

Masses

7 Mar
Saturday
5:00 pm
Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
Vigil Mass
Alex Gemmell

8 Mar
Sunday
11:00 am
2nd Sunday of Lent (A)
Joe Flannery R.I.P.

9 Mar
Monday
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St. Frances of Rome
No Mass

10 Mar
Tuesday
10:00 am
Rene Ring R.I.P.

11 Mar
Wednesday
10:00 am
John Vincent Brasington R.I.P.

12 Mar
Thursday
10:00 am
Paschal O'Connell R.I.P.

13 Mar
Friday
10:00 am
10:30 am - 12 pm
7:00 pm
Kitty and family
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Stations of the Cross (during lent)

14 Mar
Saturday
5:00 pm
Vigil Mass
Wellbeing of: ABp. Peter Smith

15 Mar
Sunday
11:00 am
3rd Sunday of Lent (A)
People of the Parish

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

Stella Woodhouse	Liam Flynn
Teresa Nina Clements	David Griffiths
Daniel Thomas	Mary Ellis
O'Connell	John Saxton
Reuben Bernard Broad	Canon Daniel Moriarty
Giacomina Goulding	Emma Phyllis Peard
George Ballard	

Please pray for the recently deceased

Collections

29th / 1st Mar

1 st Gift Aid	£178.02
loose	£235.19

Poor Parishes	£ 98.10
loose	£112.02



The draw is being delayed to allow for more entries!

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. Only £12 per number. No limit on how many. Thank you.

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

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

8th 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.

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

UPDATE: Thank you again to everyone who participated in the recent Planned Giving appeal. The responses that were received are being processed, and we will give you more information about the success of the appeal as soon as we are in a position to do so. We are aware that there are quite a few forms that were taken away by parishioners, to be completed at home, which have not yet been returned to the parish. It would be very helpful to bring them back as soon as you can, so we can provide you with a full update.

There are still plenty of promise cards available at the back of the church. If you have not already completed a promise card, and wish to do so, you can take one at any time. The completed form can be posted through the presbytery letter box. I am very grateful to everyone on our Parish Finance Committee. They have done a lot of hard work to ensure the success of the appeal. - Fr. Michael

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please pray for the children of our parish who will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next **Saturday, 14th March**. The service will start at **2.00pm**. This is part of the preparation for **First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated on Saturday 20th June**.

CONFIRMATION

The young people in our Confirmation group will be having a service of Reconciliation in our church on **Sat. 14th March, beginning 3.30pm**. **The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated, by Canon John O'Toole, on Sunday 17th May at 2.00pm**. Please pray for the young people, and their families

BIG CLEAN

The next church cleaning session will take place next **Saturday, 14th March, starts at 10 am**. Please come along if you can help, new volunteers are always welcome.

VITO CIENTANNI RIP

The Requiem Mass for Vito Ciantanni takes place in the church on **Thur. 26th March at 11 am**. Followed by a Committal ceremony at Gravesend cemetery **12.15pm**. May he rest in peace

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.

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

- God

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 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 pray with us. ****Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 11.00am.**

VOTIVE CANDLES

Please use the tapers provided at each of the stands to light votives. 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.

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

PLEASE READ THIS

We have received guidance from the Diocese about common sense steps that we should take as a parish to prevent any possible spread of the virus. This guidance especially refers to attendance at Mass and any other church services.

1. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms, please refrain from the physical sign of peace. You should also not take communion from the Chalice, and receive the host on the hand only. These guidelines also apply during every winter flu season.
2. Please sanitise your hands as you come into church, using the sanitised gel dispensers near the church doors.
3. Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion, this is something that we already do.
4. Please take a look at the NHS information leaflet on the inside door of the church-Catch it, Bin it, Kill it. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.

These guidelines relate to the current status of the virus in the UK (very few cases, no cases in local parishes). They could be escalated in the event of any change in the situation, hopefully this will not be necessary.

Thank you for your co-operation in complying with the guidelines. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to Father Michael.

Diary for the 10th Week of 2020

- **12.3.20** Thu. 7:00 pm - **Lenten Reflections** in the Presbytery. All are very welcome!
- **13.3.20** Fri. 7:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross** all are encouraged to come and pray.
- **14.3.20** Sat. 10:00 am - **"The Big Clean"** will meet in the Church
- **14.3.20** Sat. 10:30 am - Father Michael's **"Office Hour"**
- **14.3.20** Sat. 2:00 pm - **1st Confessions** - receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **14.3.20** Sat. 3:30 pm - The Confirmation group - **A Service of Reconciliation**