

## SACRED HEART

NEWSLETTER

Year C • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 4

## A CALL TO RETURN TO THE FATHER

**T**he readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year C also called Laetare Sunday remind us that God is always waiting for us to return to Him so we can receive the abundance of life he offers us. The first reading tells of how the Israelites celebrated Passover on the plains of Jericho. In the second reading Paul tells us to be reconciled to God. And in the gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son, which is sometimes called the parable of the forgiving father. We are encouraged to: leave behind our old ways. Starting new habits. Understand the generosity of God our Father and embrace the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

When the prodigal son arrived, even when he was still far away, his father did not wait for him to reach their house but proceeded to welcome him by running to where he was. This was seen by some exegetes as the father's way of sparing his son from further humiliation by going through the gauntlet of neighbours who would unkindly talk about him on his way to their house. Also, the father's gestures of running to him, embracing him, hugging him, and instructing the servants to give back to him all his things; ring, sandal, and finest robe were signs of forgiveness and welcoming back home the lost son. It was topped by slaughtering the fattened calf for the celebration. There were no explanations needed. The son is back and the father is just happy to have him again. Such compassion! Such love! Such mercy!

It did not end there. The father had to deal with the elder son, the one who had first priority on the inheritance and the one who had stuck it out with the father by being a good son. He was surprised at the feast held for his prodigal brother. He made it worse by reminding his father that he himself was not treated even fairly for never was he given even a young goat to feast with his friends. Note that he referred to his own brother not by name but "your son" which was a sign of disowning him. The answer of the father was classic, "My son, you are here with me always; and everything I have is yours." How could the son ask for more when he had everything? In fact, the more important possession he had was being with his father. He was supposed to be at peace.

Some of us are like the younger son. We want a lot from God. We want to be out of His fold so we could be free only to realize later that our best place is with Him. And some of us behave like the elder son who fail to realize how gracious it is to be with the father and fail to appreciate it! It would be wrong to imitate the younger son so as to be given the fattened calf to celebrate. If we ask the younger son, he would tell us that if he could only bring back time, he would not dare do what he did. The elder son should instead be happy like the father. His brother was lost and was found again. He suffered very much and humbled himself.

## READINGS

## FIRST READING

JOSHUA 5:9-12

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33(34):2-7

## SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

## GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C

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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

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

27TH MARCH 2022— 2ND APRIL 2022

#### SUNDAY 27TH

6:00PM  
10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00PM

#### MONDAY 28TH

9:00AM

7:00PM

#### TUESDAY 29TH

9:00 AM

7:00PM

#### WEDNESDAY 30TH

9:00 AM

7:00PM

#### THURS DAY 31ST

9:00 AM

7:00PM

#### FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

9:00 AM

7:00PM

#### SATURDAY 2ND APRIL

10:00 AM

6:00PM

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ELLEN HASSELL, RIP

JANE CARTER WILLOCK R.I.P. REPOSE OF CAPRICE KAYEYE, MIKE COOK, CHIRSTINE KIWEWA, MATU'S DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS.

FOR ALL MOTHERS IN THANKSGIVING ON THE OCCASION OF MOTHERS DAY. TIMAH DANLARDY, 40TH BIRTHDAY IN THANKSGIVING. QUEEN OGBEIFUN & JOY ENAGHE SULE BIRTHDAY THANKS. BELINDA LOLO TEKE IYALLA, BIRTHDAY THANKS. LORETTA PREMBEY GYAMBIBI & ISAAC POKU OSEI IN THANKSGIVING. DHAWALI OGLETREE, RECOVERY, HEALTH & WELLBEING. FELIX JOSE DE SOUSA, RIP. THOMAS JAMES ROSE, RIP ( 4TH YEAR IN MIND).  
FOR PEACE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE AND FOR REFUGEES.

FERIA

EVELYN OYERONKE MARTINS— TAILOR, RIP. PATRICK JOHNSTON, RIP.

