

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week's dedication is for: Donal O'Sullivan (RIP)

### Mass Intentions for 1st March to 8th March 2020

<b>This SUNDAY</b>	<b>5.30 pm (Sat)</b>	Ainsley, Claire & Henry Maull (RIP)
<b>1st March 2020</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>First Communion Mass of Enrolment</b>
<b>1st Sunday of Lent Year A</b>		Steve Howley (RIP)
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Barbara Smith (RIP)
<b>Monday 2nd March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Ollie Curran (RIP)
	<b>1.00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday 3rd March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Pat Walsh (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 4th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Mary Mulligan (Intentions)
<b>Thursday 5th March</b>	<b>NO MASS HERE TODAY</b> <b>(Sacred Heart, Ruislip - 10.00am)</b>	
<b>Friday 6th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Ollie Curran (RIP)
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 7th March</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	Morning Prayer
	<b>10.00 am</b>	Brother Timothy (Intentions)
	<b>10.30-11.00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>		
<b>8th March 2020</b>	<b>5.30 pm (Sat)</b>	Bert Lawless (RIP)
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent Year A</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Ollie Curran (RIP)
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Laurence O'Dwyer (RIP)

**Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays after morning mass or  
From 4.30pm to 5.15pm Saturday evening.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:-** Tony Johnson, Liam Warren, Micah McKennon, Mary Temple, Nicola Teune, Michael Clough, Denise Busby, Sylvia Bryant, Bridget Finch, Angie Webster, Michael Mangan, Mary Wallace, Kevin Ryan, Theresa Brent, Anne-Marie Henry, Barbara Hayes, Tom Hennessy, Breda O'Sullivan, Nora Demello, Ron Crann, John McEvoy, Donna White, Peggy McNicholas, Bruno Bragoli, Renelle Nedd, Gillian Burke, Keith Murray, Mary Xavier, Alan Downes, John Higgins, Maxi Giambrone, Theresa Blackman, David Cullen, Mary O'Regan, Anne-Marie Osborne, Paul Doyle, Nollaig Donegan, Pat Naylor, Jean Hoggart, Louisa Metcalfe.  
*(Please tell us when people can be taken off this list).*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME, WE ALSO REMEMBER AT THIS**

**TIME:-** Donal O'Sullivan, Ainsley, Claire & Henry Maull, Steve Howley, Barbara Smith, Ollie Cullen, Pat Walsh, Alice Townsend.



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**1ST MARCH 2020  
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A  
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### Parish Team

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As we hear the gospel of the Temptations of Jesus in the desert we may be tempted to think: 'but these temptations are not very hard...I suffer temptations way worse or more difficult to resist than these...Jesus had it easy...' However, the readings always point to something much deeper than the initial literal meaning. The whole setting of the temptations points to the depth of the battle that Jesus goes through. He lives in his flesh the difficulties and suffering of his people, Israel. They spent forty years in the desert, Jesus spends forty days.

**The first temptation** is that of bread, but not just merely having something to eat immediately. It is the temptation to secure one's life, amassing material things trying to find fulfilment in them. The people of Israel ask Moses why did you take us from Egypt to bring us into the desert, we, our children and our cattle? To die hunger and thirst? Jesus answers to this temptation with the word that God gives his people in the desert: that we do not live on bread alone, but on the word of God, who wills our existence and without whom we would cease to exist.

**The second temptation:** Jesus is tempted not to accept his reality, who he is: it is as if the devil says: but you are just the son of a carpenter, no? That is what people think you are...they will never listen to you. Make a show of who you really are: show them you are God. Jump from this height, the angels will catch you...everyone will see and applaud you.'

The people of Israel go through the same temptation. They forgot the miserable life they had as slaves in Egypt, when they were worth nothing. They want to go back and forget about God. Jesus answers the devil with another word that God gave his people in the desert: you shall not put God to the test, doubting that his love is for real.

**The third temptation:** that of idolatry: Jesus is tempted in giving up on God's plans and is 'promised' to get everything from the devil in return, as if the devil really could give Jesus anything he wanted. The same temptation that the people of Israel will have in the desert; looking for an alternative 'God'. Jesus answers the devil with the ultimate commandment, on which all others rely on: 'you shall love the Lord your God and serve him'. As we can see, Jesus is tempted in the same way as we are, but he provides us the means to fight against them. Fasting, to experience that we can live even without so many things we think we depend on, prayer, that we may learn to love God and almsgiving to free us from THE idol.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will again be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like an invitation, please can you let Gillian in the parish office, have the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), by 31st March.

