

Prayer in preparation for Synod 2021

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways, to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. John Henry Newman,
Pray for us.

Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey
Deacons: Rev. Adrian Anwyl
Rev. Sean O'Donovan
Rev. Tony Downes

The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp and St. Paschal Baylon Lamp can be lit for your intentions. Please contact the parish office—donation £5.

Office Hours

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Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.



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7th March, 2021 Year B
Third Sunday of Lent Psalter Week 3

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the Temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

We apologise when times and Mass intentions occasionally need to be changed at short notice for Requiem Masses etc.

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	6th	5.30pm	Sandra Wibberley & family
Sunday	7th	9.30am	Peter Easton RIP
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	8th	7.00am	Maria Gordon RIP
Tuesday	9th	9.10am	Doreen McNicholas RIP
Wednesday	10th	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		6.45pm	Brian Holman RIP
Thursday	11th	10.00am	Requiem Mass Joyce Mackereth
Friday	12th	11.30am	Rosary
		12.00pm	Bexley's Butchers

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	13th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	14th	9.30am	Josephine Jones
		11.00am	Joan Palin RIP

Masses received this week: Frank & Tony Hunter, Angela Mullen RIP

Enrolled into Mass Association this week: Ann Lewis Birthday RIP, Tony Newby RIP, Raymond Dunphy.

We entrust these and all our Intentions to the heart of our community of prayer.

***The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for:
Lena Tallom***



Before you arrive

- You should stay at home if you are unwell. Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and live-streaming of Masses will continue.
- You will need to bring your own face covering. All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times when on the premises.

When you arrive

- You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward and asked give contact details if you do not have the Track and Trace app on your phone.
- You will be directed to the hand sanitiser and then to a bench. It may not be where you usually sit.
- You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place.
- Toilets will remain closed at all times, except for a genuine emergency
- The Piety Stall will be closed.

After Mass

- Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.
- Use only the designated exit.
- Strictly no gathering in the church porch or on church property for conversations.***
- Please continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.

Whilst we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Track & Trace - The NHS QR code is available to use. If you cannot scan the code please sign the form in the Church porch leaving your details.



Lent is now upon us

During Lent we are once more invited to ponder afresh our relationship with God. Our Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to do some serious soul searching as this alone can lead us to inner freedom and peace.

Below is our Lenten programme for 2021

Early Risers' Mass: Monday 7.00am

(This will replace the 7.00pm Monday evening mass throughout the season of Lent.)

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 6.00pm, followed by Mass at 6.45pm

The Rosary will be said half an hour before Mass each Friday during Lent.

During Lent a box for Lenten Alms will be out in the church porch

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Pastoral Area Lenten Activities

Each **Thursday** in Lent there is an opportunity to begin the day with **Mass at 7.15am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (L25 2RW)**
All are welcome

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Second Collection - Sunday 14th March 2021

There will be an additional collection next week for the work of **Nugent**

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LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Baby Bethan Cooper, Mrs Sue Williams, Matthew Goodwin, Michael Fardey, Josephine Smith, Mrs Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Jean Withers.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Joyce Mackereth and Janet Barker. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: June Coultas, Paul Jennings, Dennis Brookman, Elizabeth Black.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Due to practicalities, anniversaries will be noted in the newsletter for up to 5 years after death. Thereafter they will be remembered in the priest's private prayer.

Weekly Collection:

Many thanks, your contributions are very much appreciated. You can now also donate on-line via the Parish website: www.ckandol.org If you would like to donate via Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office for a form.

Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes

Message to all red box holders: Due to the present restrictions your collector will be just delivering your Missio magazine, plus a leaflet which suggests other ways you may like to give, either in the long or short term. If you mention that you belong to Christ The King Childwall then your donation will be added to the annual parish total. If you prefer to keep adding to your box it will be collected when restrictions are lifted (hopefully by the Summer mailing). Thank you for your continued support. **Angela Burjony**

Saints of the Day

8th March -St John of God. John (1495-1550), the founder of the Brothers Hospitallers was born in Portugal. He joined mercenaries and fought for Spain against the French and the Turks. In the army he gave up practice of religion. He left the army and worked as a shepherd. At the age of forty he was converted to a life of dedication to the service of God. In Gibraltar he became a peddler of religious books and pictures and later opened a shop in Granada. He suffered a period of apparent madness and ran through the streets giving away all his books. St John of Avilla calmed him and persuaded him to devote his energies to the poor and sick. His final illness was brought on through rescuing a drowning man in a flood. He died before the altar of his hospital chapel aged 55. After his death rules were drawn up by his followers, who took vows and became a Religious Order.

9th March– St Frances of Rome. Born in 1384 she is an Italian saint who was a wife, mother, mystic, organiser of charitable services and a Benedictine oblate. Frances founded a religious community of oblates, who shared a common life without religious vows. She died on March 9, 1440 in Rome.

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Christian Leadership Formation Programme

A fully-sponsored course to forge the next generation of Christian Leaders

If you are in Lower Sixth, you love God, and want to make a difference this course is for you! For information and an application pack visit:
www.christianheritagecentre.com

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CADOD - WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE

Could you walk alongside Abdella this Lent by challenging yourself to walk 10,000 steps every day during Lent? You could get sponsored and donate any money raised to CAFOD's Lenten Appeal.

The national Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th—18th March 2021 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. In this Year dedicated to St Joseph, the Mill Hill missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from St Joseph's Church will be available to follow on Zoom and YouTube via the parish website: stjosephsparish.co.uk and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet. You can join in by praying the daily novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW, or email novenamhm@gmail.com.**

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Peter's Pence Collection: Archbishop Malcolm would like to pass on his thanks, and those of the Apostolic Nuncio, for the archdiocese's contribution towards the support of the Holy See. The amount raised was £6,365.90.

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Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio—www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience—they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website.

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WELCOME BACK: This week we welcome back our parish schools with the hope that all will be back to normal. We pray that despite this turbulent year, the success of unity and development of each child to their full potential will still be attained.