



1. This coming Sunday will be the **Fourth Sunday of Lent**. The readings for Mass can be found on page 168 of the Parish Mass Books. Today is also known as 'Laetare' ('Rejoice') Sunday, because we are over half-way to Easter. The vestments are 'rose coloured' to mark this special moment. Of course, in England today is also '**Mothering Sunday**' – and we wish a very happy day to all the mothers of our parish!
2. A reminder that during Lent, there is a **12.30 lunchtime Mass** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These take place in the Lady Chapel.
3. **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.
4. **Our final Lenten 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! This talk will take place in church, with refreshments available afterwards in the crypt.
5. Fr Marcus Holden 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. His 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>

6. Since schools break up early for Easter this year, and people will soon be travelling, the '**Easter Offering**' envelopes will be available in the church porch from this Sunday. The Easter Offering is your personal gift to the priests of the parish.

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

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni