

BAPTISM: baptisms should take place as soon as possible, preferably within weeks of the birth. Those wishing to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office to register for the course of instruction.

A BIG THANK YOU from the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) for your generosity, £1749.03 was raised at the Second Collection, on weekend of 9/10 February. **ELDERLY LADY** living in Brunswick Rd/Lynwood Rd area, would like a lift to Mass, preferably 6pm on Saturday evening. Please contact the parish office if you can be of assistance.

NO GREATER LOVE – A six part Bible Study series in preparation for Easter. A Biblical walk through Christ’s Passion. Beginning Friday 8 March. To register please see forms in porches or contact the parish office. (020 8862 2160)

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS (CCJ) ‘JUDAISM despite CHRISTIANITY’ A study on the work of Franz Rosenzweig, on the Jewish Christian relationship & his correspondence with Eugen Rosenstock-Hussey. Presented by Dom Alexander Bevan, Wed 13 March at 8pm, Emmanuel Church, High St., Northwood. Followed by light refreshments. Entry donation £3 Please see posters for further information

PITZHANGER MANOR & GALLERY will open to the public on Sat 16 March. Pls see notice boards for info on the **Poster Competition** for children under 16yrs. Prizes will be awarded for the winning design.

ROMERO WEEK 2019 Two national events leading up to 39th Anniversary of St. Oscar Romero’s martyrdom – **Sat 16 March** 11am St Martin-in-the-fields Church, National Ecumenical Service. **Saturday 23 March** 12.30pm St. George’s Cathedral, Archdiocese of Southwark, Feast day Mass & blessing of Romero Shrine. For further info visit

<http://www.romerotrue.org.uk/news/romero-week-2019>

EALING COMMON CHOIR’S concert Sat 16 March, St. Matthew’s Church, North Common Road, Maurice Durufle’s **Requiem** and Morten Lauridsen’s **Lux Aeterna**. Tickets £12 at the door.

LONDON 40s CATHOLIC GROUP invites visitors & members of the Congregation attending 6pm Mass on Fri 22 March to join them afterwards at Questors Theatre “The 39 Steps” by Patrick Barlow. Details from www.questors.org.uk/39steps

PETROS SINGERS Concert on Sat 23 March, 7.30pm St. James Church Piccadilly. Brahms **Ein Deutsches Requiem**. Enquiries to tickets@petrossingers.org

BOOK CIRCLE next meets at 8.15 pm on Wednesday 20th March in the coffee bar to discuss *The Vicar of Wakefield* by Oliver Goldsmith. All welcome.

EALING CHORAL SOCIETY presents the *St. John Passion* of J. S. Bach at Cadogan Hall, Sloane Square 7pm on Sat 23 March. Tickets available from www.cadoganhall.com <http://ealingccc.org.uk>, email info@ealingccc.org.uk or call 020 8997 2589

FLOWERS: By tradition flowers are not placed in the church during Lent. To arrange for flowers at Easter in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, pls contact the parish office.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH? Our Landings group may provide you with the welcome you need. Call 07949 089202 for further information.

EALING ABBEY COUNSELLING SERVICE: a non-denominational counselling service offering 1:1 and couples’ counselling at 1a Montpelier Avenue. For appointments call 020 8998 3361 or email: counselling@eacs.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: our parish offers a confidential bereavement support service for anyone who would like help in their grief. Please telephone 020 8862 2167 or 020 8862 2160 where you can also leave a message

10th March 2019



*‘The kingdoms of the world
can be yours.’ - - -*

*‘Do not put the Lord your God
to the test.’*

**1st Sunday of Lent
Year C**

Ealing Abbey
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Divine Office
The Monastic Liturgy of the Hours

		Weekday	Saturday
Matins	Sunday	6.00 am	6.30 am
Lauds		7.35 am	7.35 am
Terce	7.35 am	9.00 am	
Vespers		6.35 pm	5.30 pm
Compline	6.00 pm	8.00 pm	
Vigil			7.30 pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday:	10-11am, 4-5pm, 7-7.25pm
Thursday:	8.00-8.30 pm
Fridays in Lent	5.30-5.55pm

Rosary

After 9.15am Mass
Monday-Saturday

Sunday Mass

8.00 am	(Latin 1 st Sunday of the month)
9.00 am	(with children’s liturgy)
10.15 am	(Family Mass in Abbey Hall)
10.30 am	(Choral Mass)
12 noon	(Sung Mass)
7.00 pm	(Young People’s Mass)

Weekday Masses

7.00 am	(with the Monastic Community)
9.15 am	(8.45am Friday in term-time)
6.00 pm	

Saturday Mass

7.00 am	
9.15 am	(with the Monastic community)
6.00pm	(Vigil Mass of Sunday)

PARISH LUNCH & RAFFLE

On Sunday 31 March in aid of the Lenten Appeal ‘Papyrus’ at 1pm in the hall
Tickets available from the Bookshop and Parish Office.

LENT 2019

Please see parish noticeboards for special services and other events
during Lent this year. Leaflets also available in both porches.

