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Sunday 26th February – 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Our Parish Confirmandi

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm Jim Barnes RIP

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 27th February Lenten Feria
10.00am The Holy Souls

Tuesday 28th February Lenten Feria
10.00am The Holy Souls

Wednesday 1st March St. David
12noon The Holy Souls

Thursday 2nd March Lenten Feria (Latin Mass – Novus Ordo)
10.00am David Kaimal's intentions

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying for vocations to the priesthood concluding with Benediction at 11.45am.

Friday 3rd March Lenten Feria
10.00am The Holy Souls

Followed by Stations of The Cross.

1.30pm Requiem Mass for Pam O'Sullivan RIP

(A day of abstinence when Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat)

Saturday 4th March Lenten Feria
10.00am The Holy Souls

Sunday 5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

9.30am Pam O'Sullivan RIP

11.30am Missa Pro Populo

5.00pm The Holy Souls

4.00pm Stations of the Cross



There are Stations of
The Cross every
Sunday during Lent at
4.00pm and on Friday
mornings following the
10.00am Mass

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 9.00am - 9.20am. & 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.00am

THE ROSARY

is recited daily in the Church Monday - Saturday before Mass and at 4.00pm on Sundays.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACREMENT

Thursday – Exposition from after Mass concluding with Benediction at 11.45am

OF YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Pam O'Sullivan

Her Requiem Mass will take place here this Friday at 1.30pm

May She rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme continues on Saturday mornings at 10.30am

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Our Confirmation group will be meeting today after the after the 9.30 Mass.

TEA AND COFFEE

There is tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays and after Mass on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 9.30am Mass on Sundays

The scene of the temptation, which opens the public life of Jesus, shows us in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ, the new Head of humanity, triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion "the prince of this world" will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ's victory in advance.

The temptations, to which our Lord allowed himself to be submitted, are for us a source of encouragement and consolation. If our Lord and master underwent temptation, we cannot and must not expect to live a Christian life without experiencing similar tests and trials. The three temptations Satan put to our Lord were suggestions to forget his purpose in life--his messianic mission of redemption. He was urged to get all the bodily comforts of life, all the self-glory which men could give him, and all the possessions and power this world has to offer.

Our basic temptations in life are the same: bodily comforts and pleasure, the empty esteem of our fellowman, wealth and power.

Today, let each one of us look into his heart and honestly examine his reaction to these temptations. Do we imitate our Saviour and leader, and say "begone Satan"? Our purpose in life is not to collect its treasures, its honours or its pleasures. We are here for a few short years, to merit the unending life which Christ has won for us. Would we be so foolish as to swap our inheritance for a mere mess of pottage (see Gen. 25:29-34)?

Lent is a golden opportunity to review our past and make sensible resolutions for our future.

By appointing this Gospel for the beginning of Lent the Church proclaims that this victory should be ours also. In us, as all around us, it is Christ's temptation, Christ's struggle, Christ's victory which is prolonged; our effort is His and so is our strength; His will be our victory at Easter.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Today there will be the annual second collection in aid of 'The Clergy Support Fund'. The 'Clergy Support Fund' of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age, retirement and in times of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, his Church and His people.

In 2022 'The Clergy Support Fund' provided care for 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

There are some envelopes at the back of the Church, should you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

Please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers.

HELP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES.

This past week marked the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine. Kingston has opened its arms to welcome people in their hour of need. Over 160 households in the borough have stepped forward to accommodate guests under this programme. Over 370 Ukrainians have now arrived in Kingston borough through the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Kingston Council is very grateful for their support.

They are now looking for new hosts to accommodate guests from Ukraine who have completed their stay with their first host. Could you be a host to an individual or couple or family from Ukraine? Do you have a spare room that you could offer? Hosts under the scheme are eligible for a minimum of £350 per month 'Thank You' payment and ongoing support from Kingston Council.

For more information go to

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/ukraine-1/like-host-guest-ukraine>

A BIBLICAL JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Come and join us for a virtual pilgrimage in Alexander House on Wednesday evenings during the month of March. We will reflect on the Lenten themes of evangelization, justice and our commitment to living our faith in community. As pilgrims, we will draw on the wisdom of the books of Psalms, Proverbs and Ruth and reflect on Jesus' example of sacrifice and his role as King. The pilgrim's way, "The Augustine Camino" (Ramsgate to Canterbury) will link our biblical studies to the saintly men and women who lived the gospel and shared their faith with this country and the world.

Each session will begin at 7:30 for one hour. It will be helpful to bring your personal bible, however, there will be copies available or you can download the passages/books on your phone. The sessions will be led by Dr Janet Croggon from our parish. Our first meeting will be Wednesday 1st of March.

ST. PATRICK'S AND MOTHERS DAY CARDS

There is a selection of cards for St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day in the card rack in the hall.

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