



1. This coming Sunday will be the **Third Sunday of Lent**. The readings for Mass can be found on page 160 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. On the afternoon of Sunday 20th March, we have a **special service of the Stations of the Cross**, aimed particularly at our younger parishioners. Some children of the parish will be leading the meditations at this service. All are very welcome to attend.
3. The funeral Mass for **William Lane** will take place at Holy Ghost on Wednesday 23rd March at 1.00 pm. Please continue to keep William and his family in your prayers
4. A reminder that during Lent, there will be a 12.30 lunchtime Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These take place in the Lady Chapel. **However, there is no 12.30 Mass on Wednesday 23rd March, as we have the funeral service at 1.00 pm**
5. **During Lent we celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Sundays at 5.15 pm.** This devotion replaces the usual Sunday evening Eucharistic Adoration during Lent. However, there will still be Adoration on Fridays from 10.00 – 11.00 as usual (with Confessions available). The Stations of the Cross are a wonderful way to enter into the spirit of Lent, and we encourage everyone who can to take part.
6. **During Lent, we are holding three LENTEN TALKS.** The next talk will be on Tuesday 22nd March, and will be given by Catholic author and journalist, Joanna Bogle. She will speak on **Sister Riccarda Hambrough**, a saintly Catholic nun who hid Jews fleeing persecution during World War II. **PLEASE NOTE** – this talk will be given in the Parish

Centre, 27 Nightingale Square, NOT in the church. The final talk will be on Tuesday 5th April, just before Holy Week, and will be given by Fr. Marcus Holden, previously an assistant priest at Holy Ghost, and now Parish Priest of St Bede's Clapham Park. He is also Episcopal Vicar for Catechesis and Evangelisation in our diocese. He will speak on **the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus**, drawing on his own experiences in the Holy Land, where he walked the original 'via dolorosa'. Do come along to inform and deepen your faith!

7. Fr Marcus Holden, one of our Lenten speakers, has also written **a new book of meditations for the Stations of the Cross** – these are illustrated by photographs of our own Stations of the Cross here at Holy Ghost, which are very beautiful and moving. This little book is on sale in the church porch, together with other suitable Lenten reading. You can watch a podcast of Fr Marcus discussing these meditations by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8XnuACw9g>

8. **Some big 'thank you's**. The Little Sisters of the Poor, who held a recent appeal here, raised over £2500 for their work with the elderly, and send their gratitude and prayers. And our bake sale last week for refugees from Ukraine raised almost £950. Thank you very much for your great generosity.

With our prayers and blessing during this holy season of Lent,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni