OUR LADY OF SORROWS AND ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
Catholic Church Isleworth

Parish Newsletter

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Normal Mass Times

Saturday
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
8.00am Mass
10.00am Family Mass
12.00pm Mass

Weekday Masses
See back of the newsletter
or church noticeboard

Holydays of Obligation
7.00pm Vigil Mass
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Mass

Confessions
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am
and 5.00 to 5.30pm
or by appointment

Baptisms
Weddings (6 months notice)
Contact the Parish Priest

Third Sunday Of Lent
19th March 2017

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7

After the Israelites escaped from slavery in Egypt, God took care of their basic needs. God gave them Moses for their leader, and manna and quail for their food. In today's reading we hear them complaining about the lack of water at their campsite. Think how important water is, especially in the desert. Moses turns to God in desperation. And God hears his prayer. When Moses strikes a rock, water gushes forth. The early fathers of the church saw this as a reminder of Baptism. Through Baptism, we have been given the gift of God's life.

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

God's love for the Israelites was made visible in the desert by water flowing from a rock. But God's love was made even more visible for all the people at all times through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Like a river that never dries up, the love of God is "poured out in our hearts."

Gospel John 4:5 - 42 or 5:15, 19 – 26, 39, 40 – 42

In this wonderful story from John's Gospel, Jesus gives the Samaritan woman at the well the "living water" of truth. A foreigner, she is hospitable to Jesus and honest with him. In return he chooses to reveal to her the truth about his identity. The woman rushes off to tell everyone the good news that the Messiah has come. And she is so convincing that the Samaritans come to believe in Jesus on her word.

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(Please join in)

NOTICES

Collection 12th March 2017

Planned	£829
Loose Plate	£633.50

Thank you for your continuous generosity and to all who pay by bankers order which is £799.88 weekly.

The two red sanctuary lamps in the sanctuary are permanently lit for the Holy Souls.

Lost Property

Any lost items can now be found in a new lost property box which is located under the table in porch.

Parish Hall Bookings

Please call Mary Bradley **(not the parish office)** on 07709639628.

Missio

"Spring" Magazine
These are ready to pick up at the back of the church and there are still some boxes to be collected. Also the grand total for our collection this past year was **£1407.50.**
Many thanks to all holders

ELECTRONIC LINKS

The parish e-Newsletter is available by email each week.
To subscribe, please email subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk
Follow us on Twitter too: twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7

Visit the Parish Website
www.stbridgets.org.uk
As some of you will have seen we now have an exciting new version of the website.
See **Getting Involved** on the Top Menu to learn more about what you can join and what you can do to help the parish in any way.
Guide to the Church for a Tour Guide of St Bridget's
New Parishioners information can be found by clicking on the article in Recent and Regular News. We are particularly grateful to parishioners who join the **Planned Giving** scheme and who pay by bankers order – please follow the Get Information link or ask in the Parish Office.

Cafod Lent Appeal 2017: Florence and the little fish

Florence is 41 and lives in northern Zambia. When her husband died in a mining accident, she struggled to make a living.
Thanks to donations like yours, CAFOD's partner in the area, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, gave Florence tiny fish - the size of your thumb. They also taught her to build fish ponds and care for the growing fishes – providing a way for her to help herself and her family.
"I thought, 'I'm determined to do this,'" says Florence. "When I came back from the training, I wanted to help my neighbours as they had helped me in the past. I thought if they were empowered, they would benefit too."

Your donations make the Sisters' work possible. Florence transformed her whole life with just a small amount of help. By donating to our Lent Appeal you can give that help to people like Florence.
The fish Florence started with were the size of your thumb. With her hard work, commitment and dedication, they grew to the size of your dinner plate. She sold the fish and bought clothes and school books – a future for her children. From just a tiny start, she was about to do big things.
"I can send my children to school now and I can feed my family. I urge you please continue supporting me."

Give today to help our projects and other people transform their lives this Lent
You can still drop the envelopes into the office if you missed last weekends.

Fr Stewart

Has been signed off by his GP to rest and recuperation as he is very ill. As a result it is not possible to book any new baptisms, and there will be a visiting priest to help cover weekends. It may mean some weekday Masses will be Eucharistic Services.