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FERIA

STELLA AMACHREE, JOURNEY MERCIES & SPECIAL INTENTIONS. GBEMI BENJAMIN OKOROSOBO, BIRTHDAY THANKS. IKECHUKWU & CAROLINE ANI, GOD'S GUIDANCE IN ALL THEIR UNDERTAKEN. GRACE OHOUOT, BIRTHDAY THANKS

FERIA

FAZILAT BARAKAT, RIP

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FR. VICTOR DARLINGTON, BIRTHDAY INTENTIONS. CAROLINE ANI IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD ON HER BIRTHDAY. SUSAN ANEKE, RIP A DONOR FOR GOD'S MERCIES, FORGIVENESS AND DELIVERANCE. FR. VICTOR DARLINGTON, BIRTHDAY THANKS

FERIA

SUSAN ANEKE, RIP

JOHNNY SCAHILL, RIP.

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN, PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN.

### 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. Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Collect:**

O God, who through your Word  
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,  
grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith  
the Christian people may hasten  
toward the solemn celebrations to come.  
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**

**JOSHUA 5: 9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PSALM 33(34):2-7**

**R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**LUKE 15:18**

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!  
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

**GOSPEL**

**LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'" The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayer over the Offerings:** We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

**Prayer after communion:** O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder, what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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 **£503.24**

Gift Aid amounted to **£397.80** not including standing orders.

**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](mailto:camberwell-finance@rcaos.org.uk)

**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.

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Friday 1st April is our First Friday adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the 9am Mass to 7pm. Parishioners are encouraged to pass by the church and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

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

**RCIA**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next first holy communion class next is on Saturday 2nd April 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.

**SCRUTINY FOR OUR RCIA**

**CATECHUMENS**

This weekend is the second scrutiny for our catechumens and candidate at the 10am Mass

Third scrutiny 3rd April, 12noon Mass.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

We wish all our mothers a very happy Mother's Day today, especially mother's of our parish. We celebrate you all and thank you for your dedication and generosity to our parish community.

**APPOINTMENT**

Deacon Mark will be resuming in his new parish St Joseph's Church at Bromley immediately after Easter. We wish him all the very best as he looks forward to his new appointment.



**EASTER 2022**

**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday 10th April**

Masses: (Sat. 6:00pm), 10:00am, 12 noon, 6pm.

**Monday 11th April**

Penitential Service & Easter Confessions: after 7pm Mass.

**Wednesday 13th April**

Mass **9:00 am** only

Chrism 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**

**Holy Saturday 16th April:**

Anointing of catechumens 10:00am

**Solemn Liturgy: 8:00pm**

Mass of the Resurrection

**EASTER SEASON**

**Easter Sunday 17th April**

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

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

**Please note Masses celebrated during this week**

**Monday 18th - Friday 22nd**

will be at 10:00am only.

**Saturday 23rd April:**

Masses at 10:00am, 6:00pm

**Sunday 24th April Masses as usual**

Divine Mercy celebration at 3:00pm



**MY MOTHER**

*By Ann Taylor*

**Who sat and watched my infant head  
When sleeping on my cradle bed,  
And tears of sweet affection shed?**

**My Mother.**

**When pain and sickness made me cry,  
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,  
And wept for fear that I should die?**

**My Mother.**

**Who taught my infant lips to pray  
And love God's holy book and day,  
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?**

**My Mother.**

**And can I ever cease to be  
Affectionate and kind to thee,  
Who wast so very kind to me,**

**My Mother.**

**Ah, no! the thought I cannot bear,  
And if God please my life to spare  
I hope I shall reward they care,**

**My Mother.**

**When thou art feeble, old and grey,  
My healthy arm shall be thy stay,  
And I will soothe thy pains away,**

**My Mother.**

## **FOUNDATION GOVERNOR**

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balam, 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](mailto:e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk)). Website: [sfx.ac.uk](http://sfx.ac.uk)**

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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*