

**03<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

Mass Book Page <b>176</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Isaiah 43: 16-21 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Philippians 3: 8-14	<b>Gospel:</b> John 8: 1-11	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	<b>Entrance:</b> 807 <b>Post-Communion:</b> 968	<b>Offertory:</b> 212 <b>Recessional:</b> 771	<b>Communion:</b> 756



**The Lord who forgives**

Christ came to show compassion and forgiveness for sinners. He condemned sin but let the woman guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. None of us is perfect; we can only hope that we will be saved. We suffer in this life but can accept the loss of everything as so much rubbish if we can only have Christ and be given a share in his resurrection. In the way God, through Christ, is doing something new and is calling us from sinfulness to a life of service.

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days**

Sat 02 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Nkichi's Birthday Intention</b>
Sun 03 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> <b>Wellbeing of Angela Linker</b> <b>Dorothy Sinclair RIP</b>
Mon 04 09.30	<b>Intention of the Walsh family</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Tue 05 09.30	<b>Mrs M O'Connell RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Wed 06 09.30	<b>Cardinal Arthur Hinsley RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Thu 07 09:30	<b>Cis &amp; John Neylon RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Coffee Morning in the Parish House</b>
Fri 08 09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Exposition</b> <b>19:00</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 09 09.30 18:30	<b>Timothy Joseph Kelleher &amp; Margaret Mary Kelleher RIP</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Christina Corboy RIP</b>
Sun 10 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass for first anniversary of the death of Doffou Norbet Ede RIP</b> <b>Wellbeing of Antonio K. De Masi</b>

**Sharing the Word**

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 43:16-21)

This contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. There will be a new exodus, so glorious that the great evils of the past need scarcely be remembered any longer. And all of this will happen because God is faithful to his people.

**Second Reading:** (Philippians 3:8-14)

For Paul nothing can outweigh the privilege of knowing Christ. He has willingly sacrificed everything for the justification that comes from faith in Christ, and for the hope of resurrection. Like a runner at the final stage of a race, he does not look back but keeps his eye on the winning tape.

**Gospel:** (John 8:1-11)

This is an entrapment story. The Scribes and the Pharisees wanted to set a snare for Jesus. Mosaic law required the execution of the woman by stoning. And not enforcing the law could be seen as condoning the sin and encouraging people to break the Law of Moses. In his response Jesus displayed a profound compassion, while at the same time upholding the Law. He did not condone the woman's behaviour, he told her to sin no more. And he turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins.

**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.”

Pope Francis: **“The Lord never tires of forgiving; never. It is we who tire of asking him for forgiveness. We need to ask for the grace not to get tired of asking for forgiveness, because he never gets tired of forgiving.”**

### LEWCAS - Lewisham Asylum Seekers

LEWCAS are looking for drivers on Tuesdays from 10 am to collect food from Fairshare - supermarkets, then deliver to St John's Church in Deptford SE8 4EA. Contact Marion Parsons on 0208 699 7852

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### The Passage

A Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid.

Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home.

The Passage would be very grateful for your support.

For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

### 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:markhopper@gmail.com) for further information.

#### Last Week

Offertory	Gift Aided £185 • Not Gift Aided £300
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	None
Mass Count	Sat 18:30 (52) • Sun 09.30 (76), 11.00 (133)

**This Week** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Mary's Meals**

**Next Week** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **None**

#### Donating

Gift Aid	Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit <a href="http://www.olspn.church">www.olspn.church</a> for details.
Card	Card Machine in Church Foyer or <a href="http://www.olspn.church">www.olspn.church</a>
Standing Order	Email Treasurer for details
Cheque	Payable to <b>RCAS Sydenham</b>

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