

NEWSLETTER

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Monday 24th February – Sunday 1st March 2020

Monday	10:00am	Intention of Magda
Tuesday	10:00am	Intention of Agnes
Wednesday	10:00am	Intention of the Parish
	10:30am	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	A Fruitful Lent
Thursday	10:00am	Kitty Maloney R.I.P
Friday	10:00am	For Tolerance
	10:30am	Stations of the Cross
	4:00pm	Benediction
Saturday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
		<i>First Week in Lent</i>
Sunday		
	8:30am	The Church in Need
	10:00am	Adriano Santos R.I.P
	12 noon	Intention of Pauline

**Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday,
but can be organised anytime.
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Youth Day

The Sion Community will be running a day for young people (13+) on the 29th February from 1.30 to 4pm.

They request your help with food and drink and a £2 donation to cover Sion Community expenses.

Please your support is needed to make this a great day, Sion community are brilliant, I have worked with them before.

Pope Francis on Lent

Forget giving up the booze or chocolates this Lent. Unless it helps someone more than yourself, it's pointless. No act of virtue can be great, if it is not followed by advantage for others. So no matter how much time you gave spent fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great.

Archbishop's plea for suffering Christians

"Helping persecuted Christians is not somebody else's business: it's our business" – Archbishop John Wilson. (Our own new Bishop of Southwark)

If you want to follow a prayer for Lent, the Loyola website is very good:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily>

Fr Jack

Jesus says, "No one is good except God alone." Today He tells us, "Be you perfect." **A tall order.**

By now I believe we all know the meaning of perfect, translated as be you **TOLERANT**. We often get intolerant with people who don't see things our way. People who are different. People we do not understand. People who do not understand us.

And at times we may even think they are silly. We may want to throw them into prison and throw away the keys.

We even wonder why God does not reign down fire and brimstone on all nasty people. But no.

He is tolerant. And I thank God that he is tolerant with me.

He goes to the other extreme and forgives and loves me.

Forgiveness is a symptom of growing up. It is coming alive in God.

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience. It's a chance to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next retreat is 6th - 8th March in Swindon, why not find out more at wwme.org.uk

St Olave's Foundation

St Olave's Foundation provides small grants to young people under the age of 25 living in Southwark, as well as to educational and charitable institutions in the borough. Archbishop John is keen to try and encourage applications so please pass on the details of any endeavours that would thrive with some help. Please don't hesitate to contact Archbishop John if you need any more information. Also the chief exec of the charity would be very happy to meet with e.g. deans or school teachers if needed. For more information:

www.stolavesfoundationfund.org.uk