

**Saturday 14th** **First Mass of Sunday**  
6.00pm Monica Towns RIP (Tom & Betty Morgan & Family)

**Sunday 15th** **Third Sunday of Lent (A)**  
8.00am Parish Family  
9.00am John Sebastian Anniv. (S. Baldwin)  
11.00am Michael Morrissey RIP (June & Family)  
2.15pm Syro Malabar Catechesis and Mass



**Monday 16th** **7.30am John Carlin F.M.**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Orlado Praise Int. (Sr. Mary John)  
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday 17th** **St. Patrick**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Joseph Lehane RIP (Family)  
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 18th**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Susan Thompson F.M.  
12.30pm Rev. Michael Teader DC in (Newham Hospital)

**Thursday 19th** **St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Bankole Abiwon RIP (B. Abiwon)  
9.40am Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday 20th**  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Thanksgiving (Family)  
**9.40am Stations of the Cross**  
**NB** 3.00pm Holy Hour  
**6.30pm Stations of the Cross**  
7.00pm Holy Souls

**Saturday 21st**  
11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation, during which We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
11.45am Mid day Prayer, Benediction, and Angelus  
12 noon Jimmy Duffy RIP

**Saturday 21st** **First Mass of Sunday**  
6.00pm Tryphena Scott Anniv. (Bertina Scott)

**Sunday 22nd** **Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)**  
**Latere Sunday (Mothers' Day)**  
8.00am Parish Family  
9.00am Peter Jenova Angelese Anniv. (Hudson Family)  
11.00am Gbenga Abiwon Int (B. Abiwon)  
4.00pm Malayalam Mass

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### Third Sunday of Lent (A)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts." (Romans 5:5).

Dear Parishioners,

#### AN HOUR WITH GOD AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

As you may all be aware, the Corona virus (COVID-19) has now been declared a pandemic. However, it is not a time to panic, but time to pray and take precaution. And so in addition to the precautionary health guidelines and measures given by WHO, the Government and the Bishops Conference, we recommend that we **PRAY earnestly and remain calm.**

In a special way, we dedicate the **next 2 Fridays to fast and pray at exactly 3pm** (15:00GMT) - the hour our Saviour died on the cross to heal our wounds (Is. 53:4-5). We encourage all parishioners and people of faith to rise up, with our weapon of prayer, to seek God's intervention, because "nothing is too hard for the Lord" (Jer. 32:27) and as we know, certain illnesses are only cured by prayer (Mk 9:29).

We intend to pray asking God to help scientists and researchers to find an antidote to this disease, to heal all who have been infected, to protect health workers and care givers from infection, to be merciful to those who have died, to bring comfort and consolation to the bereaved, and to wipe out the virus.

If you cannot join us in St. Michael's Church between 3-4pm, we would appreciate it if you make time to pray wherever you are for this intention.

**God Bless, Fr. Francis**

**CAFOD:** We have collected so far, £1058.00 for this excellent Charity and we wish to thank all who have donated towards this amount. There will be more to come as we know people will bring their donations this coming week. We missed collecting at the 6.00pm Mass last week and hopefully people attending this Mass will donate at the end of the Mass. It is a wonderful way of showing our Faith and love towards the poor of the world that parishioners are so generous towards those who really need the support that can be given through the work of CAFOD. Thank you.

**God Bless, Bob**

<u>Activities this Week</u>	
<b>15th Sunday</b>	Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm
<b>16th Monday</b>	St John's Governors meet – 4.30pm R.C.I.A. continues in the Parish Room – 7.30pm
<b>17th Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Rest Day!!!
<b>18th Wednesday</b>	Mass in Newham Hospital – 12.30pm Parents of 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet, Church – 7.30pm
<b>19th Thursday</b>	Marion Vidolich Funeral, St.Bede's Chadwell Heath – 10.30am Meeting of Priests, Custom House – 10.30am
<b>20th Friday</b>	Stations of the Cross, after 9.00am Mass Stations of the Cross – 6.30pm Mass – 7.00pm
<b>21st Saturday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet in Church – 9.15am
<b>22nd Sunday</b>	Communion to the Housebound – 1.30pm

### Coming Events

C.D.F. meet, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
 Marriage talks, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
 Full Governors meet, St. Michael's School Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
 Deanery Meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children meet, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
 Reconciliation St. John's School Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March

**300 CLUB:** It's the Big Draw this month. 1<sup>st</sup>.Prize £300.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £150.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £75.00; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize £50.00; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize £25.00 and 6<sup>th</sup>Prize £10.00. The Draw will

take place this week end. We wish everyone success and we thank all the people in this scheme that helps to raise funds for the Church and hope more people would join.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** will be held in St. Michael's Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. You will need to bring some food, for the lunch break. Drinks will be provided. We ask you also to bring a Bible and we encourage as many of you as possible to come and join in this special day as part of our Lenten preparations for the great feast of Christ's Resurrection.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** We are looking to start up a Children's Liturgy group during the 11.00am Mass, where the children will be taken to the parish room & will learn about the Gospel in a simplified way. We will need volunteers to help with the group. If you are interested in helping out & would like to know more about this, please see Fr. Bob. All volunteers will be required to have a DBS check.

[josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net) and on website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL:** We are having meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March with the Priests and Stewards of the Gospel to discuss the future of Newham Deanery Parishes and how we can work together to continue the sharing and supporting of the Church within the Deanery. I have already three Stewards but would like three or four more to form a team in the Parish. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested. We need to plan for our Future as in a few years time we will not have the number of Priests working in the Diocese. Already this year we lose Two parish Priests through Retirement. Please pray for more vocations to the Priesthood and to the religious life.

**POUSTINIA PROJECT.** As we prepare to celebrate the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry, the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham hopes to find benefactors who can support their 'Poustinia' project. With there being an ever-greater need for silence in today's world, many people are searching for space to enter into the silence of their hearts and listen to 'the still small voice of God' I Kings 19:12. As a community of men and women in different states of life, we accompany people so they can live in the joy and freedom of Mary's 'Fiat' or 'Yes'. We are hoping that a parish, a group of parishioners or individuals may contribute to this project. We need to raise £100,000 to build two shepherd's huts and develop prayer gardens around them at our convent, House of the Divine Will. If you know of anyone who can help please give them our contact details and ask to speak with Sr Camilla COLW ([info@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:info@walsinghamcommunity.org) or 01328 801018).

**THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD** The following vacancies are available: Teacher of Physical Education – ideal for an NQT Closing Date: noon, Thursday 19 March 2020 For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)