

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR C**

26th and 27th March 2016

*Psalter Week 3*

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**THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*(A member of Churches Together in Bellingham)*

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## MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 9:15am  
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Hymns  
Sunday: 8:30am; Said Mass  
10:30am Family Sung Mass

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon to Fri (Except First Friday): 8:00am

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri Adoration:** 9:45am to 3:30pm

## MORNING PRAYERS:

Monday to Friday: 8.45am

**ROSARY:** Monday to Friday: 9:45am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:15pm

## WEEKLY OFFICE SURGERY

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 7.00pm

## PARISH SECRETARY

Ann Williams

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## WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS

### PARISH MASS BOOK

This weekend is Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year C. The readings are on page 223 for the Easter Vigil and page 258 for Easter Sunday in the Parish Mass Book.

### RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER AT THE EASTER VIGIL

**Reader:** Lord, hear our prayer;  
**All:** through the risen Christ.

### RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER EASTER SUNDAY

**Reader:** Hear us, O Lord;  
**All:** let your light shine upon us.

### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Frank Holmes, Connie Brewer, Catherine Simmons, Marie Avis, Yolanda Whitcher, Mary Smith, Paul Driscoll, Pat Driscoll, Phylis Gray, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadatte Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Doris Dalylish, Mary O'Regan, Macdara Keane, Peggy Margaret Davies and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Marcia Veronica Grant, Malcolm Tottman, Lil Costelloe, Kathleen Gill, Hazel Kennedy, Rachel Cavedaschi, Beatrice Beirne, Teresa Driscoll, Margaret Corcoran (Peggy), Therese Farina, Bill Moriarty, Janet Duffet, Michael Della Camera

### OUR PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, look in love upon our homes, our families and our communities. Raise up from among us worthy priests to preach the Gospel to all peoples, to minister at your altar, and to care for your flock. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There is no children's liturgy over the Easter weekend. Children's liturgy will resume on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. We wish all the catechists and the children and joy filled Easter.

### LENTEN ALMS

The Holy Souls box at the back of the Church is now collecting for Lenten Alms.

### COLLECTIONS

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	£595.82	£368.83
Parish Repair Fund	£149.22	£83.20
Thank you all for your generosity		

The second collection this weekend, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March and next weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April is for the Parish Repair Fund. Please be generous.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER AND ADORATION

There will be a Divine mercy prayer and adoration every Monday to Friday from 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the parish. Interested parishioners are welcome to join in the prayer and adoration.

### READERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Saturday 8.00pm Kath Hutton, Teresa Tagg, Dennis Simmonds and CJ Peter Etuokwu  
Sunday 8.30am Paul Spong and Carol Roycroft  
Sunday 10.30am Fidelis Iwu (Senior) and Godwin Benin

### READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

Saturday 6.00pm Mary Malham and Stuart McLaughlin  
Sunday 8.30am Gina Percival and Sheila Anderson  
Sunday 10.30am Mma Ezeonyeasi and Ife Ezeonyeasi

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Saturday 8.00pm Lumi Henshaw, Susan Longhurst, Joseph Soupe, Blurette Soupe  
Sunday 8.30am Alison Olisa and Josephine Oluborode  
Sunday 10.30am Jean Nwankwo and Liz Humphrey

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

Saturday 6.00pm Theresa Ofor and Vivien Singleton  
Sunday 8.30am Rose Nfonsam and Matilda Assibi  
Sunday 10.30am Gloria Ezeonyeasi and Prudencia Ebirilem

### CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Team A: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.00am Matilda Assibi, Moses Ngoh, Alison Olisa, Blurette Soupe, Patricia Okolo, Rosemarie Uwaegbulem  
Team B: 8<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm Cynthia Solomon, Grace McDonald, Maria White, Celine Umeh

DATES	FEASTS	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm Mass	Vigil Mass: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, Year C	Annie and Thomas Masterson RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 8.30am Mass	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year C	Therese Farina RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am Mass	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year C	UCM
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Thanksgiving for Kingsley Okafor's family
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am Mass	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> 9.15am Mass	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Paul and Lumi Henshaw private intentions
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> 9.15am Mass	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Valerie McFadden RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6.00pm Mass	Vigil Mass: Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C	1. Beatrice Beirne and all deceased members of the Beirne family 2. Princess Irene Henshaw RIP
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8.30am Mass	Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Mass	Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C	

#### RCIA PROGRAMME

This RCIA programme is for adults who are not baptised or who have been baptised in other churches and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Those people interested in the RCIA programme, classes for initiation next year, in 2017, will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in the Parish Room.

#### SUGGESTION BOX

There is a suggestion box at the back of the Church, please leave any suggestions you may have so that we may become a collaborative parish.

#### \*\*\*50-50 WINNERS

The March winners are:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	No. 145	Grace McDonald	£25
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	No. 115	Teresa Bostwick	£10

#### RED MISSION BOXES

Please bring your red mission box to the repository to be emptied during the month of March. Thank you for all your help.

#### INFANT BAPTISM CLASSES

Baptism classes will take place every second Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Parish Room.

#### UCM GENERAL ELECTION

Please be informed that the Union of Catholic Mothers will have their general election of officers on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

#### BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL VACANCIES

There are various job vacancies at Bishop Challoner School. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

#### COMBONI MISSIONARY'S APPRECIATION

Fr John Downey from the Comboni Missionaries would like to communicate their thanks for all your prayers and wonderful generosity.

#### EASTER OFFERING

As way of showing appreciation to our priest, the Easter offering is your personal gift to your Parish Priest. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Envelopes for this offering are available at the back of the Church. If you are a tax payer and you wish that the parish claim the tax on your donation, you may please kindly complete the gift aid section at the back of the envelopes with your offering in it. For all those who are registered as a gift aider, your Easter offering envelope is in your gift aid pack for the current year.

#### \*\*\*ALTAR SERVERS' RALLY 2016

Southwark Altar Servers Annual Rally takes place at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. Please see the poster at the back of the Church and contact john.bonnici@btopenworld.com to register.

#### \*\*\*BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

This weekend, being the fourth weekend of the month, we shall be praying for all those who celebrate their birthday in the month of March at all the masses.

#### \*\*\*FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The next first Friday Adoration will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April from 10am to 3.40pm. Interested parishioners are welcome to please write their names against the time they will be available in the church for the Adoration on the sheet at the back of the Church. It will be concluded with Divine Mercy Prayer.

#### \*\*\*YOUTH MINISTRY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please will all youth of the parish take a form from the back of the Church and return it completed to Fr Sam. Many thanks.

#### EASTER TALKS AT AMIGO HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Please see the poster at the back of the Church publicising a series of talks on well-known saints of mercy.

#### \*\*\*EASTER WEEK

There will no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before mass Monday to Friday this week.

#### \*\*\*HAPPY EASTER GREETINGS

Wishing all our parishioners and their families a Happy Easter filled with joy and hope.

#### REFLECTION

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!