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SYNOD 2023: THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN THE LIFE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Synod 2021-2023 Remember that the Holy Father is inviting the whole Church, and every person at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph's to prayerfully discern together and offer recommendations on how best our Church can grow in Communion, Participation and Mission. For more information visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/synod>

Mass Times, Intentions and Information

SUNDAY 6th March 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
10am: **Dolly & Amor, Methu Chatterjee**
12:00: **People of the Parish**

THURSDAY 10th March 2022 – Feria
9.30am: Rosary
10:00am: Jo Dunford and Family

MONDAY 7th March 2022 – Saints Perpetua and Felicity Martyrs
10am: No Eucharistic Service

FRIDAY 11th March 2022 – Feria
9.30 Rosary
10:00am: No Mass

TUESDAY 8th March 2022 – St John of God, Religious
9.30a: Rosary
10am: Wellbeing of Patricia Chidume and family

SATURDAY 12th March 2022 – Feria
10am: No Mass

WEDNESDAY 9th March 2022 – St Francis of Rome, Religious
10.00:am **No Mass**

SUNDAY 13th March 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
10am: Birthday Thanksgiving for Rev Dcn Fidelis
12:00: People of the Parish

Mass at Sacred Heart Parish: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10am

Parish office: Open Monday to Saturday: 11:00am to 7:00pm except Wednesdays

Holy Father's Intention for March 2022: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

HOSPITAL CONTACTS If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.
St George's Hospital: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069).
St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)
Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)
Guy's and St. Thomas Hospital: Fr Jake Dicto (020 7188 5588)
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital: Call the Chaplaincy (020 3315 083 Emeg: 07659 140 566)

SAFEGUARDING: This parish welcomes everyone: we do not see your passport or identity card: ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! However, if you want to take up a ministry in the parish premises working with children or adults, you must have a DBS clearance-this is an essential safeguarding procedure that we must follow by British Law. There are no exceptions to this **EXCEPT FOR READERS**; we appreciate and thank all those who undertake extra ministry, but they must be covered for their own safety and the safety of those they serve.

Offertory Collection: Thank you for your generosity, this week's second collection is for the needs of the Parish

COVID 19. Please note that in this church facemasks and hand sanitiser are in use. Clearly parishioners who care for the health of their neighbour, as well as their own, will consider very carefully the advantages of continuing to sanitise their hands and of wearing a mask in church, it must be a mask covering nose and face. Whatever you think, thank you for thinking of others before yourself. Hands Face Space

CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST: If you want to have talk with Father Peter, please send him an e-mail: peterpagac@rcaos.org.uk or phone him on 0207 223 2747 and he will arrange a good meeting time for you to see him.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? If you are new to the parish then we extend a very warm welcome to you. Please complete the 'New Parishioner Enrolment Form' and post it to the Parish Office or hand it in during Mass. Hard copy forms are available in the entrance of each church

Eucharistic Adoration: Takes place on Fridays with confessions throughout the Lent, From 6.00 to 7.00pm. You are all welcome for a quiet time of prayer.

Are you on our Gift Aid List Yet?

By signing up for Gift Aid, every £1 you give (whether via Sunday envelopes or standing order) allows the Church to receive an extra 25p in funds from the UK government. If you would like more information, please contact Marion the Parish coordinator or The Parish office

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert): An online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply. It is a systematic course with study over 24 months including tutor support and well-designed and comprehensive resources. It will commence in October 2021. Info: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert/>

Parish Diary and Reflection

Sunday – El Shaddai Prayer – 1:00 – 3:30pm	Tea and Coffee - Cancelled until further Notice
First Friday of the Month: Adoration & Benediction	Saturday - Youth Practice 1:00 - 3:00pm Choir Practice: 1:00 - 5:00pm

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT C



On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ. As a journey that will last for about six and half weeks, the Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

This first Sunday of Lent, starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, salvation and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders he worked for our fathers in faith. Through our participation this Lent God is ready to extend the same wonders to us.

The first reading begins with a very brief account from Moses about how God delivered His chosen people Israel from bondage in the land of Egypt. Therefore, this reminds us of our own salvific journey. This Lenten season, we are on a journey to our salvation, and the hope of this salvation must sustain us throughout this season and beyond.

Again, just as Moses in the First Reading wanted the people to express their faith, in the Second Reading of today from his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul calls on the Christians of Rome to "**confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord.**" He reminds them, and us too, that we must truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead if we hope to be saved. Through Jesus, God's great mercy embraces us and makes us "**justified**," or right with God.

The Gospel passage we read today gives hope to all of those who face difficulty. Jesus went into the wilderness, but he did not go alone. Neither do we go alone as we walk in dangerous places. God is with us as we seek to walk in his ways. When we walk with Christ, the Spirit of Jesus comes with us to give us strength to make right choices and live in the knowledge that this mortal life is but a brief moment in God's time. Our lives will be filled with many challenges, but we face those challenges not with the power of one, but with the strength of our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus facing the devil in the desert after spending 40 days of fasting. He faced every temptation of the evil one so as to assure us that if we but unite ourselves completely to Him in His human nature, so we also will have His strength to overcome anything and everything the vile devil throws our way.

My dear Lord, after spending 40 days of fasting and prayer in the dry and hot desert, You allowed Yourself to be tempted by the evil one. The devil attacked You with all he had, and You easily, quickly and definitively defeated him, rejecting his lies and deceptions. Give me the grace I need to overcome every temptation I encounter and to rely completely upon You without reserve. Jesus, I trust in You.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM To baptise your child please hone the Parish Office to book for the class, arrange a date and time of baptism. We request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised, to bring their own baptism certificates as proof that they are Catholics, a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of address along with the Baptism Form collected at the back of the church. GODPARENTS will need to bring their baptism certificate to proof they are practicing Catholics

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internships

Are you a recent/soon-to-be Catholic graduate interested in getting involved in public service? If so, we are pleased to announce that you can now able to apply to become one of next year's Faith in Politics interns! Check out our website for more information on our parliamentary and public affairs placements

[Faith in Politics](http://FaithinPolitics.fathinpolitics.org.uk/apply) fathinpolitics.org.uk/apply

Stations of the Cross: We have every Sunday at 6.00pm throughout the Lent. A priest will be round to hear confessions

THREE THINGS TO DO FOR LENT Lent is a positive and strengthening experience ... a time to become the person you always wanted to be. Lent, we are told is a time for fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and prayer. Here are three things for you to do during Lent.

Fasting and Abstinence. Keep your meals small and simple during Lent.

This is not a slimming exercise. The thinking behind fasting and abstinence is that we strengthen our spiritual life by weakening physical pleasures. Fasting means reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating a particular food (meat). The law of Fasting binds all those who are between eighteen years of age and sixty years of age. The law of Abstinence binds everyone (except for the frail and the sick) once they have reached their fourteenth birthday.

Almsgiving We are bombarded with requests for money from a huge number of charities. Identify a charity that means something to you find out what they do and make a contribution. If you can't afford to give money, give your time.

Prayer Our lives are so hectic that we often forget to set aside a few quiet moments in which to talk to God. During Lent, postpone breakfast television for a few moments and make a short prayer. In the evening encourage your children to say a night time prayer before bed.

How To Have A Mass Offered: Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope which you will find at the back of Church or alternatively you may ask a member of the parish Clergy for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to any of the clergy, Parish Secretary or the Sacristan, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox. It is important that you use the pre-printed Mass Intention envelopes so that we know who has requested the Mass. Charity Number:1173050 (PLEASE STOP COMING TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAYS TO BOOK MASSES – USE THE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

