

<b>Saturday 6th March</b>	10am Margaret Scallan RIP 6pm Liana Lloyd RIP
<b>Sunday 7th March</b> Third Sunday in LENT	10am Claudia Dias Ints 12 Midday People of the Parish 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm Deceased members of the Desa Family
<b>Monday 8th March</b>	10am No Mass
<b>Tuesday 9th March</b>	10am Liana Lloyd RIP
<b>Wednesday 10th March</b>	10am Deceased members of the Naughton family 12:30 Funeral Mass of Ann Metcalf
<b>Thursday 11th March</b>	10am Holy Souls
<b>Friday 12th March</b>	10am Maria Elena and family Ints 10:30 to 1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 pm (Latin mass) Abina Dale RIP
<b>Saturday 13th March</b>	10am Michael Dale 6pm Paul Cornally RIP
<b>Sunday 14th March</b> Third Sunday in LENT	10am Mabel Laverty 12 Midday People of the Parish 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm Catherine Costello RIP

**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.

**This is a School Voucher Sunday**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
 To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week  
 Sunday's offering was £714.50  
 Standing Orders £250 **Total £964.50**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

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**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**  
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**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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**3rd SUNDAY IN LENT (B)**

On this Third Sunday in Lent the Gospel , in St John's version, refers to the famous episode of Jesus who drives the animal dealers and the money-changers out of the Temple of Jerusalem. The event, recorded by all the Evangelists, happened in the Passover Feast and made a deep impression on both the crowd and the disciples. How should we interpret Jesus' action?

First of all it should be noted that it did not provoke any repression from the keepers of public order because it was seen as a typical prophetic action: indeed, in God's name prophets often reported abuse and sometimes did so with symbolic gestures. The problem, if there was one, concerned their authority. For this reason the Jews asked Jesus: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" show us that you are truly acting in God's name.

The expulsion of the dealers from the Temple has also been interpreted in a political and revolutionary sense, placing Jesus on a par with the zealots' movement. The zealots were, precisely, "zealous" for God's law and prepared to use violence to enforce respect for it. In Jesus' day they were awaiting a Messiah who would free Israel from Roman domination. But Jesus did not fulfil this expectation, so much so that some disciples abandoned him and Judas Iscariot even betrayed him.

In fact it is impossible to interpret Jesus as violent: violence is contrary to the Kingdom of God, it is a tool of the antichrist. Violence is never useful to humanity but dehumanizes it.


Let us, therefore, listen to the words that Jesus spoke while he was carrying out this action. *"Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade"*. And the disciples then remembered that in a Psalm is written: *"zeal for your house has consumed me"*.

This Psalm is a call for help in a situation of extreme danger, because of the hatred of enemies: the plight that Jesus was to live through in his Passion. Zeal for the Father and for his house was to bring him to the cross: his was the zeal of love that pays in person, not the zeal that would like to serve God through violence.

In fact the "sign" that Jesus was to give as proof of his authority would be his very death and Resurrection. *"Destroy this temple", he said, "and in three days I will raise it up"*. And St John recorded: *"he spoke of the temple of his body"*. With the Pasch of Jesus a new form of worship begins, the cult of love, and a new temple which is he himself, the Risen Christ, through whom every believer can worship God "in spirit and truth". - **Pope Benedict**

**Ann Metcalf**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Metcalf who passed away recently.  
 Her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 10th March at 12:30pm



**RETURN TO SCHOOL**  
 Please pray for the children and staff at Our Lady Queen of Heaven who return to school next week

**MISSION BOXES** - If you have a red Mission Box please could you return it as soon as possible.

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