

Third Sunday of Lent (A) Exod. 17: 3-7; Ps 94; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42	
Saturday 14th March 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Violet Hughes RIP (Bull)	Sunday 15th March 2020 8:30am: Joseph Edet RIP (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 16th March 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Sheila Flanagan RIP (A. Flanagan)	St. Patrick, Bishop, (Feast) Patron of Ireland Tues. 17th March 2020 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Eva Austin RIP (Collins) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Weds. 18th March 2020 (Feria) (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Albert South and Winn Miller RIP followed by Stations of Cross	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church Thurs. 19th March 2020 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: People of the Parish (Hughes) followed by Novena 10am: SJS School Mass in School Hall (Sorry, no room for Parents)
Friday 20th March 2020 (Feria) 8:30am: Exposition 9:15am: Brian Shandley RIP 7:30pm: Stations of the Cross	Sat. 21st March 2020 (Feria) 10:00am: at Shalom Convent
Fourth (Laetare) Sunday of Lent (A) 1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Eph 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41	
Saturday 21st March 2020 5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6:30pm: Ted Cahill RIP (Maureen)	Mothering Sunday Sunday 22nd March 2020 8:30am: Annette Staunton RIP (Homer) 10:30am: People of the Parish
Anniversaries of Death	
Brian Shandley, Arthur Gillespie, William Scanlon, William Handford, Mary Donnelly, William Ryan, Len Williams, Arthur Wilkinson, Winn Miller, Elizabeth Mullane, Mercedes Rosso, Fr. Vivian St. Clare Hill, Kathleen Boulding, Albert South, Mary Kenneally, Mary Brennan, John Baillie, Florence Hackney, Jack Smith, Marilyn Bean, Archibald Gibson	
Christ, the Spring of Life	
Through Baptism Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We really come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God's goodness at which people will drink.	



**Our Lady
of
Walsingham:
Pray for Us!**

**Holy Mass is celebrated
Monday – Friday at 9.15am**
(followed by the Rosary)
(Exposition & Morning Prayer:
8.30am;
Novena to Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal: In Lent
Thursdays, after Mass)

Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 8:30am and
10:30am
(with children's liturgy
of the Word of God)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confessions)
Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm
In Lent: before and after Holy
Mass and on request

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Collections

Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £378.00; Cash: £152.00

Building Fund: Gift Aid: £197.00; Cash: £118.00; **Total to Date: £3,149.55**

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection:

◆ This weekend is for Flowers for the Church for Easter.

Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number

Covid-19 Coronavirus

Please note the copy Decree from the Archbishop suspending the sign of peace and reception from the Chalice at Mass to reduce risks of the transmission of Covid-19 Coronavirus. This is effective from 9th March 2020 to 6 April 2020 when it will be reviewed. **You will also find this on the Parish website.**

Lenten Message

It is good to contemplate more deeply the Paschal Mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "**who loved me and gave himself for me**" [Gal 2:20] in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. **That is why prayer is so important in Lent.** Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and His will.

Pope Francis: Rome, a Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019.

Lenten Schedule (Daily Mass etc in Children's Liturgy Room)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30am every weekday

Confessions: before and after Holy Mass

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after Holy Mass and **Fridays** at 7.30pm

Novena: Thursdays after Mass during Lent

Churches Together in Crayford Lent Supper: Tuesday 24th March, 7pm at St. Paulinus Church Hall. Soup and rolls to be served. Everyone welcome.

Wishing you all a grace-filled and blessed Lent

Lenten Events in Bexley Deanery at two local Parishes

Penitential Service: Tuesday 31st March at 7pm at St. Stephens, Welling.

Stations of the Cross: every Friday during Lent at 7pm at St. Thomas More, Bostall Park, and also: **A Day of Prayer in preparation for Holy Week:** Saturday 4th April at St. Thomas More, Bostall Park

Violet Hughes RIP

The family of Violet Hughes would like to thank everybody for their kind thoughts and prayers on her recent death. Thank you to all those who helped to make her funeral a very fitting tribute to her 100 years of life. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

100 Club Winners: 40: Tony Omatayo; **82:** Mary McNeavey

Please join our 100 Club. Please contact Jim Saunders. It is a great way of raising funds for the Parish and the Building Fund. Your continued support is very greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mothering (Laetare) Sunday 22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the Fourth Sunday of Lent since at least the Sixteenth Century. Mothering Sunday is a chance to say thanks for all the things our mothers do for us. This is the most special day for celebrating the life and love which mothers give to their children.

I would like to wish all Grandmothers, Mothers, Mothers-to-be and Godmothers a Happy Mothering Sunday.



"Acts of Spiritual Communion", and "How to go to Confession", are available on the Parish website. **Please offer a daily Rosary for all those suffering from the Coronavirus.**

The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Over the past two years the renowned Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham has been visiting every Catholic Cathedral in England with a mission to pray for the Re-evangelization and Conversion of England.

We will be joining with communities all around our Country in prayer for the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. We are an official host of this historic occasion and you are invited to join us on **Sunday 29th March, 12 noon to 1pm.** Please book this date in your diary today.

Day of Consecration of England as the Dowry of Mary

Wednesday 25th March: there will be two Masses at **9:15am** and **7:30pm.**

You can download **The Angelus Promise** and **The Prayer of Rededication of England to the BVM** from the official website:

www.behold2020.com.

St. Mary's Social Club Notices: Membership Renewal

It is now time for club members to renew their membership of the Club. Please could you complete an application for from the table by Church entrance /or from the club. New members are also very welcome to join too.

St. Patrick's Day Lunch: Sunday 22nd March; 12 noon to 6pm

Please come and join us for our St. Patrick's Day celebration. Please see posters displayed around the Church centre for more information.

Quiz Night: Saturday 4th April at 8:15pm

6 people per team; £6 per person; Fish & chips/Sausage & chips.

Entry forms are available at the bar.

Sister Marie Margaret Haughey RIP May She Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Sister Marie Margaret Haughey who has recently died. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends and the Sisters and staff at Shalom Convent.

Reception of Body and Mass: Monday 23rd March at 5pm at Shalom.

Funeral: Tuesday 24th March, 11am at Shalom. **Burial:** Brook St Cemetery.

Please pray for the members of our Parish family who are sick:

Alan Wall, Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer. Clare Cooney, David Hull, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Sheldon, Pat Price, Renee Rae, Tommy Cox and Veronica Francis