New Planned Giving Envelopes

The new envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please collect yours as they start 9th April. If your box is not there (Possibly as not used during the last year) please sign the missing boxes list or if you wish to join the planned giving scheme please put your details on the same sheet with a note for a new box.
For those who requested a planned giving box during our campaign, there are some still to be collected.

Stations Of The Cross

Will take place on Fridays after the 7.00pm beginning about 7.25pm. During Lent there are traditionally no flowers left in church.

Eucharistic Ministers

Please put your names on the sign-up sheet if you wish to minister on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Also if there are not enough ministers at Mass please go and minister even if it is not your turn.
There will be a training session for Eucharistic ministers on 25th March at 11.00am.

A Time Of Reflection

On the theme "Companioning with Jesus in the desert" will be offered by the sisters at Gumley House on Saturday, March 18th at 4.00pm. The Lenten Reflection will finish in time for those who wish to attend the 6.00pm vigil Mass.
The Faithful Companions Of Jesus.

Day for the Lord

For 24 hours St Patrick's, 21A Soho Square will be open with continual Eucharistic Adoration and the availability of the Sacrament of Confession. It starts at midday on Friday the 24th March and finishes on Saturday the 25th March at 12noon with Mass for The Annunciation of the Lord. Please take an opportunity to come and visit and to pray.

NOTICES

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th 25th 30th 40th 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2017.
If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give yourto Marie in the parish office the following details: The diocese will need them by **24th March.**
Husband and wife names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone if no email).

LENTEN OFFERINGS

This Lent, would you like to support MISSIO, a charity run by the Mill Hill Fathers. Missio exists because 40% of the worldwide Catholic Church is too poor to support itself. Missio plays a crucial role supporting local churches overseas, sharing the light of Christ by training priests, building churches, schools and hospitals. Mill Hill Sisters run clinics, equip and run hospitals, and teach in schools. Missio thus brings hope and dignity to the poor, love to the orphans, food and education to hungry children, medicines to the sick, and skills training to young people.
With our donations we can help our fellow Christians in a practical and wholly relevant way. Donations can be left throughout Lent in the big wooden box on the table in the church foyer. THANK YOU

Marriage Preparation Courses

Fr Peter Newby will be working with Fr Michael Lang to offer a one-day marriage preparation course, from 10am to 5pm. The cost is £70 per couple (which includes lunch). The forthcoming course dates and locations are: 13th May: St Margaret of Scotland, 130 St Margaret's Road, St Margaret-on-Thames, TW1 1RL. Contact Fr Peter Newby.
1st July: Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7 2RP. Contact Fr Michael Lang.

What happens if I go into hospital

There is a leaflet in the porch which you need to take if you are going into hospital or know of a relation who is. Gives all details of being a Catholic in hospital.

Job Vacancies

1. Parish Administrator,
Acton, Our Lady of Lourdes,
20-25 hours per week
Salary: £11-£14 per hour (neg)
Closing Date 26th March

2. Religious Education Advisors x 2 (Primary Schools),
35 Hours per week to join our Diocesan Education Service, providing professional support to our primary schools in all matters relating to Religious Education and the Catholic Life of the school.
Salary: £44-48k per annum.
Closing Date 30th March
Posters in the porch under Westminster heading.

Regular Groups & Events

In the Parish Hall unless otherwise stated

Monday

Club for Older People
Next meeting will be 20th March 12noon – 3pm.
Legion of Mary
Every Monday at 7.30pm

Tuesday

Mini Mary's Music Mayhem
£1.50 child, £2.50 max
2 – 3pm

Tuesday Club for Youth/ Adults with Special Needs
7.00 – 9.00pm (Term time)

Wednesday

Partially Sighted Meeting Place Every other Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm Next meeting 22nd March

Thursday

Church Cleaning after 9.00am Mass (Approx 9.25am)

Gentle Seated Exercises for Older People
Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday from 2.00 – 4.00pm

Friday

Mental Health Drop-In 24th March 2017

Sunday

Refreshments after 10.00am Mass.
Sunday Breakfast Next Sunday after 8.00am Mass.

