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Newsletter for the week commencing 23rd/24th March 2019 Third Sunday of Lent (C)

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

God appears to Moses in the burning bush. The appearance is in view of appointing Moses as leader and to entrust to him the task of delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Psalms 103 - Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Recalling the exodus event Paul tells the Corinthians that most Israelites have perished in the wilderness on account of their rebellion.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus recalls two incidents in which innocent lives have been lost. First, the killing of the Galileans by Pilate and second, the death of people caused by the fall of the Tower of Siloam.

Father John writes:

At our parish finance committee meeting this week it was confirmed that our debt for the building of the Parish Centre will be fully repaid in two years time. We signed off our parish accounts for the Diocese for 2017. (we propose to give more information on the accounts soon). Sylwia was thanked for her hard work keeping these accounts.

It was reported that our Gift Aid scheme is now up to date, with past claims now paid in. Liz Walker was thanked for her quiet efficiency in achieving this. We started looking at the needs of our parish and recognised that there are important issues to be faced with our church (damp, insulation, electrical improvements, decoration and possible improvements). We also heard the good news that Maureen McGarry, who died two years ago, left a very considerable bequest for our church.

Your Prayers are asked for:

Those recently deceased:

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

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Gertrude Barclay, George Hyland, Peter Webbe-Wood, Elizabeth Trevor, Ann Clark, Sheila Newington, Don Woodman and Gladys Bennett

This week's events

This is your last opportunity to sign up for the **holiday to the Oberammergau Passion Play 2020** & the Austrian Tyrol: 7 days £1299, departing 31st May 2020. It is only performed once every ten years so, if you are planning to go, please **contact the travel agent direct** before the end of this week as booking closes at the end of the month. Thank you.

The daily reflections from Southwark's Stewardship Team <http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv> gives Lenten thoughts, Scripture and prayer to help your Spiritual journey.

Lent Lunches : Each Friday from 12:00 to 14:00, during Lent, a team from the Christian Churches in Tenterden will be serving a ploughman's lunch with soup in Saint Mildred's Church Hall. This is an opportunity to meet up and help raise some money as, after costs, profits will be sent to Christian Aid.

Stations of the Cross: Each Sunday afternoon, during Lent, at 16:00, one of the clergy will lead you along the Way of the Cross. The “stations” is an ancient devotion following Our Lord on the way to the cross. This devotion can also be made by individuals and groups at a time to suit themselves. Examples of various Way devotional booklets are available in the porch to borrow and use on these occasions but please return them afterwards! Thank you.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday 24th March “We have forgotten how to value things without a price tag. Hence, when we get to our most abundant gifts — like attention, insight, compassion — we confuse their worth because they’re, well, priceless.” Nipun Mehta is a recipient of the Dalai Lama ‘Unsung Hero of Compassion’ award. He is founder of a major global philanthropic organisation, ServiceSpace, that works at the intersection of volunteerism, technology and gift-economy. His moving TED talk on generosity can be accessed at www.newpilgrimpath.ie

This week’s services

Day	Date	Feast	Time/Detail
Saturday	23rd March	Feria	6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	24th March	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass <i>Peter Saunders RIP</i>
Monday	25th March	The Annunciation of the Lord	10:00am Mass Rev <i>Sean Hearty RIP</i>
Tuesday	26th March	Feria	10:00am Mass Rev <i>Brian Reeves RIP</i>
Wednesday	27th March	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration
Thursday	28th March	Feria	9:00am Mass Rev <i>Philip Mathias RIP</i>
Friday	29th March	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration
Saturday	30th March	Feria	10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass <i>Terry Campbell RIP(Anna)</i>
Sunday	31st March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30am Mass <i>People of the parish</i> 10:30am Mass

Next week’s responsibilities (30th/31st March)

	6:00pm Saturday	8:30am Sunday	10:30am Sunday
Reader	Pat Sargent	Alexander W	Kathleen B
Extra-ordinary Ministers		Louise Carter Michael Payne	Kathleen Bishop Martin Heinrichsmeier
Flowers	Lent – no flowers	Cleaners	-

Special request from Frances Lawrence: Wanted, unneeded flower baskets, of any size, for an after-school flower arranging group at our local primary school. Please leave them under the porch tables c/o Frances Lawrence, ready for collection. Thank you.

Forthcoming events

Next month’s coffee morning will be on Thursday 4th April, 11.30am. There will be another interesting talk on Unknown Tenterden by Jack Gillitt, Archivist, assisted by Alan in charge of slides. Do come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, good company and fascinating facts about your local area! All are welcome.