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Newsletter for the week commencing 9th/10th March 2019 First Sunday of Lent (C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 *The Israelite confession of faith mentions all the important events in their history such as migration to Egypt, the exodus and possession of the Promised Land.*

Psalm Response 6pm - Be with me, O Lord, in my distress

8.30am & 10.30 am - Be with me, Lord, be with me, Lord, in my distress

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13 *Paul mentions two conditions for attaining salvation: a sincere confession that Jesus is Lord, and a firm belief that God has raised Jesus*

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 *Assisted by the Holy Spirit, Jesus overcomes the devil's temptations*

10.30 MASS - A new sung setting of the Kyries and of the Agnus Dei will be introduced before Mass today. At the Offertory, the choir sing the anthem "Hide not thou thy face" by Richard Farrant (c1530-1580)

Father John writes:

I am writing this on Wednesday and the *diocesan 'stewardship' daily reflection* by e-mail today (cf. elsewhere on this newsletter) stresses the importance of putting all our trust in God when we pray. It is rather like the difference between talking to a stranger and talking to someone you know well and trust deeply. We tend to talk rather superficially to someone we don't know. But it is completely different talking to a long-time loyal friend. As we settle down to pray, we might use the phrase from Psalm 90:2 "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust."

Your Prayers are asked for:

Those recently deceased: Monica Turner (Jenny Styles' mother)

Those ill or infirm: Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Naomi Mitchell, Alfred Holmesdale, Philip Goodwin, Peter Cox, Mary Hastings, John Bryant, John-Paul Beirne, William Roche, Daniel Nesbitt, Thomas Blair and Geraldine Keating

This week's events

Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 4pm during Lent. There is also a pack at the back of the church if you wish to say the Stations on your own at a time that suits you. Please return the pack when you have finished.

Next Friday 15th March is FAMILY FAST DAY - the day in Lent when we spend as little as possible on food etc in order to give it to the poorest people in the world. At the vigil and Sunday Masses 16/17 March a CAFOD speaker will visit us.

The Christian Breakfast Meeting is **next** Saturday, 16th March from 8.30 to 10.30 at St Mildred's Church Hall. Alex Bienfait will be talking about his recent sabbatical in Sri Lanka. Cost £10 including a full English breakfast! All are welcome.

Over the weeks of Lent the Archdiocese of Southwark's Stewardship team, in collaboration with the diocesan Spirituality Commission, will send out these daily reflections featuring thoughts, Scripture and prayer. If you or others would benefit from these please visit: <http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv>. Here is a sample:

Week 1 Monday 4th March The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery.' Deuteronomy 26:7

Today, Moses addresses the descendants of the people whom he led out of slavery in Egypt; they are now about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. Moses reminds them how God was attentive to their suffering and rescued them with great power and now brings them to a land of abundance, flowing with 'milk and honey'.

At the beginning of Lent it is good to make time to remember with gratitude all the ways God has blessed us on our journey through life and all the times when God has guided and rescued us from physical or spiritual danger. Let us also pray for those suffering injustice and oppression today.

Don't forget the next **Christian Breakfast meeting on March 16th**, 2019 with Alex Bienfait who will be talking about his Sri Lankan Sabbatical. To be held at St Mildred's Church Hall 8.30 – 10.30am £10 including breakfast. All welcome.

This week's services

Day	Date	Feast	Time/Detail
Saturday	9 th March	Feria	6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	10 th March	First Sunday of Lent	8:30am Mass <i>Mary Wilkinson RIP (E. Tubbs)</i> 10:30am Mass <i>People of the parish.</i> 4pm Stations of the Cross
Monday	11 th March	Feria	10:00am Mass
Tuesday	12 th March	Feria	No Mass today at St Andrews- Fr John at funeral of Canon John Bailey, at Sevenoaks followed by burial at Horns Cross (RC Church at Northiam)
Wednesday	13 th March	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration
Thursday	14 th March	Feria	9:00am Mass <i>welfare of Caroline Bennet</i>
Friday	15 th March	Feria Cafod Family Fast Day	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration <i>Fr Michael Murphy RIP</i>
Saturday	16 th March	Feria	10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	17 th March (St Patrick's)	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30am Mass <i>People of the parish</i> 10:30am Mass

Next week's responsibilities

	6:00pm Saturday	8:30am Sunday	10:30am Sunday
Reader	Maggie Urquhart	Suzanne Vickers	Collette Iglinski
Extra-ordinary Ministers		Allan Shipton Peter Lonergan	Lorraine Sharp Liz Dumbleton
Flowers	St Patrick - Francien	Cleaners	-

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week. The superb Jesuit websites Sacred Space and Pray As You Go have combined to offer an online Lent Retreat. The retreat engages with an audio adaptation of a new book by Gemma Simmonds CJ, which draws on the story and prayer tradition of St Ignatius of Loyola, together with the contribution of the seventeenth-century Yorkshire woman, Mary Ward. You can access it at www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

For all those who are interested in the trip to Oberammergau in May 2020 there will be leaflets on the benches this weekend giving you more information about travel options and booking details, as well as the trip itself. Deacon Jolyon will be available to answer any queries.

