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**SYNOD 2023: THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN THE LIFE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Synod 2021-2023 Remember that the Holy Father is inviting the whole Church, and every person at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph's to prayerfully discern together and offer recommendations on how best our Church can grow in Communion, Participation and Mission. For more information visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/synod>

### Mass Times, Intentions and Information

<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> April 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C</b> <b>10am: People of the Parish</b> <b>12:00: John Maria &amp; Irene Gomes RIP</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 – Feria</b> <b>9.30am: Rosary</b> <b>10:00am: Lennox Watson RIP</b>
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 – Feria</b> <b>10am: No Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 - Feria</b> <b>9.30 Rosary</b> <b>10:00am: No Mass</b>
<b>TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 – Feria</b> <b>9.30a: Rosary</b> <b>10am: Patricia Eggington</b>	<b>SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 – Feria</b> <b>10am: No Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 – Feria</b> <b>10.00:am No Mass</b>	<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 – PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C</b> <b>10am: Nam Buu Tran Birthday Thanksgiving</b> <b>12:00: Suraj Goonewardene Thanksgiving</b>

**Mass at Sacred Heart Parish: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10am**

**SPARE ROOM:** A Parish Lady is seriously looking for a small room to rent within the Parish. If you can help, please get in touch with the Parish Office

**Marriage Papers/Preparation:** All couples planning to get married in the UK or abroad are required to notify the Parish Priest at least 6 (Six) months before the date of the wedding. We will not undertake to process marriage papers that are less than this required time. It is advisable that couples demonstrate that they are active in the parish.

**The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies:**  
An internationally recognised course, primarily for those involved in education. The Agency team and external tutors will deliver the CCRS via Zoom and in-person at the Amigo Hall, London. For 2021-2022 the price will be £45/module or £350 for the full course. The fees will increase from September 2022. All interested are encouraged to book their place for this year to save on the fee. Full dates and other info: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs>

**EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE:** We start the sell of ticket from 13<sup>th</sup> March and the draw will take place on Palm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. £1:00 for strip of 5 tickets. Donation sheet is at the back of the Church. All money collected will go to Ukraine Refugee Appeal

**Holy Father's Intention for April 2022:** Health Care Workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**HOSPITAL CONTACTS** If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.  
St George's Hospital: Fr Mark Higgins (020 8725 3069).  
St Heliers and Epsom Hospital: Fr Philip Pak (020 8296 2000)  
Kingston Hospital: Fr Tony Oleh (020 8546 7711)  
Guy's and St. Thomas Hospital: Fr Jake Dicto (020 7188 5588)  
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital: Call the Chaplaincy (020 3315 083 Emed: 07659 140 566)

**Offertory Collection:** Thank you for your generosity, this week's second collection is for the needs of the Parish

**CONTACT THE PARISH PRIEST:** If you want to have talk with Father Peter, please send him an e-mail: [peterpagac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:peterpagac@rcaos.org.uk) or phone him on 0207 223 2747 and he will arrange a good meeting time for you to see him.

**COVID 19.** Please note that in this church facemasks and hand sanitiser are in use. Clearly parishioners who care for the health of their neighbour, as well as their own, will consider very carefully the advantages of continuing to sanitise their hands and of wearing a mask in church, it must be a mask covering nose and face. Whatever you think, thank you for thinking of others before yourself. Hands face

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Takes place on Fridays with confessions throughout the Lent, From 6.00 to 7.00pm. You are all welcome for a quiet time of prayer.

**SAFEGUARDING:** If you want to take up a ministry in the parish premises working with children or adults, you must have a DBS clearance-this is an essential safeguarding procedure that we must follow by British Law. Only Readers are excepted.

# Parish Diary and Reflection

<b>Sunday</b> – El Shaddai Prayer – 1:00 – 3:30pm	Tea and Coffee - <b>Cancelled until further Notice</b>
<b>First Friday of the Month:</b> Adoration & Benediction	Saturday - Youth Practice 1:00 - 3:00pm Choir Practice: 1:00 - 5:00pm

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C



Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent. Gradually, we are coming close to the end of Lent. On the other hand, we are getting close to the paschal feast. In other words, we are gradually moving away from the zone of suffering to the zone of glory. Hence, all the readings of this Sunday give us hope and paint a picture of a very bright future for us.

