

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Exod. 17: 3-7; Ps. 94; Rom. 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4: 5-42	
Saturday 7th March 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Luigina Guala (1st Anniv) and Renato Petrino RIP	Sunday 8th March 2026 8:30am: Maureen Gatrell RIP FM 10:30am: People of the Parish
Mon. 9th March 2026 (Feria) (ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Mrs. Jaber (D. Francis)	Tues. 10th March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Holy Souls
Weds. 11th March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Maureen Saunders RIP FM followed by Stations of the Cross	Thurs. 12th March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Victor Jeyaseelen followed by Novena 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
Fri. 13th March 2026 (Feria) 8:00: Holy Rosary and Adoration 9:15am: Patricia Hanrahan RIP 2:00pm Requiem Mass for Pat Goodwin RIP 7:00pm: Stations of the Cross	Sat. 14th March 2026 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) (LAETARE SUNDAY) 1 Sam. 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps. 22; Eph. 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41	
Saturday 14th March 2026 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Minton Family RIP	MOTHERING SUNDAY Sunday 15th March 2026 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: Christina Redmond (Galibardy)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Sara Fisher, Irene Small, Joseph Cerutti, Maureen Gatrell,
Charles Cooper, Edith Looker, Dick Whyte, Francis Lintott,
Daniel O'Halloran, William Griffith, Maria Theaves, Albert Winterton,
Reg Clemas, Edward O'Loughlin, Billy Chandler, John Hennessy,
Margaret Hoey, Miriam Nutt, Amy Gumm, Maura Parker, Patricia Price.

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.



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...”but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again;

the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life”

**SACRAMENT OF
PENANCE -
CONFESSION -**
**SATURDAYS
5PM TO 6PM**
*also, WHENEVER
THE CHURCH
IS OPEN, and
ON REQUEST*

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SUNDAY OFFERINGS 28TH FEBRUARY/1ST MARCH 2026:

Gift Aid: £250.50; Card: £170; Loose Plate: £201 ATTENDANCE: 230
B/Fund: Gift Aid: £254.70; Card: £243; Loose Plate: £120.10 CAFOD: £84
Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for **EVC UGANDA.**

EVC Uganda raises funds to provide desperately poor children with an education in a loving, caring and supportive environment. Our Sponsor a Child Programme provides a route out of poverty and destitution, offering real hope for the future.

Next weekend: EASTER CHURCH FLOWERS.

21st/22nd March: for **POOR PARISHES.**

Gift-aiders please use one of the envelopes from your box/bundle.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Today's readings focus on water and thirst, but what exactly do water and thirst mean in the Gospel context? It's not just water as we know it that Jesus is talking about, but the saving love of God poured out into our hearts enabling us to find life and peace. Thirst stands for the absence of God in our lives - that unsatisfied longing within every human heart. St. Augustine talks about "Our hearts being restless until they find their rest in God." Since the pleasures of life fail to satisfy the thirsting human spirit, the only remedy is a relationship with Jesus who provides a mysterious type of water producing a well-spring of life within us.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after 9.15am Holy Mass and **Fridays** at 7.30pm. This Friday may be followed by **Fish and Chips in Social Club.**

Why not visit the social club afterwards on Friday evening, where soft drinks and hot drinks compliment the alcoholic offering.

Something for everyone.

Novena to Our Lady Immaculate - The Miraculous Medal:

Thursdays after 9.15am Holy Mass during Lent

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Lent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning: visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/lent>

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Thomas More, Bostall Park: Sunday 22nd March at 12 noon

Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen: Friday 27th March at 7pm

St. John Fisher, Bexley: Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm

Our Lady of the Angels, Erith: Wednesday 1st April at 7pm

OUR REPOSITORY SHOP

Come and visit our Repository. We have Mass Cards, Prayer Books and many other items. The shop can be open throughout the week before and after Private Prayer and Holy Mass.

The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was to be the father and guardian of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Soul of

PATRICIA GOODWIN, who died on the 16th February 2026.

REQUIEM MASS ON FRIDAY 13TH MARCH AT 2:00PM

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

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

The next **BINGO SESSION** will be on **SUNDAY 5TH APRIL** at **12:15PM.**

Play all 6 rounds for just £7. The snowball stands at £64 this month.

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER on FRIDAY 13TH MARCH at 8PM.

Tickets for the meal cost £11 and are available from the bar manager until 8th March. Join us after the Stations of the Cross and enjoy a traditional meal with friends (no ticket required if you only want to drink).

The club is open 7.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights and 12noon to 4pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

MARY'S MEALS FOREIGN CURRENCY APPEAL

We recently had an appeal on behalf of the charity Mary's Meals for leftover foreign currency, and over 10kg of coins and banknotes was collected in the Parish. Mary's Meals has asked to pass on their grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the appeal so generously, and you will be pleased to know it raised **£325.30**. This will provide 17 school children with a school dinner for the complete school year in some of the world's poorest countries. Thank you once again.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We are preparing posies for Distribution at all the Holy Masses for Mothering Sunday. If anyone would like to join us at 10.00am on Saturday 14th March in the reception area we would be glad of your help and company.

The flower team would also be glad of help on **Saturday 4th April at 10.00am** to help prepare arrangements for Easter and to set up the Easter garden. If any would be interested in joining the flower rota please contact **Josie Coward 07469 713 544** Thank you.

**100 CLUB WINNERS
MARCH 2026: £50**

62: SUSAN PEREIRA;

42: PRESLEY D'SOUZA
Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is always appreciated. Thank you.

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

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Catherine Edmeades, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Marie Rogerston, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden and Sean Tansey.

PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO, WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?