



First Sunday in Lent – Year C

8th – 9th March 2025

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 8	11am 5pm	People of the Parish Francisco & Anastasia De Araujo RIP
Sun 9	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Dc'sd Friends & Family – Saverimuttu Family Jothi Pragasam RIP Doreen Hanrahan – Birthday Thanksgiving Jorge Manuel Delgado Oliveira RIP
Mon 10	9.30am 10.30am	Jimmy Scullion RIP FUNERAL – DIANE SANDEMAN RIP
Tues 11	9.30am.	Alice Pereira (Intention)
Wed 12	9.30am	Kaiden Pereira – Birthday Thanksgiving
Thur 13	9.30am	Bartholomew Fernandes RIP
Fri 14	9.30am	Denia Abayasinghe RIP
Sat 15	11am 5pm	Ted Walsh RIP People of the Parish
Sun 16	8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Ruth O'Leary RIP Anthonythas Anto Renin RIP Deceased members of the Early Family Abina, Denis & all the McGillicuddy Family RIP

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the soul of Bartholomew Fernandes RIP

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturdays 9.30am to 10.45am

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.15am

Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am

St Anthony Devotion: Tuesday 10am

Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am

Polish Mass: Sundays 1.00pm

Ukrainian Mass: 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm

Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sunday 2.30pm

Filipino Mass: 4th Saturday 3pm

Nigerian Mass: 4th Sunday 2.30pm

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 8.30am – 4pm,

Wed & Fri: 8.30am-1.00pm

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Frances of Rome (1384-1440)

Patroness of Benedictine Oblates, 9th March

"Humility is the foundation of all virtues ."

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

In Luke 4:1-13, we see Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, being led into the wilderness, where He fasts for forty days and is tempted by the devil. This passage is rich with meaning, demonstrating Jesus' obedience, the power of Scripture, and the nature of true dependence on God.

The wilderness experience mirrors Israel's forty years of testing in the desert, yet where Israel failed, Jesus remains faithful. Satan tempts Jesus in three ways—through physical need (turning stones into bread), power and glory (worshiping Satan for authority), and testing God's protection (jumping from the temple). Each temptation targets human weaknesses: desire for security, control, and self-exaltation. However, Jesus resists by relying on God's Word, quoting Scripture to refute each of Satan's offers.

Jesus' responses teach us that reliance on God is more important than satisfying physical needs. He shows that true power comes not from worldly authority but from worshiping God alone. Finally, He demonstrates that faith is not about testing God's promises but trusting in His will. This passage challenges us to consider how we handle temptation. Do we prioritize comfort over obedience? Do we seek power and control instead of submitting to God? Are we guilty of trying to manipulate God rather than trusting Him? Jesus' example calls us to stand firm in faith, resist temptation through Scripture, and lean on the Holy Spirit for strength. Ultimately, Luke 4:1-13 reminds us that temptation is not a sign of weakness but an opportunity for faithfulness. As Jesus overcame through God's Word, so too can we, knowing that He has already won the victory over sin and Satan.

Have a blessed week.

Deacon Rolly

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Isabelio Luis Fernandes, Diane Sandeman whose Funeral is on **Monday 10th March at 10.30am**, Maria Vail whose Funeral is on **Friday 21st March at 12.30pm** and Theresa Thomas, and we also pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in peace.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91;
2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13; Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday of Lent p. 156

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
2nd Reading: Phillipians 3:17, 4:1; Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

FR ANDREW BATARE – A warm welcome to our new Assistant Priest, Fr Andrew (from the Diocese of Bauchi, Nigeria). We look forward to working with him and trust he will enjoy his ministry with us. He is looking forward to meeting you all.

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP - Every Monday during Lent, starting from **10th March** there will be a small faith-sharing group in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass. If you would like to be a part of this group please let Florie know. It will last 45minutes to an hour. We will be following a Diocesan Lenten resource “We Dare to Hope”. This will be led by a member of the Pastoral Team.

CAFOD – BIG LENT WALK - The walks will take place on the following **Wednesdays** in Lent at **10.30am**:

- 12th March Hatton Cemetery**
- 19th March Powder Mill Lane Cemetery**
- 26th March Feltham Cemetery**
- 2nd April Hounslow Cemetery**
- 9th April Bedfont Cemetery**
- 16th April Hanworth Crematorium.**

We will start with a short prayer by the grotto then walk to the cemetery, say the rosary and walk back finishing with a prayer at the grotto. This will be followed by a soup lunch in the Parish Centre.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION – Please donate to the Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You’ll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **The Fast Day is on Friday 14th March**

CARDINAL’S LENTEN APPEAL - This Holy Year invites us to be ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Donation envelopes are available, and you can also contribute online www.rcdow.org.uk/donations using the QR code on poster in porch and by sacristy. You can also place your donations in the Wall Box by the door to the sacristy. Thank you for your kindness and support.

DON’T FORGET - exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday 8.30-9.15am
Stations of the Cross Fridays 10am and Saturdays 11.30am

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

- Confirmation Group 1** – Thursday 13th March at 6.30pm
- First Holy Communion** – Saturday 15th March – Yr 6+ meet at 1.00pm and Year 3 at 3.00pm
- Walk with Jesus** – after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 16th March
- Baptism:** The next Baptism Preparation Class in on Thursday 13 March. Please note that the sacrament of Baptism will not take place during Lent.
- Marriage:** If you are planning on getting married in this country or abroad, we require a minimum of six clear months notice in order to complete all the paperwork in time for your wedding. Please do not book your reception venues, etc before first contacting the priest.
- Sick, housebound or in hospital:** Please contact one of the clergy or the Sisters if you would like a visit or anointing of the sick.

LOURDES 2025 – BOOKINGS OPEN!

I am delighted to announce that the booking system for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is now open. To book yourselves, please use the following steps:

Access the website via <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>
Read the information, then click ‘I’m ready to complete the form now’, and follow the instructions.

Please choose the ‘Feltham – 6 day’ as the name of the parish, travelling by air, and staying at the Hotel Padoue. Initially, you will pay your £50 diocesan levy online, then Tangney Tours will invoice you for the remainder of the costs.

For our parish, Flights and accommodation at the Padoue will cost £1,081, with a single room supplement of £210, or you can share with another pilgrim without paying this supplement. We hope to do some fundraising to bring this cost down as much as possible. Finally, if you would like Fr Mike to assist you with the booking, he is hosting two open days, **Tuesday 11th March, 10.00am – 2.30pm**, and **Saturday 15th March, 12.30am - 4pm**, in the Presbytery. Please drop in and he will do his best to assist you, bringing your General Practitioner details with you, as well as payment for the £50 diocesan levy. You will need a valid Passport and EHIC/GHIC Health Insurance Card to complete the booking, and for travel to Lourdes, please bring these with you also. Again, if you need assistance with this, Fr Mike will be able to help.

CAFOD – Tell your MP you oppose Aid Cuts - Last Tuesday the Prime Minister announced that the aid budget will be cut again, meaning that it will be at its lowest level since 1999. The result will be that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. www.action.cafod.org.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

1st-2nd March

Loose £1,700.90 Envelopes £347.80 **Total £2,048.70**

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