

SACRED HEART

NEWSLETTER

Year C • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 3

REPENT AND BEAR GOOD FRUITS

On this Third Sunday of Lent, as we approach the half-way point of our Lenten journey, the Scriptures bring us into a room of plants, where we encounter both the Burning Bush and the Fig Tree. In this encounter, with Moses, with Jesus and his disciples, we are asked to reflect on not how we are growing or training, but on how it is that we are being grown, how it is that we are being trained, shaped and re-shaped. It is an important distinction to keep in mind and heart.

Jesus is teaching his disciples never to let their lives be so out of control or far from God that the turning to God becomes more and more difficult, though never impossible. Our free will is just that: not being forced to choose for God and the ways of the Gospel, but truly free, leaving us with the ability to choose for God and life or seek the way of error and separation from God. That we want to avoid at all costs. It is never too late to turn to God.

There's a hard challenge in The Parable of the Fig Tree that needs a response from each one of us. When the orchard owner orders his gardener to cut down the unproductive tree, he asks (what at first sounds like) a rhetorical question: "Why should [this tree] exhaust the soil?" Why should we allow a barren fruit tree to live in an orchard full of flourishing trees, when all it does is exhaust the nutrients in the soil?

God is not indifferent to our various conditions of life, irrespective of what those conditions may be. He wishes us well and gives us all we need to live and lead a meaningful and fulfilled life. Even when opposing forces want to strangle us into oblivion or when we place ourselves into the status of fruitlessness by not putting to use the graces He bestows on us, in His mercy and benevolence, He gives us brighter opportunities that we may bear fruits that will last. May His grace triple within us in this Season of Lent.

READINGS

FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM102(103):1-4, 6-8,11

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL

LUKE 13:1-9

LEARN

"Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed "

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC)

1430



SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

Clergy: Fr Victor Darlington (Parish Priest)
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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

20TH MARCH 2022— 26TH MARCH 2022

SUNDAY 20TH 6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SYVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN, PRAYING FOR THE RIP OF THEIR LOVED ONES. STANISLAW JANECKI, RIP. ARTUR KSIADZYK FOR HEALING, WEELEBEING AND DELIVERANCE. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE URIE EMILIA VIRONIQUE FAMILY & FOR THE FAMILIES OF BLESSED AND LOUMINGOU. EVELYN ADUNYA IN THANKSGIVING ON THE OCCASION OF HER BIRTHDAY. MR MAXWELL KOJO ATTA-KRAH ONE YEAR IN MIND.

6:00 PM

MAMA PAULINE MARTINS, BIRTHDAY THANKS

MONDAY 21ST

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

FERIA

EDGAR JOHN HOARE
ESIRORIE'S FAMILY IN THANKSGIVING

TUESDAY 22ND

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

FERIA

MARY CHATTERTON, BIRTHDAY THANKS

WED 23RD

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

FERIA

JOHN + MARTHA RAYNE. DOLORES KEEGAN, WELLBEING. SWEET BAZUAYE, GOD'S MERCY AND FAVOUR

THURS 24TH

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

FERIA

LOPEX FAMILY
BRIAN CHATTERTON, RIP

FRIDAY 25TH

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

JOHN DONOVAN
A DONOR, FOR GOD'S MERCIES, FORGIVENESS AND DELIVERANCE.

SATURDAY 26TH

10:00 AM

6:00 PM

FERIA

EVELYN OYERONKE MARTINS— TAILOR, RIP. ONE YEAR IN MIND
ELLEN HASSELL, RIP

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

Entrance Antiphon:

cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Collect:

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 102(103):1-4, 6-8,11

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion, **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 4:17

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

GOSPEL

LUKE 13: 1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

Prayer over the Offerings:

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after communion

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us
in mystery may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell.
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to **£316.66**
Gift Aid amounted to **£308.05** not including standing orders. Second Collection: For Cafod amounted to **£309.16**

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to: camberwell-finance@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for one off donations: we now have gift aid envelopes for anyone wishing to make a one off donation to the church. Please speak to any priest or pick up one from the sacristy.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

LEGION OF MARY—JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM

The junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary is will be held every Sunday after 12noon mass, at our Lady's chapel.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Every Friday we shall have stations of the cross immediately after the 7pm mass, and every Sunday at 4:30pm we shall also have stations of the cross followed by Adoration before the 6pm Mass.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5pm to 6pm followed by Mass.

