

20th March 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Mass Book Page 160	1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 2nd Reading: I Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12	Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 784 Offertory: 804	Communion: 779 Post-Communion: 432	Recessional: 849



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.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 19 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Angelo Noto RIP
Sun 20 09.30 11.00	✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Special Intention of Mary & Michael Lloyd Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy
Mon 21 09.30	Wellbeing of Elena De Masi Rosary
Tue 22 09.30	Intention of Igor Nadolski Rosary
Wed 23 09.30	Intention of Erris Fernandes Rosary
Thu 24 09:30	In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary Coffee Morning in the Parish House Funeral Mass for John Francis Neylon
Fri 25 09.30	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Rose & Time Murray RIP Exposition Stations of the Cross
Sat 26 09.30 18:30	Wellbeing of Margaret Blair <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> All deceased members of the Fay & Calligy families.
Sun 27 09.30 11.00	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 🌸🌸🌸 Mother's Day 🌸🌸🌸 Therese Farina RIP Thank you to Jesus for the Wellbeing of Henry & Minna



BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS

Don't forget, just before you go to bed next Saturday 26th March, set your clocks forward one hour.

SHARING THE WORD

First Reading: (Ex.3:1-8.13-15) God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as 'Yahweh'. This incident reveals God's concern for his people. Fire is the symbol of love. God has heard the cries of his people, and sends Moses to set his people free and to lead them to a land 'flowing with milk and honey'. This leads to the Exodus. Moses prefigures the role of Jesus. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the slavery of sin, and we set on the way to the promised land of eternal life.

Second Reading: (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12) Many Israelites died in the desert because they refused to believe. Paul tells the Corinthians that what happened to the Israelites is a warning for us Christians. Christians must not think that just because they have received the sacraments they are automatically saved.

Gospel: (Lk 13:1-9) Here we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents that befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Sin calls for repentance. Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolises the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT: WANTED

An 18-30-year-old female personal assistant is needed for our mild special needs and mildly autistic daughter (a friendly young adult), in the family home in Catford. Wednesdays 2.30-5.30 pm. Thursdays and Fridays 11.00 am- 5.00 pm. In all it is 15 hours per week. Rate of pay is £12.90 per hour. Ability to engage and support, mainly desktop activities. Will need a DBS (or to apply for one). We would love to hear from you. Please phone Jytte, Monday to Saturday 12.00 noon till evening. 07944711594

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please note that those using gift aid envelopes will be able to collect their 2022/2023 box, after weekend Masses, starting this weekend.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

As you know the primary school next door has been unfinished for some time as there have been planning problems with the Local Authority. A new planning application has now been submitted and Parishioners are invited to register their support for the scheme. The planning application reference is DC/22/125634 and the detail can be accessed via the following link:

<https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 113556&activeTab=summary>

You can support the scheme by leaving a message on the 'Comment' tab. Amongst others you may wish to suggest that you like the new design and its visual impact on the local area, that it is important to finish the school in a timely manner as it is an important community building where children spend their formative years and that local children deserve to have the best possible learning environment.

There is a public meeting on April 6th at the school at 7pm. The Governors and Head would be delighted if you could come along, look at the plans and the proposed materials and show your support.

STELLA MARIS

On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world.

Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on 23 March at 7.30pm to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee would like to invite Parishioners from Lewisham Deanery to join their Bible Study Group which has been running for almost two years. They meet in the Parish Hall, behind the Church (Burnt Ash Lane, Lee, SE12 0AE) at 5 pm every fortnight. The next two meetings are 26th March and 9th April. They are currently using the Ignatian study guide to John's Gospel. All are welcome. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary and all materials and refreshments are provided contact markhopper@gmail.com for further information.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST, 18 -20 MARCH

The Marriage and Family Life Commission offer this weekend for those who have been bereaved. It takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life, and its aim is to help those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, which is held at Aylesford Friary, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right the person enquiring. Contact Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880 or mflgac@rcaos.org.uk

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

TRUSTING THE ORDINARY IS SACRED

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK RETREAT

10.30 AM – 4 PM ON 26 MARCH 2022

This one-day 2022 Conference in Liverpool is intended to help participants explore where to find God in the ordinariness of life. There will be times of input with music and film, times of shared silence and times of sharing with others. **Speaker:** Chris Thomas **Conference Fees:** £30 / CSN members £25. To book contact Margaret Palladino catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com for more details please see our poster.

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT

Please note that as part of a diocesan initiative, our bank account has been renamed to **RCAS SYDENHAM** with effect from 1st March 2022.

Consequently, please make any cheques to the church payable to RCAS SYDENHAM. Thank you.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£171** • Not Gift Aided **£362**

2nd COLLECTION CAFOD **£428**

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (47) • Sun 09.30 (94), 11.00 (152)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **None**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **None**

DONATING

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

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