

Saturday 10th February St Scholastica	10am Paul Moorhond Ints 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th February 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	10am Roger Chadder RIP 5.30pm Anna Roache RIP
Monday 12th February	No Mass
Tuesday 13th February	10am Christiane Bootheway RIP
Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY	10am Evelyn Monaco RIP Erminio Monaco RIP and Agatha Monaco RIP 7pm Fr Jim Hurley RIP
Thursday 15th February St Josephine Bakhita	10am Liana Lloyd RIP 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 16th February	10am Raymond Austin RIP 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Dale and Ferrara families
Saturday 17th February	10am Sikander Hossain RIP 6pm Ann Fanthome RIP
Sunday 18th February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	10am Tina Ealing RIP 4pm Stations of the Cross 5.30pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jason Moreno, Shirley Monaco and Gemma Morgan.

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	£891.67
Contactless	£262.00
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1553.67

Thank you for your generosity

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420
Head Teacher: 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

Q: What is Lent?
A: Lent is the forty day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). [This traditional enumeration does not precisely coincide with the calendar according to the liturgical reform. In order to give special prominence to the Sacred Triduum (Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) the current calendar counts Lent as only from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, up to the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Even so, Lenten practices are properly maintained up to the Easter Vigil, excluding Sundays, as before.]

Q: Why are Sundays excluded from the reckoning of the forty days?
A: Because Sunday is the day on which Christ arose, making it an inappropriate day to fast and mourn our sins. On Sunday we must celebrate Christ's resurrection for our salvation. It is Friday on which we commemorate his death for our sins. The Sundays of the year are days of celebration and the Fridays of the year are days of penance.

Q: Why are the forty days called Lent?
A: They are called Lent because that is the Old English word for spring, the season of the year during which they fall. This is something unique to English. In almost all other languages its name is a derivative of the Latin term *Quadragesima*, or "the forty days."

Q: Why is Lent forty days long?
A: Because forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Thus Moses stayed on the Mountain of God forty days (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28), the spies were in the land for forty days (Numbers 13:25), Elijah travelled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8), Nineveh was given forty days to repent (Jonah 3:4), and most importantly, prior to undertaking his ministry, Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting (Matthew 4:2).

Since Lent is a period of prayer and fasting, it is fitting for Christians to imitate their Lord with a forty day period. Christ used a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for his ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection, and thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of his ministry's climax, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the resurrection).

Thus the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:
"For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning" [Heb 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540).

Q: What is a day of fast and abstinence?
A: Under current canon law in the Western Rite of the Church, a day of fast is one on which Catholics who are eighteen to sixty years old are required to keep a limited fast. In this country, one may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake can easily be dispensed from the requirement of fasting by their pastor.

A day of abstinence is a day on which Catholics fourteen years or older are required to abstain from eating meat (under the current discipline in America, fish, eggs, milk products, and condiments or foods made using animal fat are permitted in the Western Rite of the Church, though not in the Eastern Rites.) Again, persons with special dietary needs can easily be dispensed by their pastor.

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PARISH NEWS

LAST WEEK'S VISIT BY ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL BUENDIA



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This weekend we welcome Fr Michael Ryan who will say all the Masses. Fr Philip is away on the parish pilgrimage to Rue Du Bac, Paris.

Fr Philip is on Jury service for the next few weeks.

Discussion and talks on the Catholic Faith

15th February 2024

We will be holding discussion and talks on the Catholic faith in the Parish Hall on 15th February at 6:30pm. The first subject will be the Sacrament of Confession.

The 200 Club

As it is now a new year, payments need to start again. Thank you very much for everyone that has started to pay and we would be really pleased if you could all start again.

Payments can be made at the end of each Mass at the weekends in the Sacristy with Helene, Jackie and Andrew.

Thank you all very much.

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 11th February 200 CLUB

1	78	Kathleen Lyons
2	10	Mrs N Lynch

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday

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.

NOTICE BOARD

Clergy Support Fund Second Collection - 17th/18th February

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

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