

6. SIX BIBLE STUDIES ON THE LENTEN SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Lenten Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions.

Started:

Tues 17th February, 2026 @7pm

Six consecutive Tuesdays:

17 Feb | 24 Feb | 03 Mar |

10 Mar | 17 Mar | 24 Mar

(7-8:15pm). **Free of Charge |**

LIVE on YouTube. Registration:

comeandsee.org/lent26

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As we prepare in this

LENT for **EASTER**,

the greatest Season of the Church's Calendar and Liturgy some of us have been planning and pondering.

Please, do we have some folk and families who would be willing to help 'MEET AND GREET'

our Parishioners and visitors

before Holy Mass each Saturday and Sunday, to help with the Books and Newsletters and any

information that a new potential parishioner, or an occasional visitor, might need?

WELCOME. WORSHIP.

WITNESS.

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THERE WILL BE

"A DAY WITH MARY"

HERE, IN ST MARY OF THE CRAYS,
ON THE FIRST

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH.

PLEASE, put this date in your diaries today and commit to come to the whole, or part of,

[A DAY WITH MARY.](#)

PRAY THE ROMERO ROSARY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

Join Archbishop John Wilson and the Cathedral clergy in praying the rosary **every Friday at 5pm** throughout Lent.

This is a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Archbishop John will personally lead the devotion at the National Shrine of St Oscar Romero at

St George's Cathedral (SE1 6HR) on **Ash Wednesday (18th February) at 5pm**, and again on **Friday 6th and Friday 27th March.**

On all other Fridays during Lent, the Cathedral clergy will lead **the Rosary**, followed by **the Stations of the Cross at 6pm.** *Let the rosary connect you to the Lord Jesus this Lenten season.*

Find out more at:

rcaos.org.uk/romerorosary

Please, let Housebound folk know, and pray together, as Families with the Cathedral.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR the Bishops, Priests Deacons of the Archdiocese of Southwark who will be praying and meeting throughout this coming week: to

"FAN INTO A FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD"
(2 Timothy 1:6)

St Thomas Becket (of Canterbury):
Pray for them.

St John Vianney:
Pray for them.

Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy:
Pray for them.

**3. + J. M. J. + is + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +
Newsletter Supplement: 15th February Anno Domini 2026
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Pages 151 –154 in the Parish Mass Book

(Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water on Page 62.)

(Music in Parish Mass Book begins page 320,

Preface Dialogue page 15, Holy, holy /Sanctus page 16,

Mystery of Faith: "SAVE US ..." page 29,

Lamb of God/Agnus Dei page 57 & 78)



"Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

"Remember that you are dust, and

to dust you shall return."

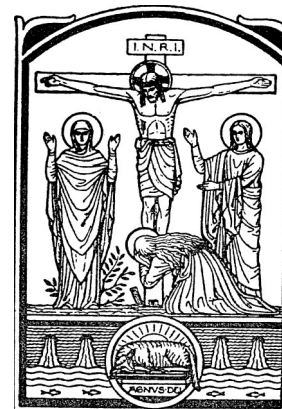
THE JESUS PRAYER:

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
have mercy on me,
a sinner.**

BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS:

V/: "We adore You, O Christ, and we praise (bless) You.

R/: Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world!"



ACTS OF CONTRITION:

O my God, because You are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You, and, with the help of Your grace, I will not sin again. **Amen.**

O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ, and most of all because they offend Thine infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee again, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin. **Amen.**

I love You Jesus, my Love above all things. I repent with my whole heart for having offended You. Never permit me to separate myself from You again. Grant that I may love You always, then do with me what You will.

Amen.

St Alphonsus de Liguori

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PLEASE WELCOME those who have been presented as **“CATECHUMENS”,** that is as **“LEARNER CHRISTIANS”,** together with their Godparents, to our **ARCHBISHOP, JOHN WILSON,** during the **“RITE OF ELECTION”** this Saturday, so that they may be **BAPTISED,** **CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,** and **RECEIVE OUR LORD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HOLY COMMUNION** in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4th April in this Year of Our Lord of 2026.

They are:
Janet ‘Jan’ Coffey,
Oghenevona ‘Vona’ Gbenedio,
Agape Nunayon,
and
David Coshall,
and their
Godparents are:
Bridie Farrelly,
Dianne Marriner,
Kathy Marshal,
and
Martin Staunton.

Please, not only congratulate them but pray for them, everyday, especially in Lent. Thank you.



The final words from the end of Father *(Canon)* Jeremiah Cronin’s Souvenir Booklet for the official Opening of the ‘New’ St Mary of the Crays, Crayford, Kent, in 1973, over half a century ago:

“Ideally, **THE NEW CHURCH CENTRE SHOULD BE A FOCAL POINT,** not only for all the Catholics in the area, but also for the whole community, **RAISING THE CROSS OF CHRIST ON HIGH,** drawing to God in a growing understanding of each other and of the needs of all.

Because it’s people that matter - the people who have lived all their lives in Crayford, and the newcomers (and not-so-newcomers). And our task, as a Christian community in Crayford, is to work for the good of all, whether they share our beliefs or not.

But we won’t fulfil our task here - that comes with the Resurrection!”

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Many, many thanks to all those who so generously contributed to the “Bring and Share” Carne-Vale celebration in the Hall last week-end after the 10:30am Holy Mass.

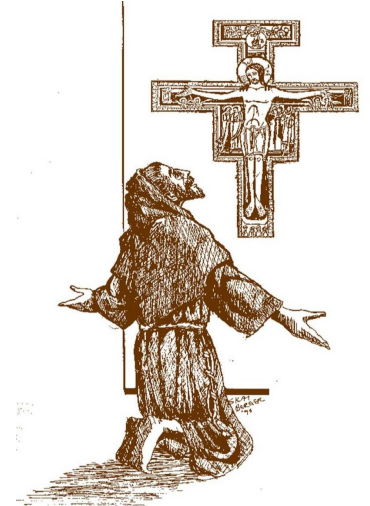
Thank you all so much!

May we all have a grace-filled and holy Lent this year, GROWING EVER CLOSER TO OUR LORD IN HIS CROSS AND RESURRECTION!!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the Name of God in vain.
3. Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour’s goods.

IN THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



“Francis, Go, rebuild my Church!”

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REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES
IN SOME LOCAL CHURCHES:

St John Fisher, Thanet Rd, Bexley: Saturdays at 5:30pm and at call.

St John Vianney, Heathfield Rd, Bexleyheath: Saturdays after 10:00am Mass and at call.

St Thomas More, Bostall Park Bexleyheath: Saturdays 10-11am, and on request.

St Anselm’s, West Hill, Dartford: Fridays 10:30–10:45am & 6:30–7:00pm; Saturdays 10:30-11:00am, and during all Sunday Masses except when a priest is on holiday.

Our Lady of the Angels, Carlton Rd, Erith: Saturdays 11:00am – 12:00pm, 4:45-5:15pm, and at call.

THE PRECEPTS (COMMANDMENTS) OF THE CHURCH & EASTER DUTIES:

from the Catechism of the Catholic Church Nos: 2041 - 2043

The first precept: (You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labour’)

The second precept: (‘You shall confess your sins at least once a year’)

The third precept: (‘You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season’)

The fourth precept:
 (‘You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church’)

The fifth precept: (You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church’) means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material need of the Church, each according to their ability.”