

Masses

22 Feb
Saturday
5:00 pm
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Vigil Mass
Thanksgiving of the Sacred Heart

23 Feb
Sunday
11:00 am
7th Week of O.T. (A)
Patrick Walsh R.I.P.

24 Feb
Monday
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No Mass

25 Feb
Tuesday
10:00 am
Shrove Tuesday
Wellbeing of: Tony Cuozzo

26 Feb
Wednesday
10:00 am
7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday
Children of the Parish
Holy Souls

27 Feb
Thursday
10:00 am
Wellbeing of: Mary Fogarty

28 Feb
Friday
10:00 am
10:30 am - 12 pm
Wellbeing of: Mary Ryan
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

29 Feb
Saturday
5:00 pm
Vigil Mass
People of the Parish

1 Mar
Sunday
11:00 am
1st Sunday of Lent (A)
Jonathan Curd

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

Peter Joseph Hughes	George Disley
Grace Stanley	Canon Rory Fletcher
Hugh Francis O'Reilly	Clara Watson
Christine Mitchell	Caroline Mary Fisher
James Collins	James Little
Mary McCarthy	

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

15th / 16th Feb

1 st Gift Aid	£337.60
loose	£202.22

2 nd Gift Aid	£ 77.30
loose	£ 71.05

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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

Seventh Week of Ordinary Time (A)

23rd February 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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

These will take place in the presbytery on **Thursday evenings** during Lent, beginning **27th Feb. at 7pm**. 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.

VOTIVE CANDLES

When lighting votive candles in the church, please use the tapers provided at each of the stands. Please never use a lighted candle to light an unlit one-this can easily become a fire hazard. Thank you for your assistance.

BIG CLEAN

The next church cleaning session will be next **Saturday, 29th February, beginning at 10am**. Please come along if you can help. New volunteers are always welcome.

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 of the 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.

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**

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins this week, on **Ash Wednesday**. There will be **two Masses** in the church on that day, at **10.00am and 7.00pm**. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Staff and children from St Joseph's school will be attending the 10.00am Mass, which will mean a full church. Parishioners are, of course, very welcome to come to that Mass, if it is the best one for you.

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**. 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.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Diary for the 8th Week of 2020

- **26.2.20** Wed. 10:00 am & 7:00 pm - **Ash Wednesday Masses - two Masses**
- **27.2.20** Thu. 7:00 pm - **Lenten Reflections** in the Presbytery. All are very welcome!
- **29.2.20** Sat. 10:00 am - **The BIG CLEAN** all are meeting inside the church.
- **29.2.20** Sat. 10:30 am - Father Michael's **"Office Hour"**