

## Masses

<b>26 Mar</b> Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
<b>27 Mar</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>4th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> <i>Sunday Mass</i> Angelina & Celeste Parisi R.I.P.
<b>28 Mar</b> Monday - : -	<i>No Mass</i>
<b>29 Mar</b> Tuesday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> St. Joseph's School Mass
<b>30 Mar</b> Wednesday 6:00 pm	<i>Evening Mass</i> Private Intention
<b>31 Mar</b> Thursday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P. and descendants
<b>1 Apr</b> Friday 9 to 9:50 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	<i>Daily Mass</i> <b>ADORATION</b> All at Our Parish <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>2 Apr</b> Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
<b>3 Apr</b> Sunday 11:00 am	<b>5th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> <i>Sunday Mass</i> Steven Fernandes and family

## 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

**20th Mar.**

1<sup>st</sup> collection

Gift Aid      **£ 44.50**

loose          **£ 198.67**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection

Gift Aid      **£ 1.50**

loose          **£ 66.56**

*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

16<sup>th</sup> Feb - 16<sup>th</sup> 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

<i>Michael Hawkins</i>	<i>Christine Mary Weller</i>
<i>Audrey Riddle</i>	<i>Thomas Weller</i>
<i>Phillip Mannerings</i>	<i>Mary Weller</i>
<i>Alice Kathleen Rose</i>	<i>George John Wray</i>
<i>Horrigan</i>	<i>Peter David Baxter</i>
<i>Fr George Grady</i>	<i>Julia Barber</i>
<i>Vera Noreen Perryman</i>	<i>Pat McNulty</i>
<i>Lawrence Morrin</i>	<i>Jane McCormack</i>

**Fourth Sunday in Lent (C)**

**27th Mar. 2022**



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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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

## DONATIONS

Thank you very much to everyone who donated so generously towards the appeal for the Church Heating installation. Your help is greatly appreciated. We will, in due course, provide an update on the parish financial situation, once incomes and expenditures have "normalised" after the anomalies caused by the pandemic. Father Michael.

## 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. The appropriate training and guidance will be given to anyone who is interested. Please speak to Gemma Fogarty, or one of the clergy team. Thank you.

## PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Wilson will be read at this weekend's Masses.

## LAETARE SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday, marking the halfway point on our journey through Lent. Laetare means "to rejoice". On this weekend the priest and deacon wear rose coloured vestments, representing a time of joy amid a period of penance and prayer.

## 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](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

**'MY SON, YOU ARE HERE WITH ME ALWAYS;  
EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS.  
BUT NOW WE MUST CELEBRATE AND REJOICE,  
BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER WAS DEAD AND HAS  
COME TO LIFE AGAIN;  
HE WAS LOST AND HAS BEEN FOUND.'**