

Mass Intentions for week beginning 21st March 2015

Sat 21	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)	6.00pm	Joseph D'Souza RIP
Sun 22		10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP & Ints of Betty Hetherington (FM) The People of the Parish
Mon 23	Lenten Feria	12noon	
		10.00am	Manuela Victor RIP followed by Novena Prayers King Richard III RIP (1962 Missal)
Tue 24	Lenten Feria	6.30pm	
Wed 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Martin Cawley RIP (anniv.)
Thur 26	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Teresa Earley RIP (anniv.)
Fri 27	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Peter Hetherington RIP
Sat 28	Lenten Feria	10.00am	Anne Ginnelly RIP
Sat 28	Lenten Feria	9.30am	Mass
Sat 28	PALM SUNDAY	6.00pm	Kay O'Donovan RIP (anniv.)
Sun 29		10.00am	Sue Mullin's Intentions
		12noon	The People of the Parish

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland & Madeleine Selvini, Clare Kavanagh, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Pepe Pupin, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Noel Judge, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Mary Holmes, Peggy Wright, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Sid Parker, Agnes Warren, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Lola-Teresa Durojaiye, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Christine Hall, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 415

Offertory Collection last weekend: £844.05

(CAFOD Family Fast Day: £697.00)

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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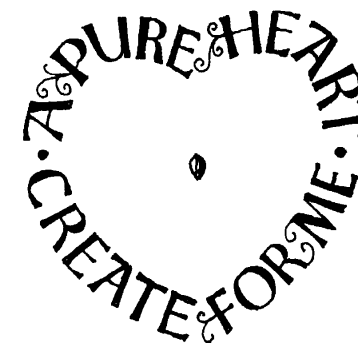
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21st / 22nd March 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(PASSION SUNDAY)

The Holy Father's Lent Message 2015 (Part 4)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

3. "Make your hearts firm!" (James 5:8) – Individual Christians

As individuals too, we have are tempted by indifference. Flooded with news reports and troubling images of human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness?

First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer! The *24 Hours for the Lord* initiative, which I hope will be observed on 13-14 March throughout the Church, also at the diocesan level, is meant to be a sign of this need for prayer.

Second, we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church's many charitable organizations. Lent is a favourable time for showing this concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family.

Third, the suffering of others is a call to conversion, since their need reminds me of the uncertainty of my own life and my dependence on God and my brothers and sisters. If we humbly implore God's grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God's love holds out to us. We will also be able to resist the diabolical temptation of thinking that by our own efforts we can save the world and ourselves.

As a way of overcoming indifference and our pretensions to self-sufficiency, I would invite everyone to live this Lent as an opportunity for engaging in what Benedict XVI called a formation of the heart (cf. *Deus Caritas Est*, 31). A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so

as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And, ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others. During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: "*Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum*": *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalisation of indifference. It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.

Franciscus PP.

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).



TEA & COFFEE are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your neighbour.

This Weekend:

**ANNUAL MISSIONARY APPEAL
ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS**
Fr R. Manchala SMA will make the appeal

This Monday:

**10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**

Please note that the 6.30pm Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of King Richard III whose mortal remains are being re-interred in Leicester Cathedral this week

CONFIRMATION CLASS *this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall*

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS *this Thursday at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall*

THE LEGION OF MARY *meets this Thursday at 7.00pm*

This Friday

**10.00am Mass & Eucharistic Adoration
7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

This Saturday
Rosary (*Sorrowful Mysteries*) at 9.00am

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday* half an hour before the morning Mass.

THE BILLERICAY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP invite you to a **DAY OF DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY** at Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer on **Sunday 12th April**. Arrival 10.30 a.m. for 11.00 a.m. start. Confessions available. MASS 3.30 p.m. Tea and coffee available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis for details 01277 658783. **ALL WELCOME.**

8-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: from 22nd to 29th May 2015, including flights, transfers, half-board hotel and full programme for £504. **For further information please call Gail Hewett on 020 3624 4438 or 07989 879148.**

ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DAGENHAM. Vocational, happy and energetic teachers needed for September start. Please call the school office and speak to HT Mr Dan Craft 02082706524 if interested. (Experienced or NQT)

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: if anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? May I draw your attention to the **Sick Parishioner Care** forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!
Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS: special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED on a bed and breakfast basis for the month of August for Fr Gildardo, a priest working at the Apostolic Nunciature in Ghana. Fr Gildardo stayed at the Presbytery during the summer of 2010. If you can help, please contact Fr Selvini as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.