Dear Parishioner,

I had to have three goes at making presentable and edible pancakes for supper last Tuesday. ‘Why am I finding this so difficult,’ I asked myself, ‘I’ve done it countless times before and with little or no effort?’ It certainly was an effort in between work and a school Spring concert but I did persevere and got there in the end, just. The traditional practices of Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras moving and merging into the austerities of Lent did however make me think of Pieter Bruegel’s sixteenth century painting ‘*Fight Between Carnival and Lent*’, which I was instantly able to revisit courtesy of Google and Wikipedia. The painting depicts the contrasting foods of Carnival and Lent jousting, with King carnival rolling along on a barrel of beer holding out a spit lined with various meats and wearing a pie as a hat; by contrast, Lady Lent is carrying a wooden paddle with two fish and she is wearing on her head a beehive, a symbol of the church; she is painted in the form of an emaciated nun, pulled along by a monk and a pious laywoman. One interpretation – and there are several – suggests that Bruegel’s intention was not to denounce Carnival nor to suggest that Lent was the better of the two; rather he was offering the idea that in some respects Carnival and Lent are the natural extremes of our human existence, as life contains both, and not always and everywhere in equal measure. There is a couple in the centre of the painting, being led along by a jester carrying a light even though it is in the middle of the day. Perhaps they are there as a symbol of moderation in the midst of extremes.

The Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent is always an account of the temptation of Jesus, offering an opportunity to begin Lent reflecting on our own human frailty, and using it as a kind of ‘desert time’, an opportunity to see whether and how the extremes depicted in Bruegel’s image might just be reflected, if just a very little, in our own lives. There is the slightest hint in the picture that the couple in the centre are themselves being tempted to veer off in the direction of Carnival, which is why Lenten observance of ‘prayer, fasting and good works’ requires very real and sustained effort if we are to avoid giving into the temptations that vie for our attention. For me at least, it certainly requires an effort far in excess of that needed for making the perfect pancake.

Yours in Christ

Deacon Alex

Please pray for those who died recently, including:

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Tatenda Kamasho, Paul Quinn, Pauline Housset, Elizabeth Arden, Sidonie Foley, Angela Bifulco, William Blake, John Dutton, Evelyn McGeeney, Rienzle Alles, Helen Shabaznia, Andreas Selibio, John Bridges, Alicia Ruffell, Mary Gordon, James Cogswell, Lillie Russell, John Gallagher, Peggy Higgins, Bertha Dias, Frances Shaw, Sheila Keating, Nicola Marcantonio, Frank Burke, Francis Pereira, Jacoba Hewish, Jacques Berger, Janet McKinley, Wallace Martin, Robert Young, Frances Carter, Margaret Ferrari, Nora Heidler, Maria Iglesias, Ivan Mowczan, Patricia Kiff & Dom Philip Pickering OSB.

Sunday 10th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

CIVIC MASS at 10.30 am.

Monday 11th March

BRIDGE CLUB at 6.30 pm in the Bulbeck Room.

BINGO at 8.30 pm in the parish hall.

TAIZE PRAYER GROUP meets at 8.30pm in the Newman Chapel.

All are welcome.

Tuesday 12th March

TODDLERS’ CLUB at 9.45 am in the parish hall.

SENIOR CITIZENS’ SOCIAL CLUB at 1.00 pm in the coffee bar.

TUESDAY CATECHESIS for children attending non-Catholic primary schools 4-5 pm in the parish hall/Bulbeck Room. **Not** meeting today.

MEDITATION GROUP at 6.30 pm in the Bulbeck Room.

EXTRA MEETING for families with members who have special needs at 7pm in the Benet Club to plan the Liturgy for Lent.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Parents meet at 8.15pm in the hall.

Wednesday 13th March

CARE MASS at 11.30 am in the Bulbeck Room.

BIBLE STUDY 1.30-2.30pm in the hall.

LAY PLAINCHANT CHOIR meets at 6.30 pm for 6.40 start in the Bulbeck Room. For further information see the website: www.ealpc.org

Thursday 14th March

TODDLERS’ CLUB at 9.45 am in the parish hall.

LECTIO DIVINA at 10 am in the Bulbeck Room.

MEDITATION GROUP at 11.15 am in the Bulbeck Room.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8.15 to 9pm.

Friday 15th March

DAY OF PRAYER for victims of sexual abuse.

CAFOD FAST DAY – please take an envelope for your offering.

NO GREATER LOVE part 2 of six-part biblical walk through Christ’s Passion, 7.30-9pm in the hall.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 9.45am to 12.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 1.30pm and 8.15pm.

CONFESSIONS 5.30-5.55 pm.

Saturday 16th March

CATHOLICISM for seekers and those wishing to join the Catholic Church from 10.30 am in the Bulbeck Room and coffee bar.

LENTEN LITURGY for Families with members who have special needs at 1.45 pm in the coffee lounge – all welcome.

Sunday 17th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

FOODBANK COLLECTION please do not leave donations after 1pm. See posters for most needed foods.