

Masses

29 Feb Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
1 Mar Sunday 11:00 am	1st Sunday of Lent (A) Jonathan Curd
2 Mar Monday —:—	St. David, Bp. - Wales <i>No Mass</i>
3 Mar Tuesday 10:00 am	People of the Parish
4 Mar Wednesday 6:00 pm	St. Casimir, Martyr <i>Daily Mass held in the evening.</i> Rodolfo Dinicola
5 Mar Thursday 10:00 am	Private Intention
6 Mar Friday 10:00 am - 12 pm 10:30 am - 12 pm 7:00 pm	St. John of God, Religious Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P. <i>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Stations of the Cross (during lent)</i>
7 Mar Saturday 5:00 pm	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity <i>Vigil Mass</i> Alex Gemmell
8 Mar Sunday 11:00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent (A) <i>Wellbeing of:</i> Joe Flannery

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 - 4:50 pm Saturday
or call for appointment

*If you would like a Mass said on a particular day;
Please, give enough notice.
Intentions will be as close as possible to request.

Anniversary of the Dead

Thomas O'Sullivan	Eileen Clear
John Doyle	Vincent Kelly
Patricia Ramsden	John Moore
Edward Patrick Donovan	James Frederick Owen
Patrick Gerard Melvin	Sylvia Constance Scott
Eric ("Mac") John	Thomas Williamson
MacDowall	

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

22nd / 23rd Feb

1 st Gift Aid	£329.10
loose	£316.19
2 nd Gift Aid	£ 91.20
loose	£ 88.88



50/50 CLUB FOR 2020

Forms are at the back of the Church or please place money in envelope marked **50/50** with name and telephone number. £12 per number. Thank you.

Newsletter editing deadline - 10:00 am, Fridays
Please send any announcements, ads, news, etc., to:
northfleet@rcaos.org.uk

First Sunday of Lent (A)

1st March 2020



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Mrs K. Wheeler



New parishioners!

Welcome

Please, take a welcome form from the back of the Church.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

A course is available for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. Sessions last one hour, starting **after 11am Sunday Mass**. There will be opportunities to explore the teachings of the Church, and discern what it is that God may be calling you to do.

Please speak to Father Michael, John Fogarty or Lisa Kingdon for more information

REPOSITORY

The church repository will be open and available at each weekend Mass for parishioners to peruse & choose from various religious items. Place money for purchased items in the box on the table. Thank you.

TEA, COFFEE AND YOU !

Tea & Coffee will now be served at the **Veterans' Hall** on the **1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, immediately after the 11 am Mass, until 1 pm**. The Veterans' Hall is just a two minute walk from the church. *Turn left when leaving from the church front doors*. All are welcome to attend!

PLANNED GIVING APPEAL

Thank you for taking part in our 'Planned Giving' appeal.

At the back of the church there are addressed envelopes for all parishioners who signed a promise card last week. Please take a few moments to collect your letter.

If you are new or missed signing a promise card, please complete a promise card, at the back of the church, today and post it through our Presbytery letterbox.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. Please keep our parish in your prayers.

LENT FAST DAY

This **Friday, 6th March**, is Lent Fast Day. It presents an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. On Friday can you eat a simple meal in solidarity with those around the world who have much less than we have, and give what you save to help them? Through CAFOD's global Church network-one of the biggest aid networks in the world-your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church today and give whatever you can. Your envelope can be put in either of the collections next weekend. Thank you..

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's **Second Collection** will be for **Poor Parishes**. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

VOTIVE CANDLES

When lighting votive candles in the church, please use the tapers provided at each of the stands. The practice of using an already burning votive candle to light another votive is strongly discouraged. Please understand that doing this can quickly become a fire hazard. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in the safety of our church.

YEAR OF THE WORD 2020

To mark the special Year of the Word, Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on **Saturday 27th June**. *Details will be published in due course. Please save the date in your diary.*

CHURCH CCTV

We are pleased to announce that CCTV has been installed in both sacristies in our church, as well as the adjoining corridors. This is for the added security and protection of our altar servers, and all who use our church.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

These will take place in the presbytery on **Thursday evenings, at 7pm, during Lent**. The reflections will be based on a series of short films entitled "The Gift of the Spirit". This should be an inspiring and practical series aimed at all, of any age, helping us to encounter the Holy Spirit and empowering us to share our faith. There will be an opportunity for questions & discussion. All parishioners are very welcome to come.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless a person's health may be in jeopardy if they do not eat as normal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross in the church **during Lent, on Friday evenings at 7.00pm**. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray with us.

*** Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at 11.00am.

LENT - A TIME TO REFLECT

Lent is upon us—and it is the perfect time to look inward and focus on our unworthiness so that we can thank God for his goodness. The Lenten journey is unique to each of us, though we are all on the same journey "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, Return to the Lord, your God" Joel 2:12, 13. Lent is not an intellectual exercise, but an affair of the heart. We remember prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We say we'll do better at something, or not do something else at all. Whatever sin or addiction has plagued us since the year started, the one we have not yet managed to get rid of despite our New Year's resolution to somehow dislodge it at the roots, Lent presents us with another chance.

PILGRIMAGE

Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick, **16th March 2020**. £599 per person. Single supp £100. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out.

Call Patricia 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy GOD"

Diary for the 9th Week of 2020

- **04.3.20** Wed. 6:00 pm - **Daily Mass** - to be held in the evening. All are welcome to come!
- **05.3.20** Thu. 7:00 pm - **Lenten Reflections** in the Presbytery. All are very welcome!
- **06.3.20** Fri. 7:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross** all are encouraged to come and pray.
- **07.3.20** Sat. 10:30 am - Father Michael's **"Office Hour"**