

Masses

2 Apr
Saturday
5:00 pm
Vigil Mass
People of the Parish

3 Apr
Sunday
11:00 am
5th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
Sunday Mass
Steven Fernandes and family

4 Apr
Monday
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No Mass

5 Apr
Tuesday
10:00 am
Daily Mass
Mary McDonnell R.I.P.

6 Apr
Wednesday
6:00 pm
Evening Mass
People of the Parish

7 Apr
Thursday
10:00 am
Daily Mass
Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P.
and descendants

8 Apr
Friday
9 to 9:50 am
10:00 am
7:00 pm
Daily Mass
ADORATION
Vanessa and her family
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9 Apr
Saturday
4 - 4:50 pm
5:00 pm
Vigil Mass
Confessions 
Laura Rae R.I.P.

10 Apr
Sunday
11:00 am
PALM SUNDAY (C)
Sunday Mass
Michele Ficetola R.I.P.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's 4:30 pm till 4:50 pm
.. or call for an 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.

Collections

27th Mar.

1st collection

Gift Aid **£ 43.00**
loose **£249.08**

2nd collection

Gift Aid **£ 11.50**
loose **£ 58.49**

NB- These figures DO NOT include offerings made by standing order or online. Please see below.



With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25

Online Offerings

16th Feb - 16th March **£1288.33**

If you feel it may be more convenient to make your offertory collection online, or by standing order, please use following details:

Bank sort code - **600910**
A/c no - **71502122**
Name - **RCAS Our Lady of the Assumption**

 **Gift Aid envelopes have arrived. Please contact Fr. Michael, to collect them.**

Anniversary of the Dead

Vincent Thomas	John Flynn
Windsor	Fr Stephen Wray
Henry James Cribb	Alison Wilson
Nicholas Timothy	Alfred Easterby
Atherton	

Fifth Sunday in Lent (C)

3rd Apr. 2022



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Mrs K. Wheeler



Welcome Back!

FACE COVERINGS

The wearing of face coverings in church is no longer mandatory. However, you are still **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to wear them while you are in the church, for your safety and the benefit of those around you.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

-Father Michael

NHS TRACK & TRACE

We are no longer required to collect information for NHS Track and Trace when you come to the church. Thank you for all of your co-operation in helping us to get the data when it was required..

Father Michael Ryan-Parish Priest.

REPOSITORY

The church repository will be open on Sundays at the 11 am Mass, for the sale of cards and other religious items. I am very grateful to Christine and Shirley for making this possible, a big thank you to both of you. It is some time since the repository has been open on a regular basis, so it would be helpful if you would let these ladies know if there are any particular items that you need. Thank you

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

We will be starting a course for anyone who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church. Sessions will last for one hour, beginning immediately after the 11.00am Sunday Mass. There will be opportunities to explore the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to

discern what God may be calling you to. Please speak to Father Michael or Deacon John Fogarty for more information

READERS AT MASS

We would be very happy to welcome more Readers to our team of Ministers of the Word, who read at the weekend Masses. Appropriate training and guidance will be given if interested. Please speak to Gemma Fogarty, or one of the clergy team. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

The next cleaning session will be at 10 am next Sat. 9th April. Thank you to our committed team of volunteers. New members are always welcome, please come if you would like to help

CHURCH DAMP

Is there anyone in the parish with experience and knowledge in treating damp. There are a number of areas in the church which are in need of attention. If you can help, please speak to one of the clergy team. That would be much appreciated. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION

Please note that there will be additional opportunities to go to Confession before Easter. These are from 4.00pm to 4.50pm on Saturday 9th April, and from 11.00am until 12.00 midday on Good Friday. The sacrament will be celebrated face-to-face on the sanctuary because of issues with dampness in the confessional room. Please ensure that you wear face covering. Thank you.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We need you: Can you help us improve the educational experience for our children, by becoming a Governor, supporting and challenging our school leaders? Kent Catholic Partnership Schools is looking for members that could commit to approx. 4 meetings a year + monitoring visits to the school. If you would like to help shape the Catholic Education provided to our young people, then please email governance@kcsp.org.uk. *Induction & training are provided, no previous experience is required.

EASTER FLOWERS

This week's Second Collection will be for flowers to decorate the church at Easter.

WASHING OF FEET

The ceremonial washing of feet takes place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. We would welcome twelve volunteers who would be available to have their feet washed, men or women, boys or girls. There is a list on the table at the front of the church for volunteers to leave their name. Thank you

ROSARY-WORLD PEACE

We will be praying the Rosary, to Our Lady of the Assumption, for World Peace at 10.30am every Sunday in the church before the 11am Mass.

Please come and pray with us if you can.

***There is a very good selection of rosary beads in the Repository.*

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 will 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 the Fridays of Lent.

Every person between the ages of 18 - 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good

Friday, unless a person's health could be in jeopardy from not eating.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be **Stations of the Cross** in the church during Lent, on Friday evenings, 7 pm.

Stations of the Cross, on Good Friday, will be at 11 am

A RETREAT FOR LENT

Make time to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the;

Diocesan 'retreat at home' called, **"SAVING GRACE"** at; http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz.

Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25 minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside some time for, **Saving Grace!**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Mrs Karen Wheeler, the headteacher at St Joseph's school, is retiring at the end of the Easter term. She arrived in Northfleet in September 2016, at about the same time that I was appointed parish priest. Mrs Wheeler has worked tirelessly to ensure that the very high standards at the school have been maintained. The last two years, with all that Covid has dealt us, have been particularly arduous.

I consider myself to have been privileged and fortunate to have experienced Mrs Wheeler's unfailing courtesy, loyalty and respect during her time at the school. Her concern for the children in her care has always been evident.

Mrs Wheeler, Karen, you will be missed by many, myself included. We wish you a long and happy retirement.

There will be a special Sunday celebration Mass in July, with contributions from children at the school, to which Mrs Wheeler and her family will be invited. Fr. Michael