

# **SAFEGUARDING**

Please accompany your child(ren) to the toilet if they need it whilst in the Church.

# SILENCE!

PLEASE keep SILENCE before Mass especially during the Rosary on Saturday evenings. People may be trying to pray and listen to God.

# **CONFESSIONS**

Father Paul is available for confession:
Saturdays 5-5.30pm.
Tuesdays during adoration after 6.30pm Mass.
Thursdays during adoration after 9.15am Mass.

#### **OFFICE EMAILS**

Please be aware that emails sent over the weekend or on a Monday will not be seen until the Tuesday. Thank you.

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you require a notice to appear in the newsletter – the deadline is on **Wednesdays.** 

#### **COLLECTION PLATE**

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Envelopes & Loose Plate - £488.70 February Standing Orders - £2,730.57 Second Collection – Lent Fast Day - £138.00

#### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Praise and Worship will take place at **7pm** on Wednesday **11**<sup>th</sup> June **2025**.

#### **DIVINE MERCY**

Divine Mercy will take place at **8pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.** Please use the side door.

#### **GIFT AID ORGANISER**

Our Gift Aid organiser is Greg Carvalho. His contact is: greg@god.co.uk or on 261302.

#### MEDITATION GROUP

WCCM Meditation Group meets online at 8pm on Mondays. Please contact Val directly on 07887785502 or email her on valhilsley@btinternet.com

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our next Stations of the Cross will be at 7pm in the Church



on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. There will be Stations every Friday and they will continue until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## JIM FEENEY RIP

Jim Feeney will be received into church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm and his



Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11am followed by a cremation. May he rest in eternal peace.

# **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

They are at the back of Church, please speak to Greg or Clare if you haven't received yours. Please return any Gift Aid declaration forms that you may have.

# **OSE'S 10K MARATHON**

Ose would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to his charity last weekend. It's not too late to support him even though he ran his Marathon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Below is the QR code to make a donation.



#### KNIGHTS ANNUAL DINNER

KSC will hold their Annual Dinner at the famous Blue Strawberry on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We have 40 places and over 30 have already been taken. The price is £40, very reasonable for a meal at the Blue Strawberry. If you would like places, e-mail Chris Thompson as soon as possible on thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk

#### **CAFOD PLEA**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement that the foreign aid budget is to be cut again to pay for the increase in the defence budget, CAFOD is asking us to write to our MP's urgently, asking them to take action to ensure that the government does not turn its back on those most in need. The result will be that more people will die, and many will lose their livelihoods. Anyone wishing to fund raise for CAFOD can take part in the Lenten Walk. Details are on the J&P noticeboard.

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Newsletter

Parish Priest: Fr. Paul Cracknell (Ord.)

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Ordinariate Website: <a href="https://www.ordinariate.org.uk">www.ordinariate.org.uk</a>

# ADDITIONAL LENTEN LUNCH

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, (Mothering Sunday) The Syro Malabar Community will be selling their traditional food from 1pm as takeaway dishes, prepacked and pre-priced. All proceeds will be donated to the J&P Group's Lenten project. Please note the Parish Hall doors will not open until 1pm. The J&P Group is very grateful for the generosity of this addition to their fund raising.

# **CAFOD FAST DAY ENVELOPES**

Please return them and place either in the green CAFOD box or alternatively the offertory basket during mass. Thank you for your support.

## **LENTEN LUNCHES**

Last week's Lenten Lunch raised £117, so thank you to all those who contributed and/or attended.

The Lenten Lunches have been arranged for the following dates:

# Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

They will all be held in the Parish Hall, beginning at 12 noon and finishing at 2pm.

The food offered does depend on the hosts, but all provide a simple lunch. This usually comprises homemade soup, bread, cheese, cake & biscuits.

Entrance is free but we welcome offerings of what guests can afford. The money raised this year will be split between CAFOD and The Sisters in the DRC where the situation is dire with many homeless, wounded, orphaned and having had to flee Goma itself. Funds will be crucial to helping the people the sisters care for.

Everyone is welcome, not only parishioners, but friends, work colleagues and neighbours. Please put the dates in your diary and come to join us.

The J&P group will be running a raffle for some hampers. Tickets will be £2.50 each which will be available after each Mass and at each Lenten Lunch, from this weekend. Please take an envelope, complete your details and the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Please put the CORRECT money in the envelope and leave at the welcomers' desk.

# **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

We welcome Ayden, Cheryll, Dylan, Gabriella, Isabelle, Jason, Jiya, Juliet, Maya, Madeleine & Olaedo as they start their Confirmation journey.
Please keep them and their families in your prayers. They will be confirmed by Bishop Alan on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

#### KNIGHTS CLOTHING COLLECTION

The Knights of St. Columba will be holding another men's clothing collection. If you have any of the following, please leave in the box labelled Knights of St Columba (in the foyer). Clothing – used but clean - joggers, jeans, coats, trainers, hoodies, sweatshirts & t-shirts. New boxers and socks. Rucksacks. Notebooks, pens, art supplies, playing cards and dominoes. Many thanks for your support.

#### **HOMEWORK CLUB SPACES**

We have a few spaces for children (age 5-14) in our homework clubs in Langton Hall Mondays and Thursdays 3.30-4.45 where children can get one to one help with their homework and basic skills. If you are interested in securing a place for a child please contact Sisters Margaret and Moira 01245 604108.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

5.30 pm – Rosary Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – Sallie Greene RIP (Greene Family)

Sunday 23rd March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

9.30 am - Adeyina Lewis' Intentions (Lewis Family)

11.30 am – People of the Parish especially our Confirmation Candidates

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – **NO MASS Father's & Clare's Day Off** 

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord Mass, Adoration & Benediction

6.30 pm – Iain Davis RIP (Greene Family)

Wednesday 26th March

9.15 am – Beauty Pangidzwa RIP (C. Mawoyo)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mass, Adoration & Benediction (HOLY HOUR)

9.15 am – Cynthia Seyfang RIP (E. Allen)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

9.15 am – Kathleen Gregitis RIP (Lloyd Family)

7 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 29th March

5.30 pm – Rosary Vigil Mass – First Mass of Sunday

6 pm – In thanksgiving (L. Lazarus)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 'Laetare Sunday' & Mothering Sunday

9.30 am – People of the Parish

11.30 am – Patrick Solomon's Intentions (E. Solomon)