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Weekly Newsletter	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	Second Sunday of Lent
<p><b>PARISH DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <b>05.30 pm Confessions</b>  <b>06.00 pm John Flynn RIP (G&amp;B Ford)</b></p> <p><i>4.30pm FHC parent meeting in the Community Centre</i></p> <p><b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>  <b>09.15 am People of the Parish</b>  <b>11.00 am Donald Almeida RIP (E&amp;G Rebello)</b></p> <p><i>Coffee and Tea after Mass in the Community Centre</i></p> <p><b>03.00 pm Stations of The Cross</b> <i>This week's devotion will use specially composed music by Berenice Chan instead of traditional texts/scripture. Let the music feed your imagination and touch your heart as we accompany Jesus on his way to the cross.</i></p> <p><i>You can choose whether to process around the church or sit in the pews. The service will be live-streamed and recorded on church services.tv</i></p> <p><b>Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Feria)</b>  <b>10.00 am Private Intention (A&amp;K Evans)</b></p>		<p><b>Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March (Feria)</b>  <b>10.00 am Jean Vera Constance Collins RIP (Foundation Mass)</b></p> <p><i>11.00am Meditation Group in the church</i>  <i>02.00 pm Memory Café in the Community Centre</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March (Feria)</b>  <b>10.00 am George, Irene &amp; Kathleen Hilborne RIP (A Huntington)</b></p> <p><i>01.30 pm Companions Club in the Community Centre</i></p> <p><b>Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March (Feria)</b>  <b>10.00 am Lilian Hartley RIP (G&amp;B Ford)</b></p> <p><b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March (Feria)</b>          No Mass from St James'. Please note that St Edmund Beckenham will live stream their Mass at 10.00 am.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March (Third Sunday Of Lent)</b>  <b>05.30 pm Confessions</b></p> <p><b>06.00 pm People of The Parish</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>09.15 am People of The Parish</b>  <b>11.00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Jan Bajorek &amp; Welfare of Barbara Bajorek (Bajorek family)</b></p> <p><i>Coffee and Tea after Mass in the Community Centre</i></p> <p><b>03.00 pm Stations of The Cross</b></p>

**The Second Collection** this Sunday will be for Cafod Lent.

**Financial Update**

Thank you for your offerings last week of £669.88 (Please note this is the cash offerings only and does not include any standing orders we have received). Mass attendances were 404. If you would like to set up a standing order then the bank details are RCAS PETTS WOOD, 60-08-14, Account Number 13204297. For offertory

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to reserve a Mass for your intention, please pick up a special envelope from the back of the church and hand it in to the Parish Office. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred date, so it is useful to ask well in advance. The minimum donation suggested by the Diocese for a Mass Offering is £10 and this can be gift aided.

payments use the reference OF/ NAME/Gift Aid number and for Building Fund use the reference BF/NAME/ Gift Aid number. If you pay tax and are not yet a gift aider do look at the parish website where you will find joining instructions.

**Thank you** to all for your donations of clothes for the homeless. **We do not need any more donations at this present time**, from the JPIC group.

**Film Club Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** With apologies, the film "Witness For the Prosecution", publicised in the February Newsletter, will not now be shown as it is readily available to watch at home on BBC iPlayer. Instead our film will be the highly acclaimed, Academy Award winning, "Nomadland", which in 2021 won Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director & Best Actress.

As usual the doors to the Community Centre & the Bar will open promptly at 7pm. The film will start at 7.30pm & runs for 103 minutes. Any donations raised will be sent to the Bromley Foodbank for the purchase of essential supplies to help them meet increased demand over the Easter School Holiday period. More details of the March and April Film Nights please check out our Parish website.

**Petts Wood CWL:** A big thank you to everyone who supported the CWL with the release packs for prisoners. PACT emailed to thank us and said how the backpacks would make such a difference to those leaving custody. On 9th March Southwark Branch of CWL will be holding a half-day of recollection. Mass will be at 12.15 in St Edmund's Church, followed by lunch (bring a packed lunch). At 1.45 Fr Bryan will give a Lenten Reflection on the theme of the Council of Vatican 2. All welcome. The Petts Wood CWL March Section Meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March at 1pm. Missionaries, Reverend Geoff and Hope Price, will be coming to talk about their work in Rwanda. Possibly you may have seen them on Songs of Praise. Do come and join us for this interesting talk. On Saturday 28th March, 7pm for 7.30 start, CWL will be holding a Beetle Drive. Tickets £5.

**Food Bank:** The urgent needs this week are for tinned cold meat, tinned potatoes, long life Desserts, coffee, sugar, cereals, fruit juice (long life), shampoo, shaving foam/gel, multi surface sprays and wipes. Please can donations of medium sized Easter eggs be left in the special baskets at the back of the church. Last date for collection will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Cancellation Anointing Mass:** Please note that the Anointing of the sick Mass scheduled for Monday 27th April has been cancelled.

The next Anointing Mass will be on Monday 5th October.

**Please can you help:** We urgently need people to help become welcomers for the 9.15am Sunday Masses and after all weekend Masses for the Parish shop (Repository). Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

**Looking for Inspiration this Lent?** Check out our website to see books, all featured in The Tablet (Catholic magazine) at some time.

**Repository:** Please visit the Repository after weekend Masses. Lots of new stock – Bibles, Children's Mass books and rosary books. First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts/Cards and Easter cards now in stock.

**200 Club Subscriptions** Annual subscriptions for the 200 club are due by the 31st March. Thank you for your continued support, if you wish to continue please can you pay by cheque £60 payable to St James 200 club.

I shall be grateful if you can send it to the Parish Office or place it in an envelope and place it in the offertory basket at any Mass. Alternatively you can pay online to St James 200 Club sort code 601603 - Account Number 77878736.

Another way if you wish to spread the cost is by paying by Standing Order £5 per month to the same account number etc. Please advise me if you wish to

The Bar will be open and there will be a Raffle. All profits will go to charities supported by CWL. This will be a fun evening for all ages, although children must be old enough to join in. Do not panic if you do not know how to play - we will teach you. To book a place please phone 07833 516209 or email [cwl@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:cwl@stjamespettswood.org).

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At present there are 8 vacancies so if anyone wishes to join please contact me Ken Evans tel: no 01689 851793.

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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Full details of Parish events can be found on our website.