

Saturday 13th February	10am Miriam Tito 6pm Liana Lloyd RIP
Sunday 14th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am John Canavan RIP 12 Midday People of the Parish 5.30pm Colin Oliver RIP
Monday 15th February	10am No Mass
Tuesday 16th February Shrove Tuesday	10am Alicia Yolanda Perez RIP
Wednesday 17th February Ash Wednesday	10am Jose Grogan RIP 7pm Philip and Licia Cuddelford
Thursday 18th February	10am Marlene Moretti Raimundo RIP
Friday 19th February	10am Padre pio Prayer Group Ints 6:45 pm (Latin mass) Reversion to the faith of the Gillett Family
Saturday 20th February	10am Mary Molloy RIP 6pm Leslie Dancer RIP
Sunday 21st February First Sunday in LENT	10am Louis Viegas RIP 12 Midday People of the Parish 5.30pm Fr Paul Saunders

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
 Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne ,Peggy Frost, Marlize Gauci, Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Barry Mc Corkall, and Anthony Lydekker.
 Please pray for all of those who have died recently.

GIFT AID SCHEME
 If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.
 Please speak to:
 John O' Reilly 07977 538671

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
 To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
 Sunday's offering was £549.33
 Standing Orders £250 **Total £799.33**
Thank you for your generosity

There will be a Retiring Collection for Poor Parishes this weekend

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
 Tel: 020 8788 7420
 Acting Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
 www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM
 Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

Contacts
Parish Priest : Fr. Philip de Freitas
 Retired Priest: Fr. David Peck
 Parish Sister: Sr. Patricia O'Keefe FMM
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Philip's personal email: philipdefreitas@rcaos.org.uk

Baptisms/Marriages by appointment only. Please see Fr. Philip
Confessions: Saturday 9.30 am to 9.50 am & 5.30 pm to 5.50 pm, Sunday before Masses


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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Why is Lent forty days long?

A: Because forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Thus Moses stayed on the Mountain of God forty days (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28), the spies were in the land for forty days (Numbers 13:25), Elijah traveled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8), Ni-neveh was given forty days to repent (Jonah 3:4), and most importantly, prior to undertaking his ministry, Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting (Matthew 4:2).

Since Lent is a period of prayer and fasting, it is fitting for Christians to imitate their Lord with a forty day period. Christ used a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for his ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection, and thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of his ministry's climax, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the resurrection).

Thus the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

"For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning' [Heb 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540).

Q: When does Lent begin?

A: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is the day on which they faithful have their foreheads signed with ashes in the form of a Cross . It is also a day of fast and abstinence.

Q: What is a day of fast and abstinence?

A: Under current canon law in the Western Rite of the Church, a day of fast is one on which Catholics who are eighteen to sixty years old are required to keep a limited fast. In this country, one may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake can easily be dispensed from the requirement of fasting by their pastor.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on 17th February. There will be masses at 10am and 7pm.

WEB STREAMING of Sunday Masses at Our Lady and St Peter
 People have been requesting that our masses be streamed over the internet. A quote of £4000 has been obtained to provide the basic hardware required. We would like to raise the money to pay for cameras and other necessary equipment. If you would like to contribute please give a donation in an envelope marked donation for streaming equipment with your Gift Aid donor number if you have one.

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