

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) Laetare Sunday Chron 36:14-16; 19-23; Ps 136; Eph 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21	
Saturday 13th March 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Canon Brendan MacCarthy RIP	Mothering Sunday Sunday 14th March 2021 8:30am: Brian and John Griffith RIP (Flowering Friends) 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of Parish (ZOOM)
Mon. 15th March 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Kay Samson RIP (Hughes)	Tues. 16th March 2021 (Feria) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Anne Murray RIP (Diamond)
St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (Feast) Weds. 17th March 2021 07:30-09:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Private Intention (DG) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom Sister Rita (LSU)	Thurs. 18th March 2021 (Feria) (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church) 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Fr. Vivian St. Clare Hill RIP <i>(Parish Priest of Crayford 1955 - 1977: the anniversary of his death in 1979)</i>
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Universal Church, and our School Fri. 19th March 2021 07:30-9:00am: Adoration 9:15am: Albert South and Winn Miller RIP FM with SJS whole School (on Zoom) 7:00pm Holy Rosary (on Zoom)	Sat. 20th March 2021 (Feria) 11:00am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Fifth Sunday of Lent (B) Jer. 31: 31-34; Ps 50; Heb 5: 7-9; John 12: 20-30	
Saturday 20th March 2021 5:00 - 6:15pm: Confessions 6:30pm: Brian Shandley RIP FM	Sunday 21st March 2021 8:30am: Joseph Varkey RIP (Thomas Antony) 09:40-10:10: Children's Liturgy of the Word on ZOOM 10:30am: People of Parish (ZOOM)
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	
God is generous with His mercy	
Jesus Christ is given to the world by God so that those who believe in His Name may be saved. He brings us new life because previously we were dead through sin but now we are saved through grace. We are God's work of art created in Jesus Christ.	



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WITH GREAT THANKS TO
 ALL OUR STEWARDS:

ST MARY'S IS
OPEN

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
 and on

SATURDAY and SUNDAY
 AT THE USUAL TIMES.

N.B. CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 OF THE WORD **ON ZOOM**
****09:40-10:10AM****

FOR THIS AND **THE ZOOM CODES**
FOR 10:30AM HOLY MASS

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The Most Holy Rosary, **ON ZOOM**,
 with Exposition and Benediction of the
 Most Blessed Sacrament will be held in
 Church every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm
Meeting ID: 840 8142 6950
Passcode: 429 686

CONFESSIONS
MAY BE HEARD
- IN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY
ROOM - WHENEVER THE
CHURCH IS OPEN, AND
BY APPOINTMENT, AND ON
REQUEST. PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL
TO ARRANGE A REASONABLE TIME.

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS: 6th/7th MARCH 2021

Gift Aid: £240.00 Loose Plate: £102.66 and CAFOD: £ 38.10

Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David*

The Second Collection: this weekend will be for the **BUILDING FUND.**
Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door. Thank you for your support.

PARISH COLLECTIONS AND GIFT AID

In early April we will start a new financial year for Gift Aid. This year I am reducing the number of boxes we will be using and changing the numbers. I have also ordered boxes for those who pay by standing order for second collections. Can I ask that all those taking part in the Gift Aid scheme either text or email me to let me know if they are able to carry on with the scheme and if they wish to pay by standing order? Once I have details of those taking part in the scheme next year I will let you know your number so that you can get your box from Father David. If anyone wants to pay by standing order but does not want to take part in the Gift Aid scheme then please get in touch and I will supply details of the bank account. I can be contacted

by text on **07504 460736** (**please DO NOT PHONE ME**)
or by email on **thingy.rmg@virginmedia.com**.

Thank you all for your support of the Church at this time.

Richard Gillespie (Gift Aid Co-Ordinator).

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, ON ZOOM,

with **Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

will be held in Church every Friday of Lent at 7:00pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

The most deeply moving truth that the Church preaches is that **we are forever loved by God.** For every faithful heart this is the very essence of the Gospel story. No passage in Scripture puts it better than the words Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, **“God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not die, but may have eternal life”.**

We begin to realise the magnitude of God’s love when we look at the Crucifix. This portrays the image of the suffering Christ lifted upon the Cross, absorbing the full brunt of the evil of our sins.

One of the amazing facts about the Passion and Death of Christ is that it has become the supreme proof of God’s love. The upright Cross, once the sign of shame and humiliation, becomes a channel of healing grace. The tree of death becomes the tree of victory.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: 14th MARCH 2021

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in Britain on the Fourth Sunday of Lent since at least the Sixteenth Century. Mothering Sunday is a chance to say thank you 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 wish all Grandmothers, Mothers, Mothers-to-be and Godmothers a Happy Mothering Sunday.** *Fr David,*

IN OUR REPOSITORY - PARISH SHOP

you may find **EASTER CARDS,** and **ST PATRICK’S DAY CARDS** too. There are also Prayer Books, Prayer Cards, Rosaries, various Bibles, “Penny” Catechism, Missals and various Mass Cards. The shop is open throughout the week before and after Holy Mass. **If you wish to enter safely, please, ONLY ONE PERSON AT ANY ONE TIME.** Thank you.

ST PATRICK, BISHOP AND MISSIONARY, PATRON OF IRELAND

St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland who was born in the late 4th Century. He was kidnapped in his youth and was taken over to Ireland to become a slave. He escaped from slavery but he returned to Ireland in about the year 432 when he began to convert the Irish to Christianity. At the time of St. Patrick’s death on the 17th March in the year 461, he had been able to establish many Monasteries, Churches and School within Ireland.

St. Patrick is the subject of many legends during his lifetime, especially that he used **the Shamrock to explain the fundamental dogma and teaching within Christianity of the Three Persons in the One God: the Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Of your Charity, please continue to pray for the repose of the Souls of:

YVONNE FLORENCE MANUEL,

Aunt of **HEATHER GALIBARDY,**

her Requiem Mass will be at **1:45pm on Friday 9th April (Easter Week),** with Committal at Eltham Crematorium

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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

Anna Idahosa, Anne McGagh, Sr Angela Valentine, Barry Alfred Colville, Canon Jeremiah Cronin, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Catherine Homer, Clare Cooney, Clare Gummett, Fr. John Ryan, Felicity Dyer, Ivor Harper, Jack Pearce, Jackie Dawson, James Farrelly, Linda Rawlinson, Lucy Kiernan, Marie Rogerston, Maureen Saunders, Pat Price, Pauline Dansey, Renee Rae, Carmella “Nina” Stafford, Tommy Cox, Veronica Francis

for all in the NHS and

all in self-isolation, quarantine, or effected by Covid-19.