

Sunday 14th March 2021 live simply that others may simply live

Saturday 13th March	10am Michael Dale Ints 6pm Paul Cornally RIP
Sunday 14th March Fourth Sunday in LENT	10am Mabel Laverty 12 Midday People of the Parish 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm Catherine Costello RIP
Monday 15th March	10am No Mass
Tuesday 16th March	10am Maria Grogan
Wednesday 17th March St Patrick	10am Michael Fernando RIP
Thursday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem	10am Josephine Udekwu
Friday 19th March St Joseph	10am Mary Stewart and Family 10:30 to 1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 pm (Latin mass) David Cronin RIP
Saturday 20th March	10am Vincenzo Verduga RIP 6pm Maria Keveny-Jessiman RIP and Ann Marchetti RIP
Sunday 21st March Fifth Sunday in LENT	10am Doyle Family 12 Midday People of the Parish 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm John Francis Summers RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
 Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Peggy Frost, Marlice 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

CONFIRMATIONS 2021
 Confirmation classes will start after Easter. Application forms are now available from the sacristy. The Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday 20th June 2021

This is a School Voucher Sunday

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
 To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
 Sunday's offering was £574.03
 Standing Orders £250 **Total £824.53**
Thank you for your generosity

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

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4th SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

The fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. "Laetare" in Latin means, "rejoice!" In the middle of the serious season of Lent, the Church invites us to rejoice: "Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her" (Entrance Antiphon — Isaiah 66:10-11). This is precisely because of this Good News: God is love, and His love for us sinful humanity is constant, generous and self-sacrificing: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son" (Jn 3:16). If there is one question that can elicit the greatest number of diverse responses, it is the question "What is love?" Each person has his own understanding of love. It has become, unfortunately, the most common victim of what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism". So, what is love, in its real and objective sense?

A four-year-old boy went to the house of a neighbour: an elderly man whose wife just died recently. When he saw that the man was crying, the little boy climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. Later that day, his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbour. The little boy said: "Nothing. I just helped him cry." What the boy did was quite simple – which the world truly needs nowadays: compassion. This word comes from two Latin words: "cum" (with) and "passio" (suffering). So, literally it means "to suffer with", to be one with people in their sufferings.

Compassion is the most precise expression of love. This is what we hear in the Gospel today: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only and only Son so that all who believe in him might be saved" (Jn 3:16). The world has been in bad shape due to sin. And people are suffering under the slavery of sin and the dominion of evil. God cannot be a passive bystander. He is one with us in our sufferings. So, in the fullness of time, He decided to send His only Son, born of the Virgin Mary, so that he might be one with us and suffer with us. Hence, the most perfect image of total self-giving, and the best expression of perfect love, is the image of Jesus dying on the cross: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). That is love, in its real and objective sense. The Greek word used by the Gospels for such kind of love is "agape".

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