

Mass Times

18 Mar Saturday 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> First Reconciliation Private Intention
19 Mar Sunday 11:00 am	4th SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Sunday Mass</i> People of the Parish
20 Mar Monday —:—	<i>No Mass</i>
21 Mar Tuesday 10:00 am 2:00 pm	<i>Daily Mass</i> Mary Ann Okonji - birthday Funeral service: Keith Boyce R.I.P.
22 Mar Wednesday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> Alfred & Sarah Tolhurst R.I.P. & descendants
23 Mar Thursday 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> Funeral service: Christine Murphy R.I.P. (at Northfleet cemetery-no Mass in church)
24 Mar Friday 9:00 am 10:00 am	<i>Daily Mass</i> <i>Adoration</i> Bridget Margaret Winton R.I.P. and her parents
25 Mar Saturday 5:00 pm	<i>Vigil Mass</i> People of the Parish
26 Mar Sunday 11:00 am	5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Sunday Mass</i> Ray Carpenter R.I.P.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Collections

(last week)

1st gift aid £

2nd loose £

This does not include offerings received online or by standing order.



With GIFT AID your £20 becomes £25

Special Collections

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**

Anniversary of the Dead

John Saxton	Nellie McGoran
Canon Daniel Moriarty	Keith Wray
Emma Phyllis Peard	Kenneth R G Wray
Kathleen Cecilia Casey	Mary O'Brien
Veronica Mary Morton	Arthur Bracey
John J Holmes	John McCarthy

Fourth Sunday in Lent (A)

19th Mar. 2023



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Welcome!

REPOSITORY

The church repository is open after 11:00 am Mass every Sunday, for the sale of cards and other religious items.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed every Sunday, immediately after 11:00 am Mass

Please come and pray with us if you can.

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

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you someone who is considering the possibility of joining the Catholic church, or perhaps someone who is already a Catholic but wishing to improve your knowledge and understanding of the faith? There is a parish course for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Sessions will last for one hour, beginning immediately after the 11.00am 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 one of the clergy team if you would like to know more.

BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child baptised will need to attend the Parish Baptism preparation course. Both parents must attend, godparents are also very welcome. Please contact the catechists, Johnny and Rumela, on nothfleetbaptism@rcaos.org.uk. NB: Parents wishing to have a child over the age of two baptised must speak to one of the

clergy team before applying to join the course. Thank you.

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

Children from 3 years of age up to those who are in year 3 at school are welcome. The children will leave the main congregation just after the beginning of Mass, and return in time for the offertory procession. Please speak to one of the catechists, or to one of the clergy team, if you have any questions.

CHURCH CLEANING

We need volunteers to clean the church on Saturday 18th March at 10.00am, for an hour. We also need help on Saturday 1st April, as we get ready for the Easter celebrations.

If another day of the week would be more convenient for you, please speak to one of the clergy team or Barbara Acason. Thank you.

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

SEASON OF LENT

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection is for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to the poorer parishes in the diocese.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The children on our First Holy Communion course will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday 18th March. This is an important day in preparation for their First Holy Communion, which will happen in June. Please pray for the children, their families and the parish catechists. Thank 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 18-59 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 Fridays at 7.00pm. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at 11.00am

LENT RETREAT 2023

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for the Diocesan Lent retreat "Renewed in Hope". Every week you will receive an email with links to a 20-minute video in which Archbishop

John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat programme and a witness will speak of the relevance in their daily life. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up here: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>, set aside what space you can for reflection and join us in being Renewed in Hope!

YOUTH COMPETITIONS

The Knights of St Columba are calling upon all children and young people aged 7-18 years to take part in two competitions-an Easter scene painting competition and a Prayer competition. Please collect the competition details from the back of the church, and please return completed entries to Father Michael or Deacon John by 31st May. Good luck!

CHRISTINE MURPHY R.I.P.

There will be a funeral service for Christine Joan Murphy RIP in the church on Thursday 23rd March at 10.00am. This will be followed by a committal service at Gravesend cemetery. Please pray for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

KEITH BOYCE R.I.P.

The funeral service for Keith Jonathan Boyce RIP will be on Tuesday 21st March at 2.00pm in the church. There will be a committal service at Thames View crematorium, Gravesend at 3.00pm. Pray for his eternal rest. May he rest in peace.