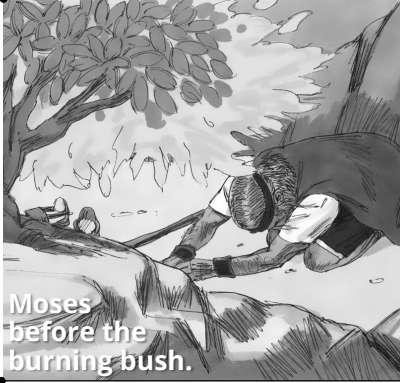


NEWSLETTER

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1st Reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel Luke 13:1-9



GOD SAID: "I AM WHO I AM."

God the creator of all things is faithful to his word. God is the one who acts in our lives. Despite God's goodness to the Hebrew people in the desert, many of them fell away from their belief. The events that happened to them in the Old Testament can teach us not to make the same mistakes.

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 23 rd	6:30 ^{pm}	Birthday Thanksgivings	First Mass of Sunday
	7.30 ^{pm}	Bishop Pat meeting parishioners	
Sun 24 th	9.30 ^{am}	Therese Farina RIP	Third Sunday of Lent
	11.00 ^{am}	Dorothy Sinclair RIP Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony	S ^t . Oscar Romero
Mon 25 th	9.30 ^{am}	In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Annunciation of the Lord S ^t . Margaret Clitherow
Tue 26 th	9.30 ^{am}	Kadiath Kamara RIP	
Wed 27 th	9.30 ^{am}		
Thu 28 th	9.30 ^{am}	Holy Souls	
Fri 29 th	9.30 ^{am}	Constance Racis RIP	
	7.30 ^{pm}	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 30 th	8.30 ^{am}	Morning Prayer & Exposition	
	9.00 ^{am}	People of the Parish	
	6:30 ^{pm}	Teresa & Charles Formosa RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 31 st	9.30 ^{am}	Birthday Intention of Tyler Abraham Ficher Akinsamya	Fourth Sunday of Lent
	11.00 ^{am}	Tommy Neavyn RIP	

We extend a Very Warm Welcome to Bishop Pat who joins us this weekend

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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.

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>£393 Not Gift Aided £290 Gift Aided</p> <p>£300 Standing Order Gift Aided £965 CAFOD Family Fast Day</p>	<p>THIS WEEK: Parish Development Fund</p> <p>NEXT WEEK: Parish Development Fund</p>
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DONATIONS

<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>CASH Offertory Collection at Mass</p>
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CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY



Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Our parish have raised thus far, a fantastic **£965**, with money still coming in this week. £385 is being gift aided adding an extra £96.25. Your support will bring us closer to a world where no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers throughout Lent.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
11th TO 19th FEBRUARY 2020

Application forms and deposits for this Pilgrimage are due back next **Sunday 31st March**. If you are intending to join this pilgrimage it is essential that we receive your completed form and deposit by this date. Thank you.

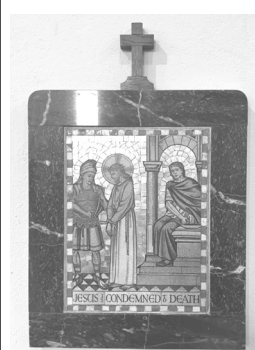
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION '19

There will be a parent's meeting on **Wednesday 8th May at 7.30^{pm}** in the parish house. Our next lesson is **Sunday 12th May at 10^{am}** in the hall. **Chapter 12:** Reconciliation revisited.

200 CLUB

The winner of the March £75 prize is Cedric Burrows (48). Congratulations!

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During 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^{pm}. Our Reconciliation service is on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30^{pm}. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend both these services.