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**CAFOD**  
Just one world

Please return your Cafod envelopes this weekend.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

We are in the season of Lent and, so far, we have been asked to think about fasting, prayer, and self-denial. In other words, the tone has been sombre. Yet today there is a foretaste of future glory. Peter, James and John, the three core disciples, often show, in a number of gospel stories, a reluctance to embrace the cross. They tend to see the Kingdom of God in secular and political terms, and show a reluctance to face suffering. Ironically, they will be those closest to Jesus during the Agony in the Garden on the eve of Good Friday. (Matthew 26:37) Moreover, James and Peter will both be martyred themselves. It is as if Jesus, by revealing who He truly is, is encouraging them and fortifying them for what they are to witness. I am sure He is fortifying us too, to persevere in our Lenten journey. Jesus is unquestionably revealed as the glorious Son of Man and Son of God, the Light of the World.

Why are Moses and Elijah present?

Moses in Jewish tradition wrote the first five books of the Bible, the Law. Elijah was considered the greatest of the Prophets, whose books make up the second division of Jewish Bibles. They are witnesses to Christ's true nature and glory. The meaning for us is that the Old Testament points towards Jesus as the fulfilment of the Jewish people's hopes, the hopes of the whole of humanity. The same idea is present in Luke 24:27, where the Risen Christ explains to the disciples on the road to Emmaus that the scriptures foretold that He would have to suffer.

Perhaps this Lent we could all dedicate some time to reading some of the key stories of the Old Testament which illuminate the Gospels.

**Fr Andrew**

Changes to the times for Rosary and for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are shown on the back page of this newsletter.

It is a big change to have Exposition before Mass so please don't be caught out by this and please remember to enter the church in silence and remain in silence until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed before the start of Mass.

### YOUNG ADULTS

I have been told there are a number of you out there who were baptised but not confirmed, who are a bit too old to join the confirmation group, and a bit too young to join the RCIA.

If you are interested in being confirmed please contact me and we can take things forward.

Fr Andrew

### LAW SURGERY

Law Surgery is this Monday.

**March 2**

Please come to the side door of the Hall at 6.00 pm and you will be seen in turn.

### MISSIO

If your Missio box needs emptying please hand it to a steward at Mass. When emptied it will be left on the reading slope for you to collect.

Please do not take it into the sacristy.

Being formed in the likeness of Christ, we strive to become a truly Christ centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion and communion.

## RIP

Last weekend we lost two of our very long-standing parishioners who had each contributed greatly to our parish over their many years here.

Please keep Patricia Weal and Rose Elgar in your prayers and pray too for their families.

May they rest in peace.

## REMINDER: ST MARY'S ALLOTMENT PROJECT - WAITROSE BECKENHAM

St Mary's is currently one of the Waitrose Community Matters green token charities and they are currently in last place.

If you shop in Waitrose, or can pop in to pick up something, please consider picking up a green token from the check out and putting it in their box!

The funding from Waitrose will buy seeds, plants, flowers, compost, pots and child-sized tools and gloves. This will help us support children to grow, harvest and understand their own food.

## READERS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 8.00 pm  
Good Friday – April 3 at 3.00 pm  
Easter Vigil – Saturday April 4 at 7.30 pm

If you would like to read at any of these services, please contact Rosemary ([email only r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.ekong@ucl.ac.uk)) indicating which service you will be attending.

Thank you.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY

The shop has a selection of St Patrick's day cards, motifs, candles, children's badges and other fine things available from this weekend.

Do drop into the shop to have a browse.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Please bring your CAFOD envelopes back to church.

You can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/](http://cafod.org.uk/) envelope or Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

You can also donate using the CollecTin at the back of the church.

## LIVING WELL

You give so generously to Living Well when we have our regular collections and particularly when we have seasonal ones at Christmas and Easter, and we know that a number of our parishioners volunteer their time at Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis.



The link below takes you to **IMPACT REPORT 2025** which is the annual report of all they did last year. It is a very interesting read which covers the breadth of their activities and will inform you of who they helped and the different ways they are able to offer support to those that come to

## GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

This starts at St Edmund's with a short service at 11.00 am before proceeding along the High Street to Beckenham Green where there is a second short ecumenical service.

As usual the organisers are asking for volunteers to help marshal the walk and to act as stewards on the Green. If you think you might be able to help please email [davidjohnson127@talktalk.net](mailto:davidjohnson127@talktalk.net) with your name and contact details.

## RCIA – RITE OF ELECTION AND LENTEN SCRUTINIES

Last Saturday our RCIA Catechumens (unbaptised) and Candidates (baptised) attended the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral. This service was led by Archbishop John, who welcomed 590 enquirers from the Southwark Diocese. All of them were called individually by name and now form the group of Elect, who will be received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

Please pray for our Catechumens, Ade, Ade, Amalia, Glenn, Lucy and Tyrah. And also our Candidates, Alexander, Ebany and Miles. They will soon undertake a period of prayer and deep reflection during the Lenten Scrutinies. The Scrutinies will be held on 8 March during the 11am Mass; 15 March during the 9.30 Mass, and 22 March during the 5.30 Mass. Please join us if you can to support and pray for their progress.

