

NEWS LETTER

1st February 2020
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PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING

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**CHRIST CONQUERS SIN AND TEMPTATION**

God created the human race free from sin, but our first parents yielded to the temptation of evil. In them each one of us has sinned, but in Christ we are given the power to overcome the temptations of the world just as he did.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

"Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted."

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 29 th 18:30	First Mass of Sunday For the deceased members of the Dean family
Sun 1 st 09.30 11.00	First Sunday of Lent (A) - St. David Ann & James Kiernan RIP Thanksgiving for 54 years of marriage, Henry & Minna Hutcheon
Mon 2 nd 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> Mary Kutty Joy RIP <i>Rosary</i>
Tue 3 rd 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> Anthonia Adesite Birthday Thanksgiving <i>Rosary</i>
Wed 4 th 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> F: Joseph Maumg Win RIP <i>Rosary</i>
Thu 5 th 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> William Florence RIP <i>Rosary</i>
Fri 6 th 09.10 09.30	CAFOD Family Fast Day <i>Divine Office</i> S: Agnes O'Shea RIP <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>
19:30	Stations of the Cross
Sat 7 th 09.00 09.30	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i> People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday
18:30	Dennis Edkins RIP
Sun 8 th 09.30 11.00	Second Sunday of Lent (A) - St. John of God Josephine Anthony RIP Paddy & Betty Conaty RIP

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Anyone who has ever attempted mountain climbing, or has even tried to walk up a steep hill, knows that it is very hard work. The disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that are part of our Lenten journey, help us to build our spiritual muscles to ascend the mountain to Easter. Many of the scripture readings throughout Lent speak of Jesus's ascent. The gospel for the First Sunday of Lent reminds us of the devil taking Jesus up a very high mountain to tempt him. On the Second Sunday of Lent, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain where Jesus is transfigured before them. Later in Lent, we are reminded that Jesus goes up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. It is there that he went to the Mount of Olives, where the crowds waved palm branches and shouted Hosanna. These mountain experiences helped prepare Jesus for his ultimate experience of going up, his being lifted up on the Cross on Calvary for the salvation of the whole world, as well as his Resurrection and later Ascension into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of the Father.

Like Jesus, we too are called to go up the mountain this Lent and Holy Week. The mountain, though, will not likely be a specific place but rather a particular experience of the Paschal mystery, of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to prepare our bodies and spirits for the ascent to Jerusalem. Our Lenten sacrifices allow us to empty ourselves so that we can be filled, once again, with the grace of the Paschal mystery at Easter. Our fasting, as well as our praying and almsgiving should be done to draw attention to Christ, and not to ourselves.

WAIT AWHILE

If after Church, you wait awhile, someone may greet you with a smile. But, if you quickly rise and flee, we'll all seem cold and stiff. Maybe the one beside you in the pew, is perhaps a stranger too. All here, like you, have fears and cares. All of us need each other's prayers. In fellowship we bid you meet, with us around God's mercy seat.

YOUR PRAYERS	YOUR CONFESSIONS	YOUR COLLECTIONS	
Write your prayers for loved ones in either our 'Prayers for Wellbeing' or 'Prayers of Remembrance' books located at the back of the Church.	Monday - Friday: 09.00 Saturday: 09.00 & 18:00 Sunday: 09.00 ... and by appointment.	Last week £339 Not gift aided £366 Gift aided £381 Standing Order £245 Parish Development Fund	This week Poor Parishes Next week CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day
WAYS YOU CAN DONATE			MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
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.		Sat 18:30 68
Standing Order	(Preferred Method) Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham. Sort Code 60-21-12 Account Number: 37298445		Sun 09.30 98
Cheque	Place your cheque, 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.		Sun 11.00 189
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.		

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CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sr Consilia is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe, who is a trained pharmacist, saving lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue. We urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sr Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sr Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? A Family Fast Day envelope is attached to this newsletter, available from the back of the church. Your generosity as ever, is always appreciated.

BISHOP PAT LYNCH - YEAR OF THE WORD

I have decided for the Year of the Word to ask Fr Victor Darlington, a renowned scripture professor who teaches at St. John's Seminary in Womersley, to host an event at **Sacred Heart School, Camberwell** on **Saturday, 14th March**. This will start with registration at 10^{am}. In the first presentation he will speak about 'The Journey Towards Faith in the Gospel of John' reflecting especially on the Gospels for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. In the afternoon he will speak on the theme 'Called to be a community of life' drawing especially from the 7 "I am statements" in John's Gospel, which are used in the readings the Sundays and weekdays of Easter. The day concludes with Mass at 2.30^{pm}. More details on the posters around the parish. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office to register.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

Please note Bingo date change... Get this date in your diaries. Eyes down for our next bingo game. This will be Friday 13 March from 8^{pm}. As the snowball was not won this month, it will be £170 next month for 52 numbers. So do come and play with us and join in the fun. Thanks as usual to all our regular supporters for your continued enthusiasm every month, you are all winners.

SPRING FETE 2020

We are looking for prizes to give away in our Spring Fete. If anyone works for, or owns a company, who would be willing to donate a prize please contact the parish office. Thank you.
The list of stalls for the Spring Fete is up on a board at the back of Church. If you would like to help, please put your name down and come to our stall holders meeting on **Monday 9th March at 8^{pm}** in the parish house.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, KIRKDALE

We are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal from 9th-15th October 2020 by air/coach. The pilgrimage will cover daily Masses, Rosary/Candlelight procession and lots of other Spiritual activities. It costs, £600 for a shared room, & £720 for a single room, requiring a £200 deposit (non-refundable) on or before 31st March. The last payment must be made on or before 31st August. To register contact: Christelle on 07857 369491 (call or text or marlystoko@yahoo.de) For further information and/or payment contact Juliet on 0772 939 1661.

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 7th Mar at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Ten: Discipleship and Mission.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 8th Mar at 10^{am} in the Presbytery: Chapter 9: Do this in memory of me.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will meet on Wednesday 4th March in the parish hall. Praise & Worship is at 7.45^{pm}, Mass at 8^{pm} with Fr. David Gummet, followed by Prayer & Praise.

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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.