
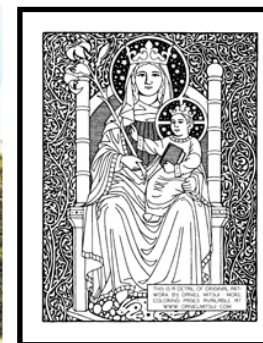


Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) 1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Eph 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41	
Saturday 21st March 2020 9:15am: Ted Cahill RIP (Maureen)	Mothering Sunday Sunday 22nd March 2020 9:15am: People of the Parish
Mon. 23rd March 2020 (Feria) (St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop) 9:15am: Special Intention (JR)	Tues. 24th Mar. 2020 (Feria) (St. Oscar Romero) 9:15am: Sister Marie Margaret Haughey RIP 1pm: Burial Sister Marie Margaret Haughey RIP at Brook St
The Annunciation of the Lord: Weds. 25th March 2020 9:15am: Our Lady  Day of Consecration of England as the Dowry of Mary	Thurs. 26th March 2020 9:15am: Holy Souls
Friday 27th March 2020 (Feria) 9:15am: Private Intention	Sat. 28th March 2020 (Feria)
Fifth Sunday of Lent (A) Ezek. 37: 12-14; Ps 129; Rom 8: 8-11; John 11: 1-45	
Saturday 28th March 2020 9:15am: Margaret Cox RIP FM	Sunday 29th March 2020 9:15am: People of the Parish 12:00pm: Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

Anniversaries of Death
Delia McHugh, William Field, Larry Challis, Elizabeth Redmond, Martin Cahill, George Clements, George Stickings, William Hand, Maureen McGrath, Grace Foley, Joan Baillie, Geraldine Mary Collins, Mary O'Halloran, Margaret Murphy, Jane Finch, Michael Kelly, Desmond Barnes, Ernie Callahan, Catherine Boyd, James Boyd

Christ our Shepherd and King
Christ is descended from the line of David, a shepherd, who was anointed King by Samuel. Christ is our King who guides us with the tender service of a shepherd. With him by our side we shall want for nothing even though we walk in the valley of darkness.



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

**During this time of
pandemic
Holy Mass will be
offered every day
by Fr. David
without a
congregation
at 9.15am.**

**The Church/Liturgy
Room will be open for
personal prayer in
front of the Blessed
Sacrament exposed
from 10am to 12noon
each day.**

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Collections

Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £600.00; Cash: £134.00

Flowers for Easter: Gift Aid: £81.00; Cash: £99.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Covid-19 Coronavirus

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ARCHBISHOP

JOHN WILSON:

Following the national guidance of the Catholic Church in England and Wales,

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS OF MASS IN THIS CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The church will be open, whenever possible, for private prayer.

Also, where possible, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration.

At all times social distancing must be observed while in the church, and on entering and leaving it.

For more information please see:
the Archdiocese of Southwark website:
www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

Lenten Message

Putting the Paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

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

Mothering 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, Godmothers and Mothers-to-be a Happy Mothering Sunday.

Please join our 100 Club: 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.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The Feast of the Annunciation is a solemn feast in Catholicism in honour of the Virgin Mary. Common prayers recited include the "**The Hail Mary**," and "**The Angelus**." This Feast is also called the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Annunciation dates back at least to the Fifth Century.

The Annunciation, as much as, or even more so than Christmas, represents Christ's incarnation. When Mary signaled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the Fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* / "**yes**", was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of his Will from all eternity.

The Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel, "How can this be since I have no husband?" in Luke 1:34 was universally interpreted by the fathers of the Church as a statement of Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.

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. New members are also very welcome to join too.

As of this Friday, 20th March 2020, the Club is also closed until further notice.

St. Patrick's Day Lunch: Sunday 22nd March; NOW CANCELLED.

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

Parish Giving

Please consider, during these uncertain times, to make a standing order for your weekly offering to the Parish. If you wish to do this, please email the parish office on crayford@rcaos.org.uk requesting the details of the parish account.

Gift Aid

If you are a Tax Payer, you need only fill in the form available in the Church entrance with a few details. Please place the form in the Sacristy or the Parish Office. Please note every £5.00 you give in Gift Aid is worth £6.25 to St. Mary's. Thank you. **Richard Gillespie** (Gift Aid Co-ordinator).

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.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May She Rest in Peace.

Funeral: Tuesday 24th March, 1pm at Brook Street 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, Darryl D'Cruz, 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