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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT **15 MARCH 2026**

"He went and washed and received his sight."

Mass Times

Sat 14
First Vespers and Mass of Sunday
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP

Sun 15
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday
Mothering Sunday
10:00 People of the Parish
12:30 Baptism Arcangelo Pinto
16:30 Stations of the Cross

Mon 16
Feria
09:30 NO MASS

Tues 17
Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Feast
09:30 NO MASS
11:00 Requiem Mass Dorothy Bridget Matsutani RIP

Weds 18
Feria
09:30 Anne & Patrick Boyle RIP
18:00 Grupo de Oración en Español (Spanish Rosary & Devotions)

Thurs 19
St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity
09:30 Antonio Beirão Monteiro RIP

Fri 20
Feria
09:30 People of the Parish

Sat 21
First Vespers and Mass of Sunday
16:00 FHC First Reconciliation Service
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
George & Philomena Kehoe RIP

Sun 22
Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:00 Falcone Family, Thanksgiving
12:00 Baptism Artemis Kaskaras
16:30 Stations of the Cross

***The Healing of the Man Born Blind**, Duccio (1278-1319)*

Confessions:
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please contact the Parish Office

Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2

OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE
Please note that the Parish Office will be closing on Thursday 19 March and will reopen on Tuesday 14 April. Thank you for your understanding.

SECOND COLLECTIONS
14 – 15 MARCH – ORGAN FUND
For the previous restoration and maintenance of our Willis Pipe Organ.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS
22 – 22 MARCH – POOR PARISHES
This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

GENERAL UPDATE

This week, Fr Martin Edwards and Fr Peter Littleton will kindly provide cover for weekday and Sunday Masses. Regular weekday Masses will resume from Tuesday to Friday beginning Wednesday **18 March**.

On **Tuesday 24 March**, we will welcome **Fr Jude Ogbuana**, who will be joining us as our temporary Parish Priest while Mgr Matthew continues his recovery. Fr Jude joins us from Nigeria and has a 25-year connection with the Diocese, having previously served in Lewisham and New Malden. Please make him feel very welcome.

With a temporary priest now in place, Fr Jim Teeling will no longer be celebrating the Easter Ceremonies. We are deeply grateful to Fr Jim for his generous help and support to our parish.

Meanwhile, we continue to keep Mgr Matthew very much in our thoughts and prayers. He has now been discharged from hospital and is continuing his recovery in a care home.

If you would like to send a message or card to Mgr Matthew, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to arrange for this to be passed on to him.

LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

Parents & toddlers (0–4 years). **Meets every Monday during school term time** (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Next Class: Session 5: Sat 14 Mar
Break for Easter 28 Mar – 12 Apr
Session 6: Sat 18 Apr
Next Parents Meeting: Fri 17 April at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
Key Dates: Sat 21 Mar: 1st Reconciliation Service
Sun 21 June 12pm: FHC Mass

CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

Meet in the priest's house after 10:00 Mass
Next Session: Session 10: Sun 15 March
Session 11: Sun 22 March
Key Dates: Sat 2 May: Reconciliation Service
Sun 10 May: Confirmation Mass

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2025-2026

Next meeting: Wed 18 March, 19:00 in the priest's house.

Please pray for our adult candidates of our parish who will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and will become full members of the Catholic Church.

Our candidates and their sponsors with Archbishop John Wilson at the Rite of Election at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

Keeping Lent

The season of Lent is a blessed time for us to return to Christ, to confess our sins and to renew our life of faith. Every Sunday afternoon in Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 16:30.
Mgr Matthew's 'Steps of Pain, Steps of Hope', his meditations on the Stations of the Cross, is available for purchase at £5 per copy, all money goes to parish funds. The book is beautifully illustrated with pictures of the Stations in St Thomas' church.

NEW PARISH WELCOME PACK & UPDATED REGISTRATION FORMS

Thank you to all who have completed our new parish registration form. Both the registration form and welcome pack are available in paper and electronic formats. You can find them at the back of the church or access them online on our website or by using the QR code.

Dorothy Bridget Matsutani RIP
The Requiem Mass for
Dorothy Matsutani
will take place here on
Tuesday 17th December at 11:00am.
Please keep Dorothy and her family in your prayers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	**£395**
Parish Dona	**£408**
Standing Orders	**£601**
Organ Fund Collection	**£110**
Organ Fund Dona	**£24**

ROTAS

14 - 15 March
Welcome and Coffee: E. Falcone, A. Oliva
Readers: SAT: M. Slade, L. Slade
SUN: H. Walker, C. Khabthong
Flowers: V. Barkho

21 - 22 March
Welcome & Coffee: L. Northeast, M.Ascensao
Readers: SAT: S. Doney, S. Palmer
SUN: L. Brown, C. Khabthong

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm, 2nd Saturday of the Month. **Next meet: 11 APR**

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

14 & 15 Mar Cake Sale, in the Narthex after Mass
15 Mar 4:30pm, Stations of the Cross
20 Mar – 13 Apr Parish Office Closure
21 Mar 4pm, FHC 1st Reconciliation Service
22 Mar 4:30pm, Stations of the Cross
27 Mar 11.30am, Film Club, Parish Hall
5 Apr Easter Fundraising Craft & Cake Sale
11 Apr 11am, Maintenance team