

NEWS LETTER

15th March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent (A)

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1st Reading Exodus 17: 3-7
2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel John 4:5-42

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH RIP



Sunday 29th March

18:00 Reception into St. George's Cathedral followed by Cathedral Mass: Archbishop John Wilson to preside.
20:00 Vigil Service, after which the Cathedral will close.

Monday 30th March

7:00 Cathedral opens
7.30 Cathedral Mass
12:30 Funeral Mass: Archbishop John Wilson to preside. Burial in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass.



A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

CHRIST, THE SPRING OF LIFE

Through baptism Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God's goodness at which people will drink.

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.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 14 th	First Mass of Sunday
18:30	Alan Mode RIP
Sun 15 th	Third Sunday of Lent (A)
09.30	Robert Dudley Wilde RIP
11.00	Dorothy Sinclair RIP
Mon 16 th	
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Birthday wishes for Philomena Anthony <i>Rosary</i>
Tue 17 th	St. Patrick
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Tom Bell RIP <i>Rosary</i>
12:00	Funeral Mass of Kathleen Hodge RIP
Wed 18 th	
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Cardinal Arthur Hinsley RIP <i>Rosary</i>
Thu 19 th	SAINT † JOSEPH
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Angelo Noto RIP <i>Rosary</i>
16:30	Reception into Church: John (Jack) Hilton
Fri 20 th	
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Angelo Noto RIP <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>
13:00	Funeral Mass of John (Jack) Hilton RIP
19:30	Stations of the Cross
Sat 21 st	
09.00	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i>
09.30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday
18:30	Barry M^cGrath RIP
Sun 22 nd	Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
09.30	Archbishop Peter Smith RIP
11.00	Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Fatima, Divine Mercy & Our Lady of Medjugorje

THANK YOU

Last week I turned 64. And so I would like to say, **thank you very much**, to all the people who remembered my birthday. I am deeply grateful for the gifts and cards you gave me and also for the prayers you offered on my behalf. May the Lord continue to shine his face on all of us.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

There are times we have said, "I can never forgive. It's impossible." And we may say, "The Sin is too great." At such moments look at what Jesus does from the cross. If anyone had the right not to forgive, it was Jesus. If anyone had the right to lash out in anger, it was Jesus. If anyone had the right to feel unjustly persecuted, it was Jesus. Yet even though the Roman soldiers do not express remorse in front of him, Jesus not only forgives them; he prays for them. Jesus says, Father forgive them. He is praying for them. "They do not know what they are doing." By this Jesus means, "They don't know they are doing this to God's Son." Indeed, people who sin sometimes don't seem to be thinking clearly. Jesus sees people for who they really are. While on the cross, Jesus does not see just executioners. He sees people making horrible decisions and perhaps being forced to do so. He sees them and he loves them and so he can forgive them. Forgiveness is a gift you give the other person and yourself. Jesus knows this. And he not only tells us this several times in the Gospels, but he shows us this. He is teaching us even from the cross. You may want to forgive but feel incapable of doing so. You want to let go of resentment, but you may honestly feel that you don't have that power within you. Well, that wanting is a good start, because true forgiveness is a gift from God.

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 £360 Not gift aided £225 Gift aided £381 Standing Order £809 CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day	This week Parish Development Fund Next week 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 74 Sun 09.30 129 Sun 11.00 195
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		
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.		
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.		

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*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

*For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.*

*He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.

AYLESFORD PRIORY - 27TH JUNE

For those wishing to join Archbishop John Wilson for the 'Year of the Word' celebration at Aylesford Priory, we have booked a coach which we will be sharing with Dulwich Wood Park parish.

Travel to and from Aylesford is £10 per person. The coach is already half full, so please do book you place as soon as possible.

We will be meeting the coach at 8.30^{am} 'sharp', outside the school in Fairlawn Park, and will return from Aylesford Priory at 4^{pm}. You will need to bring a picnic with you.

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 21st Mar at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery:
Session Eleven: Pentecost Story: Signs & Symbols.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 22nd Mar at 10^{am} in the Presbytery:
Chapter 10: Body of Christ.

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Welcomers

The next Rota is now available in the porch for those who have not received one via email.

SVP - LENTEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION

On the weekend of 21st/22nd 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 18th March in the parish hall. Praise & Worship is at 7.45^{pm}, Mass at 8^{pm} 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.