Cathy and Mary

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – This Friday 6 March

Please join us for this year's World Day of Prayer, to be held on at 11.30 am on Friday, 6 March at St Mary's, Shortlands.



The theme is *"I will give you rest, come"*, with readings and music written by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria.

Our Nigerian sisters call us to come closer to God and find rest in him. The service shares the stories of four Nigerian women who inspire us to work towards a world without injustice, poverty, marginalisation and persecution.

The annual, women-led World Day of Prayer unites Christian congregations in 146 countries in a great wave of prayer in native languages. The sponsoring country changes each year, as does its theme, but it always starts near the international date line in Samoa, rolls around the globe, then finishes in American Samoa 38 hours later.

The service lasts about an hour, and a light lunch will follow. Please put 6 March in your diary and come along to meet men and women from churches across Beckenham.

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 25 February  
Join us in the Hall

7.45 pm. Praise and Worship

8.00 pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant. Fr Uduak Abara,  
Beckenham Hill

Followed by Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with healing ministry

10.00 pm. Evening concludes

## SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a number of activities for youth and young adults.

For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at [tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://tinyurl.com/scysnetwork).

For queries on youth activities email [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)

## LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Archbishop John Wilson will preside at a Lent reconciliation service at St George's Cathedral at **6pm on Friday 27 March**. All are welcome to encounter the peace and healing mercy of the Lord Jesus.

## MASS AND READINGS

Many parishioners already use the Universalis website to access the daily readings.

There is also a Universalis app for iPhone/iPad and Android, which gives all the readings for each day and a lot more besides: <https://www.universalis.com/n-apps.htm>

## MOTHERS DAY

Sunday 15 March is Mothers Day.

Do come along to the Parish Hall after 9:30am Mass to enjoy some well deserved coffees, croissants and other treats.



## MASSES

<b>Sun 1 March</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
6.00 pm VIGIL	Joe Nolan RIP
8.00 am	For the people
9.30 am	Michael Hanrahan RIP
	Enrollment Mass for the Confirmation Course
11.00 am	Marie-Therese Sinon RIP
5.30 pm	Aquilina Pampin Mosquera RIP
<b>Mon 2 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9-9.45 am	<b>Exposition</b>
10.00 am	For God's mercy on my soul - Isaac
10.45 am	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>Tues 3 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9-9.45 am	<b>Exposition</b>
10.00 am	Enam Abonie-Farmer (b'day thanksgiving)
<b>Wed 4 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9-9.45 am	<b>Exposition</b>
10.00 am	Ints of the Oksana family
10.40 am	Stations of the Cross
<b>Thurs 5 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.45 am	<b>Exposition</b>
10.00 am	Denise dos Santos Zanardine RIP
10.40 am	Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm CLAVER	Adoration and Benediction
<b>Fri 6 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.30 am	<b>Rosary</b>
10.00 am	Ef시오 Floris RIP
10.45 am	Adoration
3.00 pm CLAVER	Stations of the Cross
6.15 pm	Stations of the Cross
7.00 pm	S Taylor (b'day thanksgiving)
<b>Sat 7 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.45 am	<b>Exposition</b>
10.00 am	Gerry Bowyer RIP
6.00 pm VIGIL	Joan Walsh RIP
<b>Sun 8 March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
8.00 am	Ints of Christine Beedle
9.30 am	Alan Chin RIP
11.00 am	Michael Dowler RIP
	First Scrutiny
5.30 pm	Valerie Parker RIP

Please read this schedule carefully as the times of Exposition and the Rosary have changed.

## RECONCILIATION

Confessions are every Saturday from 10.30 – 11.00 am and 5.00 – 5.55 pm.



## We pray for all our parishioners –

**The recently deceased:** Margaret Lilley, Marc Frederick Vinay, Gordon James Walsh, Rose Elgar, Patricia Weal.

**Those whose anniversaries are at this time:** George Halpin, Terry Davies, Joseph Duong, Margaret Fennessy, Phyllis 'Betty' Hanifan, Anna Mansfield, Jean Porter, Dan Lodi Ferrari, Olga Brookes, Elizabeth Conrath, Barbara Mary Cole, Leah Clent, Gerry Bowyer, Frances Carroll, Eamon McGrath.

**Those recently in ill health:** Chris Elgar, Maureen Pinkett, Catherine McLaughlin, Albie Houghton, Peter Anthony Jones, Henry Ginn, Margaret Mattison, Elias Tchamba, Paul Hixson.

**And all those suffering with long term sickness.**

May the Lord bless them and keep them – Amen.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation in the hall every Monday from 5.30-6.20 except 2nd Mondays. Quiet Monday in the hall on second Mondays from 5.30 - 6.20 - see flyer in porch.

Please note the need to arrive promptly and respect the need for silence.

**Contemplative Saturday on 28 February from 11-12 in the Hall.**

## DIARY

### March

2nd Monday at 6.00 in the Hall Meeting Room  
6th Friday - World Day of Prayer

### April

18th A fundraising quiz for Deacon Sean's charity in Ghana - **NEWT**

### May

16th Parish Spring Fair