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DAY	DATE	TIME	LITURGICAL CELEBRATION	MASS INTENTION
SATURDAY	12th March	5.30pm	Vigil Mass : Second Sunday of Lent	✠ Norah & Howard Waite R.I.P
SUNDAY	13th March	9.45am 11.00am	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	✠ Tom Mayhew R.I.P ✠ Ben Simpson R.I.P
MONDAY	14th March	-	NO MASS AT ST.FRANCIS	-
TUESDAY	15th March	10.00am	Of the 2nd Week of Lent	Simon John Trapani - FM
WEDNESDAY	16th March	7.30pm	Of the 2nd Week of Lent	Holy Souls
THURSDAY	17th Mar	10.00am	St. Patrick, <i>Bishop, Feast</i>	Barbara Siwicka Intentions
FRIDAY	18th Mar	7.30pm	Of the 2nd Week of Lent	✠ John Looney R.I.P Anniversary
SATURDAY	19th Mar	10.00am	St. Joseph, <i>Solemnity</i>	✠ James & Johanna Moriarty R.I.P

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we have scripture readings that are intended to give us hope - a 'morale booster'! Our faith can sometimes become jaded and perfunctory, when we are subjected to the pressure of daily life. Add to this the many problems faced by our world and society - warfare; viruses; the climate crisis; the cost of living - the list is endless - then our faith in God can grow weak. However, in the Transfiguration of Christ that we hear about in this week's gospel reading - the Lord's divine glory is revealed to Peter, James and John, so that they may be strengthened and given hope for what is soon to follow - his rejection, passion and death. In other words, the Lord is, as it were, saying to them and to us today: "*when you see me crucified, remember you have also seen my divine glory, let this strengthen you, for I have won the victory over death and evil*". Let us pray that during this Lent our encounter with Christ may strengthen our faith and bring about our own personal transfiguration through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Our Opening Prayer asks God our Father to : "*... nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory ...*".

- The first reading is from the Old Testament book of Genesis. We hear how our father in faith, Abraham, has an encounter with God who makes a covenant with him because of his faith : "*... that day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms; 'to your descendants, I give this land' ...*".
- Our second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. The apostle tells his readers that at his second coming Christ will : "*... transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body ... so then ... do not give way but remain faithful to the Lord ...*"
- The Gospel reading is St Luke's account of the Lord's Transfiguration. The glory of the divine Christ is revealed momentarily to Peter, James and John. They hear the voice of the Father "*... this is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him ...*".

**HIC EST FILIUS MEUS DILECTUS ...
IPSUM AUDITE**

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON ... LISTEN
TO HIM**

**Please Pray for our Children as
they make the Sacrament of
Reconciliation at this time**

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD



WE PRAY for the Sick and Housebound of our Community and for those who care for them: Sue Powell, Darryl Sinclair, David McCann, Maria Williams, Barbara Siwicka, Gianluca Greenwood, Brian Lynch, Pat Sassi, Frances Wilde, Simon Saint, Peter Hermon, Ernesto and Napoleon Mannois, Jane Thomas, Daniel Offer, Marie Hall, Geraldine McAllister, Georgia Mackinlay, Nina Mullins, Eileen Hoare. If you would like to add a name to this list, **with consent**, or if you would like a name removed, please email or phone the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of **Mary Reidy R.I.P** who has died recently in Ireland. Mary is the sister of our parishioner Kathleen Becker.

LITTLE FRANCISCAN TODDLER GROUP takes place on Tuesdays 11am-12.45pm. New families are very welcome!



HOME ROSARY Full details of ZOOM access is on the Parish Website www.stfrancisascot.co.uk. Please pass the information on to family & friends who may wish to join us! ZOOM access IDs & PASSWORDS are attached to the online newsletter!

THANK YOU FROM THE STREET CHILDREN OF ETHIOPIA ! A Thank You video clip from the Street children can be viewed at <http://www.province30.co.uk/WhatsApp%20Video%202022-02-22%20at%2011.55.42.mp4>



WALK AGAINST HUNGER The members of the UCM have signed up for the **CAFOD Lenten walk**. As our ages range from 45 to 87 (average age 73!), we are undertaking to do the 200k as a group. We would be grateful for any support that you can give, full details and sponsorship forms are at the back of the church.



TABLE TOP SALES The Union of Catholic Mothers are holding two sales. The first one is this weekend for **CAFOD** and on 19th / 20th March the sale will be for the **St. Vincent de Paul**. Please support generously.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Thanks to your generous giving on previous Fast Days, CAFOD was able to respond very quickly to the current emergency by sending £100,000 to our partner agencies Caritas Poland, Moldova and Ukraine. Donating to CAFOD this Lent will enable local experts across the world to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent



CAN YOU HELP? The McCarthy family are looking for salaried individuals to join their team of Personal Assistants supporting their 15 year old daughter Martha on a regular basis with her activities and personal care at their home in Sunninghill. Working 4.30-7.30pm one evening a week during school term time and/or 6-8 hours one Saturday or Sunday a month. Additional school holiday hours may also be available, so flexibility is a bonus. Experience with special needs preferred but buckets of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are just as important. Martha loves music, dancing, theatre, stories and general silliness! Enhanced DBS required (they will arrange this). If you are interested, contact Angela by email at angela.mccarthy14@gmail.com for salary and other details.

This Week of Lent:

- **Weekend 12th/13th March: Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip.**
- **Tuesday 15th March: 'St Paul and 2023' – thoughts from St Paul's letters on the forth coming Synod in Rome. 7.30pm in Church (and live streamed)**
- **Wednesday 16th March: Stations of the Cross after 7.30pm Mass**
- **Thursday 17th March: St Patrick's Day Mass 10am**
- **Friday 18th March: Stations of the Cross 10.30am.**

FATIMA DEVOTIONS
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP

Monday - Friday at 1.30pm

30 Minutes of praying the Rosary

As requested by Our Lady

ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW

MON 14th March - FRI 18th March

ZOOM ID : 742 0395 3142

PASSWORD : rosary



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