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Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 18th March	**Vigil Mass**	6.00pm	George Morrisey R.D
Sunday 19th March	**Third Sunday Of Lent**	8.00am	Eileen O'Connor R.I.P Baby Ellis Addison (Thanksgiving for successful operation & good recovery)
		10.00am	Novena For The Protection Of The Unborn, Syd Dankoff R.D
		12.00noon	The People Of The Parish
Monday 20th March	**ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese**	7.00pm	Novena For The Protection Of The Unborn, Rosaleen Mc Cusker R.D
Tuesday 21st March	Lent Feria	9.00am	Elizabeth Byrne R.I.P
Wednesday 22nd March	Lent Feria	9.00am	Syd Dankoff R.D
Thursday 23rd March	Lent Feria	9.00am	Syd Dankoff R.D
Friday 24th March	Lent Feria	7.00pm	
Saturday 25th March	**The Annunciation Of The Lord**	10.00am	Rosaleen Mc Cusker R.D
	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Kathy Corry R.D

Sick Fr Stewart, Abel Rebello, Adebisi Mafe, Adrian, Agnes Molloy, Alistair Love, Amaro Rebello, Angela Convery, Andrew Scoman, Antony Branch, Archie Douglas, Baby Duguid, Bela Dias, Bob Stainton, Bradán Peacock, Brendan Covill, Brian McMillan, Brigit Martin Catherine Regan, Carol Ofogu, Chick Colquhoun ,Chris Hughes, Christinana Ziregbe, Christine Morris, Christopher O'Regan, Clarina Dias, Conchita Gregg, Connor, Dan, Dana Siedlecka, Dave Marshall, Diana Renton, Dickie Bell, Elizabeth Clare, Elizabeth Russell, Ellen Bradley, Ellis Addison (Baby), Else Hansen, Emma Hennessey, Emma Wilson, Flora Ziregbe, Gary Hales, Gerald Kausar, Gill Healy,Gina, Heather McMillan, Hickey Higgins, Jack Brady, Jackie McGuinness, Jean Mc Cann, Jennifer Wang, Jim Convery, Jim Mc Cusker, John Okonjo, Jose Higgins, Joseph Cowden, Joy Denhare, Joyce Clarke, Joyce Denhare, Julie Smith, Justin Douglas, Kathleen Brinkley, Kiana Gooding, Kuki Hope & Family, Lee Brinkley, Lea Almeida, Lesley Martin, Leslie Andrade, Leslie Reed, Loretta De'Silva, Lynn Casey, Mabel D'Cruz, Manney Rowthorn, Margaret McCarthy, Margaret O'Connell, Maria Bosi, Maria Zehetner, Marian Smith, Maricel Bernal Rada, Marie Aiyadorai, Marie Donnelly, Marie Seymour, Martin Russell, Martyn Lee, Mary Nathan, Mary Sweeny, Mary Walsh, May Connolly, Maureen Pierce, Michael Chong, Michelle Dooley, Millie Peacock, Mishael Nathan, Miriam Gutteridge, Molly Brodnicka, Mona Mc Donald, Nathan Williams, Mr Naresh T Paryani, Naval Mair, Niamh Murphy-Leighton, Nora Morrissey, Odette Barnes, Onyeta Okonjo, Pamela Fernando, Pat & Roy Edwards,Patients at Lakeside, Patricia O'Driscoll, Patsy Saukur, Paddy Williams, Pauline Williams, Patsy Saukur, Pawla Dennison, Peter Drury, Peter Fisher, Peter Smith, Phyllis Lewis, Peggy Convery, Peter Oliver, Peter Smith, Philip Casey, Phillip Goodwin, Richard Atterwill, Rita Rendell, Rita Taylor, Robert Ofogu, Ronald Peacock, Ronnie Lillywhite, Ronnie Snell, Rosemary McEachrard, Rupert Phillips, Scarlett Erin O'Driscoll (baby), Seamus Mc Cusker, Sheila Dodd, Sheila O'Hara, Shirley Jackson, Simon Allad, Soirse and Maj Cunningham, Sophia Addison, Sr Anne Marie, Stephen Fallon, Stephen Regan, Svend Boerge Hansen, Sylvia Dooley, Ted Reilly, Tess Greenwood (approaching 104 years), Tessy Poiret, Theodore D'Sousa, Theresa Breen, Tony, Val, Veronica Higgins, Virginia Fassnidge, Zoa Benchocron

Recently Deceased: Rosaleen Mc Cusker, Syd Dankoff, Pat Dempsey, David Devon Snr, Giuseppe Alesi, Fr Stevie Kennelly

Anniversaries : Delia Neilan, Carmen Samson, Ramon Samson, Tony Molloy

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace

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