so many knights, including five new knights. The ceremony was very successful, and included the presentation to Fr. Regis of a certificate awarding him Member of Honour. If anyone over the age of 16 years would like to join the lay order for men please contact: Leon Jayasekara: 0208 659 4942, Henry Hutcheon: 0208 378 2102, or Philip Ross: 0208 291 5155.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
11TH TO 18TH FEBRUARY 2020

In February 2020 Fr Regis will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We have now finalised our arrangements and discussions with the travel company. Brochures and booking forms will be available to collect on Sunday 10th March. If you have already indicated an interest in this Pilgrimage please collect an envelope with your name on it next Sunday from the back of the Church.