### Hillingdon Deanery Lenten Retreat - Saturday 28th March 10am-3.30pm

Pield Heath House School, Pield Heath Road, Uxbridge UB8 3NW. To book a place please contact Angela on 01895 233193; [angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk).

### World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service for the churches in this area will be held on **Friday 6th March at 3pm** at St Paul's Church, Thurlstone Road, Ruislip Manor HA4 0BP. All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### CAFOD's Family Fast Day Friday 6th March

This Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On Friday 6th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to support CAFOD? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and return next weekend.

### Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in their mission areas, *Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, The Church's Service in Society*. This collection is ongoing through Lent. Please take an envelope and return during Lent.

#### Weddings

Couples wishing to marry here or in any Catholic Church need to give at least six months' notice of their intentions.

#### Red Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to have these dedicated for a week to the memory of a loved one, please contact Gillian in the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £10

#### COLLECTIONS 23/02/2020

Envelopes	£ 364.00
Loose Plate	£ 277.16
Standing Orders	£ 982.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1623.16</b>

#### Parish Registration

If you have recently joined the parish or not completed a Registration Card in the last two years please do so and return it to the presbytery. These cards are available in the porch or from the Parish Office. Our records are referred to for applications for sacramental preparation and school application forms.

## PARISH NOTICES

### SVP News

Our next monthly meeting occurs on Monday evening and, at it, we take stock of where we are with our various initiatives. At the moment, we have 9 initiatives in action (Home, Care Home, Detention Centre and Hospital visits, Foodbank, Bereavement Counselling, Twinning, Mini-Vinnies and Young Persons SVP). We are still trying to launch a 10th initiative - 'Prayer Events' so please say a prayer that this comes true this year. All these initiatives are made possible by the amazing and generous support we receive from you. Be it through your prayers, donations to the SVP Coin Box, donations to the Foodbank and/or donations of volunteering time, you are the bedrock of the team. We sincerely thank you for this ongoing support and please rest assured that we will do our best to put all these donations to the best of use, as Blessed Frederic Ozanam and St Vincent de Paul would want us to do. And one final request of you - please remain 'Aware' of need among us and please get in touch if help is needed - our contact details are - Mob 07563 775 777 or email [info@sypsouthruislip.org.uk](mailto:info@sypsouthruislip.org.uk)

### Baptism Preparation

Thursday 5th March 8pm in the Church hall. Please telephone Gillian at the Presbytery as these meetings are by appointment only.

#### **THIS WEEK**

##### **Sunday 1st March**

5.30 pm (Sat Vigil) Children's Liturgy  
10.00 am Children's Liturgy  
11.00 am Refreshments in hall

##### **Monday 2nd March**

1.00 pm Stations of the Cross  
1.30 pm Monday Club  
6.15 pm Confirmation Session

##### **Wednesday 4th March**

10.45 am Bereavement Drop in  
1.30 pm Knitting / Crochet

##### **Thursday 5th March**

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation

##### **Friday 6th March**

10.30 am Parents & Toddlers  
6.00 pm Young Persons SVP  
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7.45 pm Bible Study Group

##### **Saturday 7th March**

8.30 am Church Cleaning  
9.00 am 1st Communion Class  
12pm-2pm Foodbank

#### **NEXT WEEKEND**

##### **Sunday 8th March**

5.30 pm (Sat Vigil) Children's Liturgy  
10.00 am Children's Liturgy  
11.00 am Refreshments in hall

##### **Monday 9th March**

1.00 pm Stations of the Cross  
1.30 pm Monday Club  
6.15 pm Confirmation Session  
8.00 pm SVP Monthly Meeting

##### **Wednesday 11th March**

10.30 am Refreshments in hall  
1.30 pm Knitting / Crochet

##### **Friday 13th March**

10.30 am Parents & Toddlers  
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7.45 pm Bible Study Group

##### **Saturday 14th March**

8.30 am Church Cleaning  
9.00 am 1st Communion Class  
12pm-2pm Foodbank