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✘ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT -LAETARE SUNDAY B** ✘

Readers this week :Sat 6.30pm Augustine Eghomare/Josmy Manuel 9:30am Nnamdi Eke/Chiamaka Eke
 11:30am Shakira Kara/Joan Aruma 6.30pm Chidubem/Ancy Kumar

Reading 1	2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23	<i>The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.</i>
Psalm	Ps 136 r. 6	<i>O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!</i>
Reading 2	Eph 2:4-10	<i>You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 3: 16	<i>God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.</i>
Gospel	John 3:14-21	<i>God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.</i>

Readers for next week: 6.30pm Kieran Shannon/Princy Manuel 9.30am Susanna Inya/Nnenna Nweke
 11.30am Daniella Ibeh/Dinah Kansime 6.30pm Oliver Perez/Stamley O-Krakue

- ✘ Please pray for Muriel (Milly) Mathias† & Joseph Borg † who have recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✘ Veronika Swolanska, David Taylor, Richard Gibbons, Olga Scott, William Grant, Ronald Gordon, Kathleen Pennington, Geoffrey Townshend, Jane Greef, Maurice Jenkins, Sydney Long, Phyllis Snuggs, Maddalenn Zeuli, Michael Peakman, Marjorie Kirk, Bernice Flannery, Mary Mitchell, Maureen Hodgson & Edna Busher.
- ✘ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace..

✘ MASS INTENTIONS ✘

Saturday 9 th March	Vigil Mass	6.30pm Repose of the soul of Dennis Thompson
Sunday 10 th		9.30am Repose of the souls of Lawrence & Doris Chapman & Intentions of Michelle Douglass
		11.30am Pro Populo
		2.30pm Knanaya Mass
		6.30pm Repose of the souls of Mary & Peter Nash
Monday 11 th Feria		10.00am Repose of the soul of Mary Jones
		10.30am Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 12 th Feria		10.00am Repose of the souls of Cenney Cannavina & Ann Fox
Wednesday 13 th Feria		10.00am
Thursday 14 th		10.00am Repose of the soul of Ana Lamas Lopez
Friday 15 th		10.00am Tony Luckhurst's intentions
		6.30pm Syro Malabar Catholic Community
Saturday 16 th Feria		10.00am
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm Lee family intentions

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR POOR PARISHES – this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

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. If any parishioner would like to start a youth or young adult group, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk. 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.

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!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY -Invitation to the Retirement Celebrations of Fr Michael Adams Fr

Michael would be delighted if you could join him at his Retirement Celebration which the Parish have organised on his behalf. It will be held in the North Barn at Aylesford Priory on Sunday the 14th April between 1.00 - 4.00 p.m. A buffet will be provided and there will be a bar and tea and coffee etc. The 11.00 a.m. Mass at St Augustine's on that Sunday will be for Fr Michael. We do anticipate a large turnout and as we are restricted on numbers at Aylesford it is important to confirm your attendance so please kindly e-mail Joe Flannery on parkwood@rcaos.org.uk in this respect.

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. This weekend a book is available at the back of 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 email - 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.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family> life

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

A couple are sitting in their living room, sipping a glass of wine. Suddenly, the wife says, "I love you!" "My darling! Is that you or the wine talking?" asks the husband. "It's me," says the wife, "talking to this wine."

Collections The collection in church last week amounted to £924.54 of which £125.50. was Gift Aided. Thank you.

Second collection next week for Poor Parishes