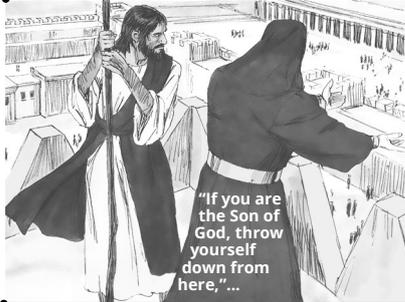


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1st Reading Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
2nd Reading Romans 10: 8-13
Gospel Luke 4: 1-13



THE LORD HEARS OUR VOICE

In the midst of all our troubles the Lord hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation that cannot be overcome if we are open to the Spirit who tells us that Jesus is Lord, raised from the dead by God. Through the risen Jesus, God is always with us, just as in the Old Testament the Lord rescued the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

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 9 th	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	
Mon 11 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Tue 12 th	9.30am		
	12.30pm	Funeral Mass of Charles Twomey	
Wed 13 th	9.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Priscilla Assemien	
Thu 14 th	9.30am	Tom Bell RIP	
Fri 15 th	9.30am	People of the Parish	CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 16 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer & Exposition	
	9.30am	Birthday thanksgiving for Philomena Anthony	
	6:30pm	Alan Mode RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 17 th	9.30am	Thomas Healy RIP	Second Sunday of Lent S ^t . Patrick
	11.00am	Tommy Neavyn 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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Parking: Do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, and those dropping people off.
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

<p>LAST WEEK</p> <p>£428 Not Gift Aided £314 Gift Aided</p> <p>£300 Standing Order Gift Aided £493 Poor Parishes</p>	<p>THIS WEEK: Parish Development Fund</p> <p>NEXT WEEK: CAFOD Family Fast Day</p>
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DONATIONS

<p>GIFT AID</p> <p>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.</p> <p>STANDING ORDER (PREFERRED METHOD)</p> <p>Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM Sort Code 60-21-12 A/c No. 37298445</p>	<p>CHEQUE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CASH</p> <p>Offertory Collection at Mass</p>
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GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Sadly, the parish response to this event has been somewhat disappointing. We therefore have no other choice but to cancel this event for the time being.

BISHOP PAT'S CANONICAL VISITATION

Bishop Pat will be visiting our parish from Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th March. Whilst here, the Bishop will celebrate Mass, meet parishioners, visit the school, visit the sick and will give the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to our many candidates at Sunday's 11^{am} Mass. At this Mass the service will be longer than usual and we will have extra visitors. We therefore invite parishioners to attend the 6.30^{pm} Mass on the Saturday evening. This will be followed by an open meeting with the Bishop in the hall at 7.30^{pm} where he will take the opportunity to meet and talk with members of the parish. We are asked to bring food to this gathering which we can share and eat after the meeting. There is a board at the back of the Church for signing up for food.

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.

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

In February 2020 Fr Regis will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Brochures and booking forms are available to collect today from the back of the Church. If you have already indicated an interest in this Pilgrimage please collect an envelope with your name on it today.

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 is attached to this newsletter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

There was a presentation on **24th February** from the Knights to Father Regis, the Parish is thanked for hosting the ceremony, the ceremony was a success. It was nice to see so many Knights, including new Knights, and if anyone over 16 years of age would like to join this lay order for men, they can contact: Leon Jayasekara, telephone number 0208 659 4942, Henry Hutcheon, telephone number 0208 378 2102, or myself Philip Ross, telephone number 0208 291 5155.