

# NEWSLETTER

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Philippians 3:17-4:1  
**Gospel** Luke 9:28-36



THE LORD WILL TRANSFIGURE US

**J**esus was transfigured in the presence of his apostles, and they realised how wonderful it is to be with him. Jesus is always with us, ready to transform our lives if through faith we believe in his power. He is as faithful to us as the Lord was to Abraham, who put his faith in him.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

**E**vangelisation: 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

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|----------------------|---------|---|-----------------------|
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm  | Alan Mode RIP   | First Mass of Sunday  |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Thomas Healy RIP  | Second Sunday of Lent |
|                      | 11.00am | Tommy Neavyn RIP  |                       |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Cardinal Arthur Hinsley RIP                                       |                       |
| Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Margaret Fennessy RIP   | S <sup>t</sup> Joseph |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Pius Adesanmi RIP   |                       |
| Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9.30am  | Holy Souls  |                       |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 9.30am  |   |                       |
|                      | 7.30pm  | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                                      |                       |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 9.00am  | Morning Prayer & Exposition                                       |                       |
|                      | 9.30am  | People of the Parish  |                       |
|                      | 3.00pm  | <b>Bishop Pat meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council</b>        |                       |
|                      | 4.00pm  | <b>Bishop Pat meeting with the Finance Committee</b>              |                       |
|                      | 6:30pm  | Birthday Thanksgivings  | First Mass of Sunday  |
|                      | 7.30pm  | <b>Bishop Pat meeting parishioners</b>                            |                       |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Therese Farina RIP  | Third Sunday of Lent  |
|                      | 11.00am | Dorothy Sinclair RIP<br><b>Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony</b> |                       |

THE SEASON OF LENT

**T**he 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

|                                |                                    |
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| LAST WEEK                      | THIS WEEK: CAFOD Family Fast Day   |
| £400 Not Gift Aided            | £343 Gift Aided                    |
| £300 Standing Order Gift Aided | £293 Parish Development Fund       |
|                                | NEXT WEEK: Parish Development Fund |

DONATIONS

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| 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 <b>RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM</b> 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:<br><b>RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM</b><br>Sort Code 60-21-12 A/c No. 37298445                    | CASH   | Offertory Collection at Mass  |

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY



**F**amily 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Today's second collection is in aid of CAFOD's Family Fast Day, and there are also envelopes at the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

BISHOP PAT'S CANONICAL VISITATION

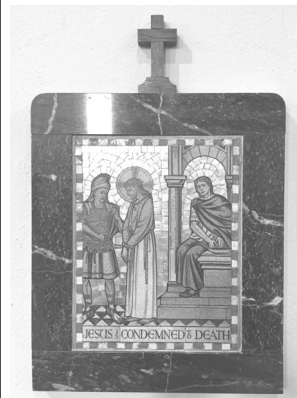
**Bishop Pat** will be visiting our parish from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

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<sup>am</sup> 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<sup>pm</sup> Mass on the Saturday evening. This will be followed by an open meeting with the Bishop in the hall at 7.30<sup>pm</sup> 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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**D**uring this Holy period of Lent we are asked to prepare ourselves for Easter when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Two things that we can do to prepare ourselves during Lent are, attend the service of Stations of the Cross, and go to confession.

The Stations of the Cross is a beautiful service where we

accompany Jesus on his way to Calvary.

The Stations are every Friday evening during Lent at 7.30<sup>pm</sup>. Our Reconciliation service is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30<sup>pm</sup>.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend both these services.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

**T**here will be a parent's meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30<sup>pm</sup> in the parish house. Our next lesson is **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10<sup>am</sup>** in the hall.

**Chapter 12:** Reconciliation revisited.

CONFIRMATION '19

**T**here will be a rehearsal on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30<sup>pm</sup>** in the Church.

The sacrament of Confirmation ceremony takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March within our 11<sup>am</sup> Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

11<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

**I**n February 2020 Fr Regis will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Brochures and booking forms are available to collect from the back of the Church.