

24th March 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 341 Offertory: 803	Communion: 892 Post-Communion: 813	Recessional: 966
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GOD OUR FATHER RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF IN CHRIST

Christ is our new creation. In him we are reborn. When we were dead through sin Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to proclaim the Good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's house as prodigal sons and daughters confessing our weakness and waywardness.

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

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 26 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> All deceased members of the Fay & Calligy families.
Sun 27 09.30 11.00	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ☉ ☼☼☼ Mother's Day ☼☼☼ Therese Farina RIP Thank you to Jesus for the Wellbeing of Henry & Minna
Mon 28 09.30	Paddy Loftus RIP Rosary
Tue 29 09.30 19:00	Constance Racis RIP Rosary Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wed 30 09.30	Intention of Sylvia & George Lakey Rosary
Thu 31 09:30	Intention of the Sweeney & Lynch families Rosary Coffee Morning in the Parish House
Fri 01 09.30 19:00	All Souls in Purgatory Exposition Stations of the Cross
Sat 02 09.30 18:30	Regina Ehimen Okoh RIP <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Nkichi's Birthday Intention
Sun 03 09.30 11.00	✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Wellbeing of Angela Linker Dorothy Sinclair RIP



We wish all Mother's a pleasant, peaceful and blessed Mother's Day.

SHARING THE WORD

First Reading: (Joshua 5:9-12) The Israelites enter the land of promise and taste its produce. The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wondering in the desert are over; they have come home to the promised land. A new era is about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover. This prepares us for the homecoming of the prodigal son in the Gospel parable.

Second Reading: (2 Cor 5: 17-21) Paul puts great emphasis on the fact that God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The work of the Church is to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

Gospel: (Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32) Like the Israelites of old, the prodigal son's shame is behind him. His years of wondering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead. Jesus told this parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisee that he was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son. And so for Luke, the 'Pharisees' are righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and scandalous.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 29th March at 7.00pm Members of the liturgy committee are all invited to a meeting which will be held on Tuesday 29th March in the presbytery. The purpose of the meeting is to organise the liturgy for Holy week and Easter.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: THURSDAY 7TH APRIL AT 7.00PM

Joel: (2:12-18) Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks, come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning. Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent. Who knows if he will not turn again, will not relent, will not leave a blessing as he passes.

PLEASE START PREPARING FOR THE SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION WHICH WILL BE HELD ON 7TH APRIL

EASTER FLOWERS

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the 'faithful departed'. The 09.30am Mass on Sunday 8th May is dedicated to them. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers", and write the name (s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

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.

Also, if you have picked up G/A Pack numbered 1, in error, please do return it. Thank you.

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.

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.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£194** • Not Gift Aided **£397**

2ND COLLECTION None

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (50) • Sun 09.30 (112), 11.00 (92)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **None**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **None**

DONATING

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