

# NEWS LETTER

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Second Sunday of Lent (A)

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Genesis 12:1-4  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 2 Timothy 1:8-10  
**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9

**SUNDAY 9.30<sup>AM</sup> MASS**

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**PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING**

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**SUNDAY 11<sup>AM</sup> MASS**

	<u>Mass Parts</u>
	Kyrie
	Gospel Acclamation
	Sanctus
	Memorial Acclamation
	Lamb of God



His face shone like the sun.

**JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED IN GLORY**

*On the mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his apostles. His message to them "Do not be afraid", reminds us that God calls us to bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. He calls us to be prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel.*

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

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

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> 18:30	First Mass of Sunday <b>Dennis Edkins RIP</b>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 09.30 11.00	Second Sunday of Lent (A) - St. John of God <b>Josephine Anthony RIP</b> <b>Paddy &amp; Betty Conaty RIP</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> <b>Winefride Fisher RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> <b>Special Intention of Mary O'Driscoll</b> <i>Rosary</i>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> <b>Wellbeing of Guisepina De Masi</b> <i>Rosary</i>
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> <b>Carl Burrows RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> <b>Thanksgiving for Priscilla's Birthday</b> <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Benediction</i> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> 09.00 09.30 18:30	<i>Exposition &amp; Divine Office</i> <b>People of the Parish</b> First Mass of Sunday <b>Alan Mode RIP</b>
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 09.30 11.00	Third Sunday of Lent (A) <b>Robert Dudley Wilde RIP</b> <b>Dorothy Sinclair RIP</b>

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS**

The seven Last Words are the seven last sentences, or phrases, or sayings uttered by Jesus as he hang on the cross on Good Friday, at least as recorded in the Gospels. There may have been others that were not recorded.

**"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."** Luke 23:34

**"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."** Luke 23:43

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** Mark 15:34 / Matthew 27:46

**"Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother."** John 19:26-27

**"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."** Luke 23:46

**"I am thirsty."** John 19:28

**"It is finished."** John 19:30

Jesus' sufferings helps him to understand us. The person to whom we pray, the man we hope to follow, the one who is risen from the dead, understands us because he lived a human life, and one that, particularly in his final week was filled with suffering. The letter to the Hebrews says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin." We do not pray to a God who does not appreciate the difficulties of our lives. We do not have a God who looks down on us from on high and merely pities us, as a wealthy person might pass a homeless person on the street and say, "What a shame". Rather we have a God who suffered intensely and, as we will see, suffered many of the same things that we suffer. Thus we have a compassionate God, an empathetic God, a God who understands our life because he experienced our life. So, as we reflect on the seven last words of Jesus, we enter into a deeper relationship with this God who understands us. We will meditate on the last words of Jesus during the time of Lent.

**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.	<b>Last week</b> £395 Not gift aided £301 Gift aided £381 Standing Order £352 Poor Parishes	<b>This week</b> CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day <b>Next week</b> Parish Development Fund
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 54
Standing Order	<b>(Preferred Method)</b> Ask your bank to make a standing order to: <b>RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham</b> . Sort Code 60-21-12 Account Number: 37298445		Sun 09.30 89
Cheque	Place your cheque, 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.		Sun 11.00 177
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.		

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### LEWISHAM DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The Annual Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers in the Lewisham Deanery will take place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Good Shepherd Hall, Downham, from 10am** with registration and Coffee. The first session starts at 10.30am To mark the Year of the Word of God "**The God who speaks**", we have Chris Chapman from the Diocesan Spirituality Commission who will lead the Day and give us all a very positive experience of Prayer. Copies of the Diocesan Prayer Pack will also be available. We will conclude the morning with Benediction in the Church at 12.15pm.

### 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 8pm. 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.

### SVP - LENTEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION

On the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March we will be collecting items to support the Lewisham Asylum Seekers (LEWCAS) project.

Items needed are: Cereal or Porridge, Soup Can or Packet, Beans / Spaghetti in Sauce, Tomatoes, Tin Vegetables, Tin Meat, Fish, Fruit, Rice Pudding / Custard, Sponge Pudding, Biscuits, Toilet Rolls, Rice, Tin Potatoes, Tea/ Coffee, Juice, Milk UHT, Jars of Pasta and Rice Sauce, Snacks / Chocolate, Jam, Sugar, Pet Food.

### LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will meet on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March in the parish hall. Praise & Worship is at 7.45pm, Mass at 8pm followed by Prayer & Praise.

### SVP BAKE OFF - 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

Thank you for supporting us. We raised £50.70, which enabled us to help a local person in need.

### CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 21<sup>ST</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020



This pilgrimage will be under the leadership of Archbishop John Wilson. As we know, when Bernadette asked the Lady at the Grotto her name she told her "I am the Immaculate Conception". For 2020 this wonderful title is the theme of the Pilgrimage. We encourage you to come to Lourdes with CA & Tangney Tours as it enables us to bring those with limited or no mobility, along with 'able-bodied' pilgrims. As we pray & journey together, we're sure we'll be blessed in many different ways, and will return to our parishes to share with others, the gifts we have received.

For more info: [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk),  
[www.tangney-tours.com/CA](http://www.tangney-tours.com/CA), 01732 886666, 0800 917357

### SPRING FETE 2020

All those who wish to participate and help in this year's Spring Fete please join in with our stall holders meeting on **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm** in the parish house.

### 2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar at 5pm in the Presbytery:** Session Eleven: Pentecost Story: Signs & Symbols.

### 2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar at 10am in the Presbytery:** Chapter 10: Body of Christ.

### LENTEN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

The Sisters of St Andrew (99 Belmont Hill, Lewisham, SE13 5DY), are running this retreat from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April. For more information please see the leaflet on: <http://www.ashanti-fp.com/events-in-deanery.html>, or call the Sisters on 0208 852 1662.

### Diocesan Job Vacancies

- Marriage Tribunal Administrator – full time based in Tooting Bec, London SW17
- Safeguarding Office Administrator – based on the Cathedral site, London SE1

For more info: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

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