HOLY WATER

The Holy water fonts are now open for use. Please use them sensibly for our collective safety.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection today is for parish needs. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA

The next RCIA class is on Wednesday 23rd March at 7:30 pm at the Church hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next first holy communion class next is on Saturday 26th March at 9am in choir gallery.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift aid envelopes for the new financial year are now ready to be picked up at the knatchbull road entrance door. Please pick up your envelopes after mass. New donors are welcome to sign up for the gift aid.

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

SCRUTINY FOR OUR RCIA

CATECHUMENS

The following are the dates for parish scrutiny.

First scrutiny - Saturday 19th March, 6pm Mass

Second scrutiny - 27th March, 10am Mass

Third scrutiny - 3rd April, 12noon Mass

GENERAL MEETING

The Ghanaian catholic Association will be having their meeting today (20/03/2022) after the 12 noon mass.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

British summer time begins next Sunday Remember to take your Clocks forward one hour as you go to bed on Saturday night.

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that he will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Lady on Friday, 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord ('Lady Day'). This will occur during a 'Celebration of Penance' over which he will preside at 5pm (Rome time) in the Vatican Basilica of St Peter.

This act of consecration will be performed in communion with the local Churches throughout the world, and so at 4pm (London time) that same day, Archbishop John will lead our archdiocese in prayer, and himself preside at a service of consecration followed by a 'Rosary for Peace' in Southwark's Metropolitan Cathedral of St George. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this service of consecration.



EASTER 2022

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Penitential Service & Easter Confessions: after 7pm Mass.

Wednesday 13th April

Mass **9:00 am** only

Chrim Mass 11am

St. George's Cathedral , Southwark

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - 14th April. Mass 8:00 pm

Good Friday - 15th April

Parish Stations of the Cross: **12 noon**

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00 pm

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Anointing of catechumens 10:00am

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Mass of the Resurrection

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8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

(Please note there's no 6pm evening mass)

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Do you have skills to offer as a Governor or Trustee in the Catholic schools in Southwark?

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark.

The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts.

Could you spare a few hours a month?

These are fulfilling roles though not without challenges. Governors and trustees work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a governor or a trustee is an opportunity to develop the skills you have, undertake service to the community and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector. The Diocese welcomes interest from all sectors of society and across all ages. It is looking for people with finance and accounting, legal and HR, premises and health and safety experience. Induction, training and mentoring will be provided.

Some further information can be found here: [DBS-Role-of-Foundation-Governor.pdf](#) (rcaoseducation.org.uk)

If you would like to know more, please fill in the form below to register your interest. A member of the team will be in contact shortly to talk with you about the process. Suitable candidates will then receive a statement of support from their parish priest, provide 2 referees and undertake a DBS before allocation to a school.

Could you become a Governor? – Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark (rcaoseducation.org.uk)

Those interested please speak to any of the priests or to see exact details in the parish newsletter in the parish Whatsapp forum or on the parish website

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balham, a successful provider of outstanding full-time education to 16 - 19 year olds from the whole community, is seeking a foundation governor. Do you have an interest in education with skills and experience that would be useful to our governing body, responsible for preserving and developing the educational character and mission of the College; its solvency and assets and the achievements and safeguarding of its students? This is a voluntary but demanding, interesting and professional role for a practising Roman Catholic who has the time to prepare for, attend and participate in at least six evening meetings each year (full Board and minimum one sub-committee). The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in Human Resources management or accountancy / audit. **If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk). Website: sfx.ac.uk**