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3rd March 2024

✘ **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT B** ✘

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Kieran Shannon/Betty Sequiera 9:30am Edeji Family
 11:30am Chelsea Atoe/Dinah Kiinsiime 6.30pm Stanley O-Krakue/Bridget Iwu

Reading 1	Exod 20:1-17	<i>The Law was given through Moses.</i>
Psalms	Ps 18:8-11 r. Jn 6:68	<i>You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.</i>
Reading 2	1 Cor 1:22-25	<i>Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 11: 25-26	<i>I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.</i>
Gospel	John 2:13-25	<i>Destroy this sanctuary, and in three day I will raise it up.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/Josmy Manuel
 9.30am Nnamdi Eke/Chiamaka Eke 11.30am Shakira Kara/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Chidubem/Ancy Kumar

- ✘ Please pray for Muriel (Milly) Mathias† & Joseph Borg † who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Roy Woodward, Valerie Keating, Richard Smith, Emanwel Muscat, Joan Deere, Robert Elder, Colleen Guin, & Ana Lopez,
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

✘ MASS INTENTIONS ✘

Saturday 2 nd March	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Rest of the soul of Lira Rodrigues
Sunday 3 rd		9.30am	Rest of the souls of Aubrey & Mary Jamieson & Intentions of Claire & Evie Whiteoak
		11.30am	Pro Populo
		6.30pm	
Monday 4 th	Feria	10.00am	Rest of the soul of Valerie Keating
		10.30am	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 5 th	Feria	10.00am	Rest of the souls of Richard Smith & Betty & John Thompson
Wednesday 6 th	Feria	10.00am	
Thursday 7 th		10.00am	Rest of the soul of Ana Lamas Lopez
Friday 8 th		10.00am	
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm	
Saturday 9 th	Feria	10.00am	
		4.00pm	Raymund & Teresa Dequit – renewal of marriage vows
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Rest of the soul of Dennis Thompson

SEASON OF LENT -. We have the **Family Lenten prayer** to be prayed everyday by every family in the parish. The Stations of the Cross on Mondays after the 10 am Mass and at 7pm before the evening Mass at 7.30pm on Fridays.

. Cycle **OF PRAYER** - Intentions for Lent:

Candidates for the Sacraments (*especially on the Sundays*)

- The Needy and Hungry of the World (*especially on Lent Fast Day - Friday 23 February*)
- Penitents and Wanderers
- Women (*especially on Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March*)

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH – The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has relaunched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, [please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork.

POPE'S MARCH'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - for those who risk their lives for the ~Gospel in various parts of the world; may their courage and missionary zeal permeate the Church.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP MEETING FRIDAY 8TH MARCH -Catholic men of the parish are invited to the next Catholic men's group meeting on Friday 8th March, at St Michael's parish, Chatham. Starting at 7.30pm with Eucharistic adoration, followed by Stations of the Cross, and concludes with a shared Lenten soup, cheese, and bread dinner and discussion together. Parish car park available, Chatham train station next door. Entrance via the parish house. Thank you.

RIGHT TO LIFE – support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment!

KEEP FIT DANCE SESSSION – Keep Fit - We have started the beginners Keep Fit Dance Sessions. The first class began yesterday in the McMahon hall. Sessions cost £1 per session.. It will be a gentle exercise session and not too strenuous. Please see notice-board at the back of the church.

TOM CARTER - a former Headteacher of St Thomas' Primary School from 1962 and active member of the Parish, is going to be celebrating his 100th birthday on 27th March 24. On the weekend of the 9th & 10th March a book will be available in the church for all who remember him. Please write your good wishes and memories in the book which will be sent to him.

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE LIFE – As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. To register for the next programme - a **Face-to-Face** weekend in **Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024**, call or text **07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or ema-** or visit www.retrouville.org.uk Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website.

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Collections The collection in church last week amounted to **£906.59** of which **£105.00** was Gift Aided and CAFOD received **£349.03** of which **£40.00** was Gift Aided. Football parking amounted to **£473.10** Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

Imagine for a moment if I told all of you, "Hey, let's start a new religion. It's all a sham, but if we all keep the secret, maybe it will sweep the world and we'll become important." Therefore, we make up some story and it starts to take off. You might think, "Maybe this will work. I'll play along." Then we start being thrown in jail. Next, one of our leaders is executed. Then it is open season on all of us. That kind of persecution was what happened to the fledging church Jesus started. You would say, "Oh well, it was fun while it lasted, but I'm not going to die for it." However, that is not how the early church responded. They gave their lives. They faced lions in the arena. They were burned alive, refusing to recant. They were tortured and crucified, refusing to deny their story. Why? They had seen the risen Lord.

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BAPTISMS – Parents who wish to have their children baptized should see Deacon Michael after one of the Sunday Masses.

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