

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

A member of the Churches Together in Nunhead and Hatcham



NEWSLETTER

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Confessions: Saturdays 10.00am to 11.00am

Mass Intentions 21 February – 1 March 2009

Sat	21	9.30am	Kenny Holleran RIP
		6.30pm	Alison May Norris RIP
Sun	22	9.00am	Elizabeth Rowe RIP
		10.30am	Ibemere's Family's int
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Betty Horgan sick
Mon	23	9.30am	Michael John Daily ANN
Tue	24	9.30am	Magda's birthday, Margaret & Tom Wyse int
Wed	25	9.30am	Catherine Gabbett 10th ANN, Roger O'Shea ANN
Thur	26	9.30am	Mary Realace int
Fri	27	9.30am	Luke Fenlon sick
Sat	28	9.30am	Betty McGarry RIP
		6.30pm	John Joseph Cronin RIP Kathleen Naughton ANN (Bridie Connollys Mother)
Sun	01	9.00am	Dara Molloy ANN
		10.30am	Fabian Ilo RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Barbara McCann RIP

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It is one of the two fast days of the year when the Church asks us to observe a fast, one main meal and two lesser meals. (Elderly and people on medication are exempt). Masses with the distribution of Ashes will be at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

Extract from the Popes Lenten Message

Dear brothers and sisters, it is good to see how the ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make the complete gift of self to God. May every family and Christian Community use well this time of Lent., therefore, in order to cast aside all the distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, moving it to love of God and Neighbour. I am thinking especially of the greater commitment to prayer, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and active participation in the Eucharist.. With these wishes, while assuring every believer and ecclesial community of my prayer for a fruitful Lenten journey, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing. (for complete message see Vatican Website.)

Lenten Retreat

Fr. Chris McAneny will be leading a mini Parish Retreat during Lent. It will take place on Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 March. The sessions will last for one hour and will be held after the 9.30am Mass. Fr. Chris has kindly agreed to repeat the Retreat for those who can't be present at the morning sessions, on Thursday evenings from 7.30-pm to 8.30pm. The Retreat title is "Come to me all who labour and I will give you rest".

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 6 March

You can pick up gift aid envelopes in the hallway for your contribution to CAFOD. Please give generously to CAFOD's Lent Fast day and bring hope to people living in poverty.

Second Collection for the Cabrini Children's Society

This weekend we have the annual Collection for the Cabrini Children's Society (previously the Catholic Children's Society). Cabrini provides wide ranging services to children, young people, families and to adults with learning disabilities. Cabrini has reached agreement with Archbishop Kevin that all donations received from Parish sources will be held in a restricted fund that will go towards the following work, Neighbourhood projects, Support for schools, Residential Care, Parish work, Post care services, supporting people who were in our care homes.

Churches Together Lenten Reflection Groups

The Lenten groups will meet on the Tuesdays of Lent starting in St. Catherine's on Tuesday 3 March at around 10.15am or so, just after the morning mass in St. Thomas the Apostle. This meeting will alternate each week between St. Catherine's and St. Thomas the Apostle. The evening group will meet each week at St. Catherine's at 7.00pm.

Baptism Classes - Classes on Wednesdays 4 and 11 March

7.00pm. At least one parent of children for Baptism must be Catholic, Baptism or Confirmation Certificate is required.

Nigerian Association Meeting after 10.30am. Mass in Big Hall

Meeting for International Day. See Tony after Mass or call 07716 258 449

CWL Food Bonanza – 22 February

CWL will be holding a food bonanza. There will be cakes and savouries on sale. Please support the CWL and their work in the Parish. Many thanks.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts Sale - 7/8 March after all Masses

Please bring along your unwanted Christmas Gifts.

Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall which opens once a month here in the Parish is looking for helpers, particularly for the 6.30pm Mass. If you can help out, ring 0207 639 5045 and ask for Mary.

RCIA - Meeting on Wednesdays

Please remember the Rite of Election will take place on Saturday 28 February at St. George's Cathedral at 12.30pm. We must be there early if you want to be seated!!

Please Pray For

Please remember to pray for those people who have been bereaved and all who have died recently, including: Elise Alcoba-Perez, Helen Hayes, Alison May Norris, Carol Anne Mitchell, Prince Ajyapong RIP, Sr. Teresa's brother John, Joan Green, Frank Fancett, Peggy Simpson, Bailey Thomas Loader, Julie Shelton, (Breda's Niece), John Imriger, Mary Horsnell, Anne (Nan) King, Margaret Dillon, Kit Murphy, Emma Reidy, Bartley Dean, Hudson Green, Frank Hayes.

Sick

Please remember to pray for all who are sick in our Parish, including: Mrs Angela Roberts, Betty McClain, George Kirby, Alma Fernandez, Margaret and Tom Wyse, Mary Rellis, Caroline Knight, Carline Onyekwere, Sarah Kayaga.

Bishop Challoner Catholic School

228 Bromley Road, Shortlands Kent.
Open mornings 2009 Saturday 7 March, between 9.00am – 12.00 noon. Saturday 10 October 2009 9.00am – 12 noon.

Anniversaries

Mary Modeste, Frank Watson, Avis Simpson, John Payne, Pauline Priestly, Catherine Gabbett, Jeremiah Kelleher, Ann Marie Joyce, James Rogan, Daniel O'Brien, Ellen Golden, Jessie Holmes.

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