This Sunday we break with the gospel of Luke and take a story from the gospel of John. It has been selected because it deals with the theme of forgiveness. As with last Sunday's gospel, so too here we see two different attitudes to the mercy of God. This time, however, it is not in a parable but in a real incident in which those with a narrow view of the mercy of God wish to use the misery of this woman as an opportunity for point scoring against Jesus. For the Pharisees, the scriptures are being read with a view to making them powerful as judges and experts in the Law. For Jesus, the scriptures are to be read as a way to understand the overwhelming mercy of God. In highlighting their hypocrisy, Jesus calls them to repentance. In highlighting God's love for her, he calls the woman to a new life.

In the first reading, God tells us of the new things he has started doing among us and for us. He is restoring our hope and giving us every reason to continue living. This means that despite the difficulties of this present moment and season, the Lord will put a smile on our faces soon.

In our second reading from the Letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul tells us that no pleasure, gift, talent, or riches can rival the invaluable blessing of possessing Christ. As Christian disciples we are expected to put everything at the service of our relationship with Christ. Through Christ our relationship with His Father has changed. A renewal has taken place because He demonstrated His love for us by living among us.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ would condemn her immediately. They thought he would give them permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: "Go and sin no more."

The Gospel of John lays bare how Jesus living among us showed us mercy and forgiveness. Jesus shows His loving kindness to the woman caught in adultery. The mercy of God does not condone sin but rather compassionately recognizes repentance and grants forgiveness. The experience of Christ's love provides an opportunity to move forward in a renewed life of holiness. Why should we think that He would not show us the same loving kindness? We can accept His invitation to believe, to move forward, and to walk the path as His followers. Especially at this time of Lent. No matter how much we may stumble and fall, He is always there, inviting us to be with Him, renewing us, urging us to begin again.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** To baptise your child please hone the Parish Office to book for the class, arrange a date and time of baptism. We request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised, to bring their own baptism certificates as proof that they are Catholics, a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of address along with the Baptism Form collected at the back of the church. GODPARENTS will need to bring their baptism certificate to proof they are practicing Catholics

**MONEY COUNTERS:** We are looking for volunteers to count money on Sunday after 12.00noon Mass. If you are interested please get in touch with the Marion Goonewardene or the Parish Office

**Stations of the Cross:** We have every Sunday at 4.30pm throughout the Lent. A priest will be round to hear confessions

**THREE THINGS TO DO FOR LENT** Lent is a positive and strengthening experience ... a time to become the person you always wanted to be. Lent, we are told is a time for fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and prayer. Here are three things for you to do during Lent.

**Fasting and Abstinence.** Keep your meals small and simple during Lent. This is not a slimming exercise. The thinking behind fasting and abstinence is that we strengthen our spiritual life by weakening physical pleasures. Fasting means reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating a particular food (meat). The law of Fasting binds all those who are between eighteen years of age and sixty years of age. The law of Abstinence binds everyone (except for the frail and the sick) once they have reached their fourteenth birthday.

**Almsgiving** We are bombarded with requests for money from a huge number of charities. Identify a charity that means something to you .... find out what they do and make a contribution. If you can't afford to give money, give your time.

**Prayer** Our lives are so hectic that we often forget to set aside a few quiet moments in which to talk to God. During Lent, postpone breakfast television for a few moments and make a short prayer. In the evening encourage your children to say a night time prayer before bed.

**How To Have A Mass Offered:** Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope which you will find at the back of Church or alternatively you may ask a member of the parish Clergy for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to any of the clergy, Parish Secretary or the Sacristan, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox. It is important that you use the pre-printed Mass Intention envelopes so that we know who has requested the Mass. Charity Number: 1173050 (PLEASE STOP COMING TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAYS TO BOOK MASSES – USE THE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)