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4th Sunday of Lent
10th March 2024

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March for the **New Martyrs** Pope Francis invites prayer “for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.” medical and human care and accompaniment.

Sun 10th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	R & L D’Souza R.I.P.; T Jellie R.I.P. M & P Cahillane R.I.P.; P & N Clifford R.I.P.; A McCaffrey R.I.P.; M Ifechukwu R.I.P.; J O Siribour Int; K Cardozo Int J Okolonji R.I.P.; People of the Parish	
Mon 11th	Lent Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; D & S O’Sullivan Int	
Tues 12th	Lent Feria	E McGovern R.I.P.	
Wed 13th	Lent Feria	M Gorry Int	Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thurs 14th	Lent Feria	F Pereira Int; D Sheehan Int	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Reconciliation 6 p.m.
Fri 15th	Lent Feria	B Cantillon R.I.P.	Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
Sat 16th	Lent Feria	R Connolly Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.
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A New Colour

Why rose vestments today? It is the hope of Easter just around the corner. We are on the way, but not there yet. So we wear the colours of joy. Our joy is from the love which has brought us here and made us the work of art we are. Jesus is lifted up on the cross so we may have life. In all our thoughts on lent and the death of Jesus, we are people of the resurrection.

We have many identities in our lives, but our prime belonging is to God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. This is the life of faith, the life of faith in the heart.

We can often think of God and faith as deadening. Our faith is that he sent his son from love. Jesus is the one who went through all we go through and rose from death. As our faith in this becomes strong, then we find love active from God in our lives. At times when there is little else there, we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Jesus and rise with him. God, being love, promises not an easy life nor magical solutions, but love always.

We live on amazing grace, and the graced light is Christ. Easter is around the corner, if we take a corner too quickly we crash. In life there is often a call to patience. We live in the light of Easter.



***We wish all the mums in our parish a
 Happy Mother's Day***

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Monday 6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

- **Next Baptism** celebration will be next Sunday, 17th March. Preparation session on Wednesday, 13th after evening Mass. All forms must be returned by this weekend.
- **Baptism for April** will be on Sunday 21st after the 11 a.m. Mass

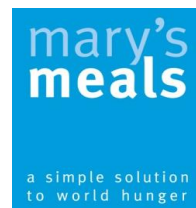
- **Brighton Marathon** is on Sunday 7th April. One of our parishioners Martin Wright has been training for months in preparation for this event. He is very kindly doing it to raise money for our Church hall. Martin attends Saturday evening Mass along with his wife Bonnie. More details on how to sponsor Martin next week.

- **Children's Liturgy:** We would like to resume Children's Liturgy at the 11 a.m. Mass after Easter. (Children's Liturgy is for children from nursery to Year 2) If you would like to help once a month please let Fr Albert or Mary know on 0748460296. Training session for volunteers' tomorrow Monday 11th March at 7 p.m. Thank you to the people who have already volunteered. We have room for more please, come along to the meeting tomorrow evening to find out what's involved.

- **Novena to St Joseph** begins on Monday after mass until his feast day which will be on Tuesday, 19th March. Novena prayers available on our web-site.

- **Date for your Diary:** Lenten Service of Reconciliation on Thursday, 21st March at 7 p.m. Visiting priests available for confession.

- **Bacon & Cabbage** evening next Saturday 16th March. Door opens after evening Mass.



Mary's Meals wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 18 countries it works in. You will find envelopes at the back of church today, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes* into it. Then bring your envelope back into church next weekend. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.

*We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. We feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and

forever. Amen

Parish Finances: Offertory – Envelopes £707

Loose Plate: £931

Thank you for your support

- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk