

## Masses

<b>14 Mar</b> Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> Archbishop Peter Smith R.I.P.
<b>15 Mar</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b> People of the Parish
<b>16 Mar</b> Monday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>17 Mar</b> Tuesday 10:00 am	<b>St. Patrick, Bishop</b> Vito Ciantanni R.I.P. <i>and family</i>
<b>18 Mar</b> Wednesday 10:00 am	<b>St. Cyril, Bishop</b> Alfred and Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P. <i>and descendants</i>
<b>19 Mar</b> Thursday 10:00 am	<b>St. Joseph, husband of Mary</b> Joe Flannery R.I.P.
<b>20 Mar</b> Friday 10:00 am 10:30 am - 12 pm 7:00 pm	Private Intention <i>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</i> <b>Stations of the Cross (during lent)</b>
<b>21 Mar</b> Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
<b>22 Mar</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)</b> Archbishop Peter Smith R.I.P.

## 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

Kathleen Cecilia Casey	Mary O'Brien
Veronica Mary Morton	Arthur Bracey
John J Holmes	John McCarthy
Nellie McGoran	Julie Pollard
Keith Wray	Sheila Kathleen Horlock
Kenneth R G Wray	Christian Brown

*Please pray for the recently deceased*

## Collections

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Mar

1 <sup>st</sup> Gift Aid	£269.80
loose	£223.82
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gift Aid	£ 77.00
loose	£ 88.01



## 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](mailto:northfleet@rcaos.org.uk)

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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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 !

\*\*\*\*These gatherings have been suspended until further notice, in accordance with Diocesan Coronavirus guidelines.\*\*\*\*

## 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

## WEEKDAY MASSES

\*\*\*\*Weekday Masses will, for the time being, take place in the main church.\*\*\*\*

## SCHOOL INSPECTION RESULTS

**Congratulations to St John's Catholic Comprehensive School**, Gravesend for an outstanding Denominational Inspection report.

To read full details, pick up a copy of the report from the back of the church.'

## ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH

Archbishop Peter Smith sadly passed away after a short illness on Friday 6th March. He had been very much looking forward to his time off after retiring only last July. Our new Archbishop, John Wilson, has asked all parishes and other faith communities in the Diocese of Southwark to keep Archbishop Peter and his family in their prayers. He was a good man who was greatly loved by his priests and people.

**Funeral Mass for Archbishop Peter Smith will take place at Southwark Cathedral on Monday 30th March at 12.30pm.**

## 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.

## 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 \*\*\*REVISED\*\*\*

### PLEASE RE-READ THIS

We have received new guidelines from the Diocese relating to Coronavirus. They particularly apply to attendance at Mass and other church services. The guidelines include a Decree from Archbishop John Wilson which must be strictly adhered to by all clergy.

1. The sign of peace is to be suspended at Mass.
2. Holy Communion from the chalice has been suspended. Holy Communion is only to be received in the hand, not on the tongue.
3. All holy water stoups are to be emptied.
4. Please sanitise your hands as you come into and leave church, using the sanitised gel dispensers near the doors.

5. Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.

6. Shared hymn books and Mass books must not be used. The Mass sheets can still be used, but must be discarded in the waste baskets at each door as you leave the church. If you do not bring your newsletter home, it must be discarded as you leave in the same way.

7. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms is asked to please refrain from attending Mass and other church gatherings, and the sacrament of reconciliation.

8. Those who are the most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) are advised to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.

*The Archbishop's Decree is effective for four weeks, after which these requirements will either be rescinded or renewed. These requirements are also subject to amendment at any point.*

*Thank you for your co-operation in complying with these guidelines. Please speak to Father Michael if you have any concerns or questions.*

## A PRAYER FOR HELP

Most Glorious Queen of Heaven, Mother of God You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequal glory. You are the Sovereign Queen over all God's creation. I place myself and all my loved ones under the protection, power and sovereignty of your crown. Under the protection of your crown

I will fear no other crown and through your immense intercessory power I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the corona virus.

Dearest Mother and Queen, (more Mother than Queen) we, your children in Christ Jesus, ask you to obtain for us and end to the spread of this virus. Amen

## Diary for the 11<sup>th</sup> Week of 2020

- **20.3.20** Fri. 7:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross** all are encouraged to come and pray.
- **21.3.20** Sat. 10:30 am - Father Michael's "Office Hour"