

**Sunday 3rd April 2022** live simply that others may simply live

<b>Saturday 2nd April</b>	10am	Ines Lombardi RIP
	6pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 3rd April</b> 5th Sunday in Lent	10am	Ayayi Ajavon RIP
	4pm	Stations of the Cross
	5:30pm	Magdalena and Gerard Oberding RIP
<b>Monday 4th April</b> St Isidore		No Mass
<b>Tuesday 5th April</b>	10am	Kathleen and Paddy Archbold and Vena Masterson
<b>Wednesday 6th April</b>	10am	Fr Philip De Freitas Ints
<b>Thursday 7th April</b> St John Baptist de la Salle	10am	Donor's Ints
<b>Friday 8th April</b>	10:am	Michael Holian RIP
	10:30 to 1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.45pm (Latin Mass)	Cahal Naughton Ints
<b>Saturday 9th April</b>	10am	Mary Abu Ints
	6pm	Vicky Hellwig and family
<b>Sunday 10th April</b> Palm Sunday Passion Sunday	10am	Doyle Family
	4pm	Stations of the Cross
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:**

Shirley Monaco, Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Amanda Dearling, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Jane Sullivan, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week  
 Sunday's offering was £691.33  
 Standing Orders £400  
 Contactless Donations £180.00  
**Total £1271.33**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD  
 Tel: 020 8788 7420  
 Head : Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE  
 www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk

**PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM**

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

**Contacts**

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# Our Lady and Saint Peter

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 Facebook: [Our Lady and St Peter Church](https://www.facebook.com/Our Lady and St Peter Church)



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (C) - PASSIONTIDE**

The great festivals that were once kept throughout Europe provided a cultural common language that is now almost entirely lost. But rather like the twelve days of Christmas...the days from the 5th Sunday in Lent to Vigil at the end of Holy Saturday were for centuries amongst the most important and most colourful of the year.

Just as Holy week and Easter week are now muddled, often Holy Saturday is called Easter Saturday, so indeed the meaning of Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday and Passiontide and Holy Week and Easter week are somewhat lost. Even those attending Catholic or Anglican services might mistakenly think that nothing much has changed since medieval times but the liturgy and rituals known to Shakespeare's audience have passed away entirely or taken on entirely new forms.

Therefore I thought it might be fun to revisit these old high days of the ancient calendar and review some of the ritual practices that surrounded them. Amongst things lost in the mist of childhood is the wonder I felt on going to church on Passion Sunday. When I went into church for Mass I saw all the statues, pictures and crucifixes covered in violet cloths. I remember asking mum why there were no flowers on the altars. Even the gilt crucifix over the tabernacle was covered in a cloth. The figure of Christ hanging on the giant cross suspended from the apse in front of the sanctuary was also covered. Mind you it was as wondrous in my small head that they could get up that high to put a cover over the figure of Christ as to the meaning of the figure being covered. It was a simple theatrical device. But I was awe struck and that meant it had achieved the desired effect.

In the middle ages – pre sixteenth century – the entire period from Septuagesima to Holy Saturday was regarded as a Season of Reconciliation. In English it is called Shrovetide and the greatest feast of the period was kept at most royal courts in Europe in the weekend and days leading up to Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday.

The tumult of 'carnival' ended at the stroke of midnight. On the following day, Ash Wednesday, the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday were burned, the ashes were mixed with Holy Water and given out at the end of Mass. The priest alone dispensed ashes using his thumb dipped into the ash to make a cross on the forehead saying 'remember man that thou art dust and to dust thou shall return.'

Ash Wednesday then marked and still marks the beginning of the most ancient of the ecclesiastical seasons – Lent. It is a period of forty days in remembrance of the forty days spent by Christ in the fasting desert before he began his public ministry with his Baptism by St John the Baptist in the River Jordan. The entire forty days of Lent were days both of fast and of abstinence: a fast being daily allowance of only one meal and two collations; abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Sunday's were not days of fast but continued as days of abstinence. In addition to the fast it became traditional for individuals to give up something in addition which was brought to church each day of Lent and given as alms for the poor.

Our modern version of giving up of sweets, chocolate, alcohol or tobacco is a descendant of this direct form of alms giving. We are meant to substitute money as the gift of alms resultant from this act of self denial. And in our self denial we are supposed to imitate the fasting of Christ in his forty days in the desert.

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## PARISH NEWS

### Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this exile  
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

### PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD - 14th May

The Legion of Mary group is planning a pilgrimage to Aylesford on Saturday 14th May. A coach will be booked at a cost of £15 per adult and £5 for children.

If you are interested please add your name and phone number to the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

### Lenten Talk

There is one remaining Lenten Talk to help us reflect on Lent and encourage us in our observances.

**Thursday 7th April at 7pm by Fr Linus Clovis**

Along with this talk will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to get to confession. Please put in your diaries.

Thanks. Fr Philip

### THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 03 APRIL 200 CLUB

1	27	Mrs Anne Davies
2	55	Gisela Matthias

### Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meets on Tuesdays at 3.45pm

Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am

### Tea After 10am Mass This Sunday

We will be having tea and donuts after the 10am Mass this weekend.

### Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the New Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing [bookingsolsp@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsolsp@gmail.com) or phoning **07708632289**



If you would like to donate towards the running of the Parish you can do so by scanning this QR Code into your mobile phone

### GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

Please speak to:  
John O' Reilly 07977 538671

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### Legion of Mary Acies - 26th March



### Our Lady Queen of Heaven School Nursery

There are still some available places in the Nursery for the Autumn term 2022. If your child will be 3 years old by 31<sup>st</sup> August and you would be interested in them starting in Nursery, please contact the school office on 0208 788 7420 or visit the school website to download an application in the 'Admissions' section at: [www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk) or contact admissions by email at: [ptaylor@ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:ptaylor@ourladyqueenofheaven.wandsworth.sch.uk)

The school is once again offering school tours and look forward to welcoming you for a visit.

## NOTICE BOARD

### THE PASSAGE

**The Passage**, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

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