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# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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## Today's Mass Readings

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15;

Ps 102;

1 Corinthians

10: 1-6, 10-12;

Luke 13:1-9

**Prayer book**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF  
LENT**

**YEAR C**

**19th March 2022 to**

**27th March 2022**

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass**

**Listen to God during Mass**

**Talk to others after Mass**

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN THE LENT

My dear Brothers and sisters in Christ

In today's Gospel Jesus warns people to change their ways. He also tells us the parable of fig tree. God gives us many opportunities to grow in faith. We must not resist His efforts to help us mature in faith. Like a good gardener He is waiting for fruits, fruits of faith. In the first reading we see the burning bush, which represents the reality of a soul that is receptive to God's presence whereas the fig tree in the Gospel represents God's presence resisted and refused. Lent is a time of transformation in our lives. Christ is like a gardener who cultivates our hearts, uprooting what stops the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruit that will last into eternity. God always waits for our return to Him. Conversion means turning towards God. When we are fully immersed in worldly pleasures we cannot see God's face but see only the face of the world.

God does not cause suffering, people and circumstances do it. The people whom Pilate killed, died because of an evil ruler's wrath. Those who died in the tower collapse in Siloam were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Bad things can happen to good people. Bad things can also happen to bad people. But Jesus is calling for repentance when talking about both these incidents. We do not know when our end is coming. It is good to pray like this: "Make us worthy of the end that befits a Christian and is pleasing and proper to Your Divinity." The Lent is the right time for repentance and to receive favour in the sight of God.

**Fr. Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil**

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## **PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

## **RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **Marie McNally, Pat Poyner, Bridie Madden**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Mary Ogdard, John Osborne, Jennifer Carthy, Doris Browne, Ronald Hopkins, Margaret Teboul, Dennis Dolan, Patrick Waldron, Dennis Haskey, Kathleen Baker, Gerry Downes, Susanna Veevers, Andrew Hutchinson, Kerin Moore, Robert Tonks, John Molloy, Lilian Levell, Joseph Ryan, Catherine Mulligan, Elizabeth Dalton, Florence McGovern, Edward Campion, Mary Cremin, And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Requiem Mass for Bridie Madden is on Monday 4th April 2022 here at 11:30am in Church followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery at 1:00pm.**

**Requiem Mass for Pat Poyner is on Friday 8th April 2022 at 11:30am here in Church followed by Cremation at Perry Barr at 1:30pm.**

**Reception of the Body will be on Thursday 7th April at 4:30pm.**

## **SINCERE THANKS**

Rosaleen and Brendan Grogan would like to thank everyone for their Masses, prayers and support during the last few months. It has been greatly appreciated. Mass will be offered for you all.

## **PIETY STALL**

We are hoping to open the piety stall soon. However, in order to do so on a regular basis, we need more help. If you can spare half an hour, perhaps on a rota basis, after your regular Mass to help, then please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 19th March -</b>  <b>Sunday 27th March</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Events</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 19th March</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH,</b>  <b>HUSBAND OF BLESSED</b>  <b>VIRGIN MARY</b></p>	<p>12:30 pm Raymond Pearson  RIP</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confessions</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 20th March</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b>  <b>FOR UKRAINE</b></p>	<p>8:30 am Denise Watson  10:30 am Paddy Waldron  RIP</p>	<p><b>3:00pm Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross lead by Knights</b>  <b>of St. Columba</b>  <b>4:00pm Syro Malankara</b>  <b>Holy Mass</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 21st March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>  11:30am James Sullivan RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 22nd March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p>Bernadette Sullivan RIP  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 23rd March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:00am Rosary</b>  11:30am Jackie Conway  <b>(Holy Name School Mass</b>  <b>in Church)</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 24th March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p>9:30am <b>Mass at St. Mark's</b>  <b>School - Susan Carroll</b></p>	<p><b>7:30pm Parents</b>  <b>and Sponsors' meeting</b>  <b>for Confirmation at</b>  <b>St. Mark's School.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 25th March</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b>  <b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE</b>  <b>LORD</b></p>	<p><b>11:00am Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross</b>  11:30am Brendan and  Thomas Weir RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 26th March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm Nicholas  Kharchoum RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 27th March</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b>  <b>FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE</b></p>	<p>8:30 am Jackie Conway RIP  10:30 am Ints of Joe and  Agnes Sullivan</p>	<p><b>3:00pm Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross Lead by Marist</b>  <b>Sisters</b></p>

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£370.63**

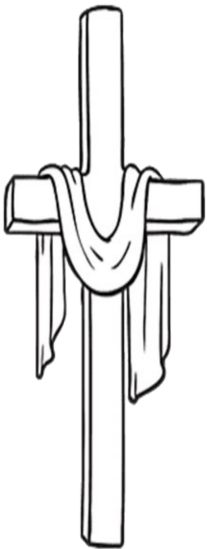
**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£163.70**

**CAFOD:  
£487.54**

**Standing Order for  
the Month of  
February  
£1,610.50**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday:252**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

Joshua 5:9-12;

Ps 33;

2 Corinthians

5:17-21;

Luke 15: 1-3,

11-32

## **RECENT COVID - 19 UPDATE BY BISHOPS' CONFERENCE**

- Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use.
- The present seating arrangements in Church will continue.
- Those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass.
- The use of hymn books is permitted.
- Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one kind only.
- Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
- Singing can take place but faithful are encouraged to wear face coverings/ mask while singing.

## **HOLY WEEK LITURGIES**

We need volunteers to assist with the Holy Week Liturgies. On Maundy Thursday, we need Readers and Ministers, volunteers for Washing the Feet and people to stay and keep watch after Mass until Midnight. On Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we need readers for the Reading of the Solemn Passion, in addition to the regular readers. For the Easter Vigil we also need 5 Readers and 3 Ministers. There are clipboards in the Porch for you to sign up. All Ministers should be present at Mass on Maundy Thursday in order to renew their Commitment to this Ministry.

Thanks in advance for your generosity of time and spirit.

## **RETIRING COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE**

We will be forwarding this money to CAFOD who are members of the Disasters Emergency Committee of major UK charities.

## **A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom  
to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

**AMEN**