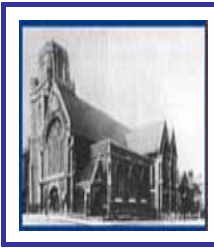




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ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

Sunday 28th March
2004

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Reflecting on the Gospel

Jesus is teaching a group of people in the Temple. The Pharisees, seeing him sitting there with such authority, consider this an opportune moment to trip him up on his own words. They bring before him an actual case. If Jesus should openly forgive the woman caught in adultery, he would be contradicting the Law of Moses.

Jesus says nothing to the Pharisees. He bends down and traces on the ground. But they keep after him, and so he stands up and says, "Let the one who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her." Since none of them can claim this, they drift away, and only the woman remains. Jesus forgives her, but he warns her to avoid sinning in the future.

How encouraging for us, as we struggle to be faithful to the teaching of Jesus. None of us can claim that we have not strayed from this teaching. We stand before Jesus, guilty. Yet Jesus does not condemn us. Far from it!

Questions to Ponder

- Imagine that you are a witness to this Gospel story. How would you have treated the woman?
- In what ways might Jesus's forgiving attitude help you to hold on to hope?
- Do you have a condemning attitude towards a particular person or group? What might you do this week to change it?

Prayer

Jesus, as I reflect on this Gospel, I want to say thank you - above all for your patience with me. I want to "avoid sin," but I need your help. Be with me always. Amen



Stations of the Cross

every Sunday afternoon In Lent at 4.30pm. Please do make an effort to come along if you possibly can.



Cakes and Jams sale next

Sunday 4th April in the Atrium after the 10 o'clock Mass. Please help by bringing **HOMEMADE** cakes and jams - and by supporting this popular event if you can.

WEEKEND MASSES

- 5.30pm (Sat):
Jan Kuzmin's well-being
- 10.00am :
Manuel & Maria Da
Conciecao RIP
- 3.30pm (Hosp):
People of the Parish

This Week's Readings

- Isaiah 43: 16-21
- Psalm 125
- Philippians 3: 8-14
- John 8: 1-11
- Mass Book Pg. 82

LAST WEEK'S MONEY MATTERS

Parish Collection £ 364.79
Standing Orders £ 303.42
Sick and Retired Priests £ 396.05

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"We are most like animals when we kill.
We are most like humans when we judge.
We are most like God when we forgive."*
Anon

Aleksandra our organist gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday

Seniors' Club meets this Thursday 1st April from 2.30 - 4pm in the Church Hall. We welcome again Sr. Jean KirkPatrick and her presentation will be *"Come follow me" - A preparation for Holy Week.*

100 Club - application forms available. First Draw Sunday 4th April.
WE STILL NEED 68 MEMBERS!

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Confirmation 2004 – At this Sunday’s 10 o’clock Mass, the young people preparing for Confirmation will take part in an Enrolment Ceremony. Please keep them in your prayers over the next few months.

Fabio Augusto	Nived Lobo
Daniel Carvalho	Larson Mathiethasson
Xavier D’ Cruz	Jamie McGuigan
James Dodds	Laura Planson
Harry Farrer	Zoe Reekie
Tiago Gaspar	Shane Sheppard
Thomas Jackman	Dylan Whelan
Danielle Jeffery	Poppy Whelan

WANDSWORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCHES - LENT 2004

“Lenten Journey”

An Ecumenical Lent Course

Last Week

Wednesday 31 March

- 7.45pm-

118 St ANN’S HILL - SW18

(Hosted by the Salvation Army Congregation)



Friday 2 April

- 12 Noon-

ST THOMAS a BECKET CHURCH HALL

SANTOS ROAD - WEST HILL - SW18

(Hosted by the Roman Catholic congregation)



Fifth week of Lent - *Go and sin no more.*



Altar Servers’ Practice - This Sunday 28th March 5-6 pm for both Existing and New Altar Servers.

Social Activities in the Parish? A review of Parish Social Life will take place at a meeting in the Church Hall on Monday 29th March at 8pm. please do try to come along if you are interested in having a say - or getting involved - or even both.



First Confessions continue this Saturday 3rd April from 10-11am. Please arrive in good time as 11 o’clock is the finishing time. The next First Holy Communion Preparation session will take place well after Easter - Monday 26th April - so there is plenty of time for children to catch up with their work in their books. Please complete up to page 101 - but DON’T go beyond!



Passover Meal - This coming Tuesday 30th March 7.30pm in the Church Hall. If you would like to come, please print your name on the list at the back of the Church.

There are no tickets - just turn up if you’ve signed up. We only have 32 places in all, as some invitations have gone to the other Wandsworth Christian Churches. There is no charge - but a voluntary retiring collection will be made for CAFOD.

Men’s Saturday Morning Maintenance Group For Lent

Just 2 mornings left - 3rd & 10th April. There’s a list at the back of the Church if you can help.



Easter Ceremonies of Holy Week - please volunteer to help. Lists are at the back of the Church. There will be full details of the Holy Weekend Ceremonies available next week when we celebrate Palm Sunday - the start of Holy Week.

“Thoroughly Modern Millie” - Parish theatre trip to the West End Show “Thoroughly Modern Millie” anyone interested please see sign up list at the back of the Church.

Penitential Service with individual Confessions heard by visiting priests at St. Mary Magdalen’s Church - East Hill, a week Monday 5th April at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 9.30 am	Feria Mary O’Connal (Sick)	Friday 9.30 am	Feria John Lane RIP
Tuesday 9.30 am	Feria William Tomkins RIP	Saturday 9.30 am	Feria Jimmy Parnel RIP
Wednesday 9.30 am	Feria Seamus Ahern RIP	Sunday	Sunday 4th April 2004
Thursday 9.30 am	Feria Jimmy Giltinane RIP	5.30 pm (Sat)	Palm Sunday Gary Stevens RIP
		10.00 am	Teresa Byrne RIP
		3.30 pm (Hosp)	People of the Parish

Confessions on Saturdays 10-11am and on request after 5.30pm Mass

