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Sat 2 Mar	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	George Benzie R.I.P.
Sun 3 Mar	10 am Mass		Lola Emetulu's fiftieth birthday
Tues 5 Mar	12 noon Mass		Joanita de Souza R.I.P.
Wed 6 Mar	9 am Mass	ASH WEDNESDAY	For the Parish
	7.30 PM Mass		Grace to keep a good Lent
Thurs 7 Mar	9 am Mass	Feria	Mill Hill Fathers
	9.30 am - 10.30 am	Adoration	
Sat 9 Mar	10 am	NO CONFESSION	
	6pm Vigil Mass	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Robin Horscroft R.I.P.
Sun 10 Mar	10 am Mass		For the Parish

### **DIARY DATES**

Wed 6 Mar – Mass at 9am & 7.30pm (Sung) -

**Ash Wednesday**

Thurs 7 March – RCIA – 7.30pm

Fri 8 Mar – Stations & talk – 7.30pm

Sun 10 Mar – Children's Lent Preparation day –  
after Mass to 3.30pm

Fri 15 Mar – CAFOD Family Fast Day

- Stations & Talk – 7.30pm

Mon 15 April – Penitential Service – 7.30pm –

**St Joseph's Church**

### **Pope's intention for March**

**That Christian communities, especially  
those who are persecuted, feel that they are  
close to Christ and have their rights  
respected.**

### **From the Parish Priest**

The scaffolding is down! After three months of being shrouded in plastic sheeting and living in the half-light with curtains drawn for fear of frightening the workmen, the light is now streaming into the Presbytery. It is a refreshing experience and has made me long to see and appreciate the sight of garden and creation in general. I think both Judith and I feel a lot better for the ability to see out of the windows again. I can draw a parallel here with my own relationship with the Lord; the light of Christ in our lives brings refreshment and that the darkness which sin brings is one of entombment. I have certainly learned what it is to come into the light and to feel joyful and free.

*Fr Bruce*

**HOUSE MASSES in Lent:** Please tick the list in the Church porch if you want to attend a Mass in Lent. Those offering hospitality for the Masses need to provide a table (not too low) with a white cloth on it, a cross and a candle or two, a small bowl with water in it and a small jug with water in it. Thank you.

It has been decided to reintroduce the **List of the Sick** who would like prayer on the newsletter. We must have their permission for them to be included. If you would like to be included, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Linda Verner** who asks for our prayers.

The flowers this week are for Lola Emetulu's fiftieth birthday.

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY**

**Ent: 168 Gloria: 481 (Laudate)**

**Off: 351 Sanctus: 482 (Laudate)**

**Mem Acc: 484(2) (Laudate)**

**Lamb of God: 487 (Laudate)**

**Comm: 194 Rec: 449**

## **NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Welcome to Fr John Cooke celebrating and preaching at Mass this Sunday. He is promoter of Vocations in the Diocese.

**Christian Aid Concert** – 3 March – 7pm – St John's Church – by Downe House

**CAFOD** Tues 5 March at St Joseph's Church, Kezia Harrow, talking about CAFOD projects in the Holy Land from 7:15pm till 9pm.

**Christian aid Coffee Morning** – Thurs 7 March – 10.00 am till 12.00 noon – St Nicholas Church Hall.

**Eucharistic Ministers Training** Saturdays 9th, 16th and 23rd March 10.00 - 12.00. Please speak with Fr. Bruce or to Francis (40968) for further information.



**Lent preparation for all primary age children** on Sunday 10th March beginning after Mass and finishing at 3.30 pm. There is a cost of £5 per family in advance to help pay for craft materials. Volunteers to help run the day are most welcome. Sign up forms available after each Mass.

**J&P Cake Stall** for Mothering Sunday 31st March - donations of cakes, jams, etc., needed on the day - all proceeds to parish charities.

**NEW HOUSES and NEW RESIDENTS in the PARISH** If you notice a new resident moving into your street or new housing being built near you, please let Fr Bruce know by contacting the Parish Office. This will enable the Parish to welcome the new residents by sending a card of welcome.

The **Rite of Election** is in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th March at 11.a.m. This Service is a public Act of Intent to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for **Rowland and Katarzyna** who will enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Car Parking:** please be careful when you park your car especially against the Church. Remember to back up gently and not to leave in haste. There is a 5 mph speed limit in the car park as there are children and vulnerable adults in the car park after Mass. Thank you.

Andrew's charity fund-raising can be given here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teampanandahalfmarathon>

Congratulations on Lola Emetulu and Michael van der Zwaluw on winning the 100 Club.

### **LENT TALKS on FRIDAY EVENINGS at 7.30pm**

Please support **Stations of the Cross and the Lent Talks** which follow. The Talks will be in the Hall and I hope that we shall be joined by members of other Churches in the area.

There are a number of lively Speakers covering a lively number of topics. I am grateful to them for sparing the time to come and give us these lent Talks. Please try to support these talks. We shall be joined by other members of local churches. All are welcome.

8<sup>th</sup> March – Aba Shields

#### **Work of the Family Life Group**

15<sup>th</sup> March – Fr Peter Codd

#### **Serving the Homeless – A Joy or a Sorrow?**

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sr Margaret Scott

#### **Gospel Women at the United Nations**

29<sup>th</sup> March – Br Ben Foy

#### **Catholic Christians encountering LGBT People – How?**

5<sup>th</sup> April – Elsa Hewitt

#### **Our Work with the Orphans of Mexico – An Update**

12<sup>th</sup> April – Nicholas Fogg

#### **Weeds from the Same Dunghill**

**The Foodbank** has produced an AdLent Calendar of items needed. Please see poster in Hall Porch.

**Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms** @Please contact Maureen Hudd, even for parish events and meetings, tel 30108 or email [Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com](mailto:Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com)

### **WELCOMING:**

**Sat 9 Mar:** Marian & Beth Midgeley

**Sun 10 Mar:** Martha & Tony Vickers

### **CLEANERS:**

**Fri 8 Mar:** Margaret Fielding & Angela Spellman

### **COUNTERS:**

**Sun 3 Mar:** Angela Spellman & Linda Verner