

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th January 2021 Sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Poverty Action Sunday

10.00am Mass (Victor Luis Doré-Boize RIP)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

Monday 15th February Feria

Tuesday 16th February Feria

The Season of Lent

Wednesday 17th February

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Mass (Iris Clark RIP - 2nd Anniversary)

6.30pm Mass

Thursday 18th February Feria

Friday 19th February Feria

Saturday 20th February Feria

10.00am Mass (For the wellbeing of donor's husband)

Sunday 21st February 2021 First

Sunday of Lent (B)

10.00am Mass (Sheila Salmon RIP)

6.30pm Mass (For the people of the parish)

ASH WEDNESDAY - 17TH FEBRUARY - The first day of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be two Masses, at **10am** and **6.30pm**. Due to the pandemic there is a change to the distribution of ashes. At the usual point in the Liturgy the priest will say the prayer for blessing the ashes. The priest will silently sprinkle the ashes with holy water and will then address all those present with the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". The ashes will then be left until the end of Mass when the people should then come forward (as if coming for Holy Communion), the Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything and then they should leave the church immediately.

The professional Public Health advice passed from the Bishops' Conference informs us that it is unlikely that ash would be on a person's head long enough to pick up enough contaminated fluid bearing the virus from skin to then infect someone. However, if anyone has any concern about receiving ashes at this time, please be reassured that it is not compulsory.

BRIDGET MAJOR RIP - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Major who has recently died. Bridget is a former parishioner of this parish and will be known to many. Her funeral will take place in Essex on Monday 15th February. Please pray for her family and for all who mourn her passing that the Lord may give them strength at this sad time. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

TODAY IS POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY - formerly the Day for the Unemployed - we are asked to give, act and pray to ensure people on the margins are fully involved in the world we build as we emerge from the pandemic. We live in tough times. The past few months have highlighted the inequalities that sweep too many people into poverty. But we have also been reminded of the values that matter most: mutuality, compassion and community. As we journey forward together, we have the chance to do things differently. If we are to build a society in which everyone can live a full life, free from poverty, we must ensure the voices of people who are struggling to make ends meet are heard.

KNOWING JESUS: JESUIT LENT ONLINE RETREAT 2021 - Walk with the Jesuits through Lent and Easter and really come to understand and love Jesus. They will ponder Gospel stories, reflect on their meaning and see how startlingly relevant Jesus is to living a truly human life in the 21st Century. Follow the retreat online, and sign up to an online group (places limited): <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> Sign up to receive daily emails during Lent and additional resources: <http://eepurl.com/hnIXAn>

SHARING TIME AND TALENTS - please consider volunteering for some of the tasks that keep our church functioning smoothly; we are particularly looking for people to become stewards at Mass and for those who can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday to come and clean the church thus ensuring that it look it's best. The more people we have, the fewer times you will have to come. Please see Fr. Hans if you can give a little time to help. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS - Last week - £347.40 (£58.02 Gift Aid + £102.38 loose plate + £187 Standing order.) Crib collection - £191.54. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING

20th February Mary

27th February Irene/
Zita

6th March Mary

13th March

Irene/Zita

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for
Merrick Boston,
Ronald Salmon,
June O'Driscoll,
Noela Thiebaud,
Francesca Baker,
Trevor Lane,
Tricia Coppin,
Sebastian Burrell,
Fred Ward,
Lisa Moran,
Rita Coombs,
Luke Fellowes.