



SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2026 GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH (VOL. 8 ISSUE 310)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

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Reflection: This Sunday is the 12th day of this 40-day Holy Season of Lent.

We give thanks to God for His graces & blessings bestowed in the opening 2 months of 2026.

Lent brings home to us that, every day in our lives of discipleship, the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ must be uppermost in our minds and hearts.

Death was brought into the world by the disobedience of Adam & Eve (Original Sin) – they fell out of harmony with God, with each other, & with all aspects of Creation. It could not have been more serious. Such death could only be conquered through a unique and special death. Even if the Son of God had had a full 30 years as an adult on earth, giving the greatest imaginable moral teaching to us, that would never have been enough. (Nor did any human individual exist, who could give up his or her life in reparation for humankind).

No, Original Sin called for the dramatic intervention of God on our behalf. God Himself would have to go to the Cross, in the Person of His Only Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, God came to our rescue!

St. Paul declared that his own personal boast could only be in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of the saints after him identified closely with the Passion of Jesus. Francis of Assisi, and much more recently his spiritual son Padre Pio had the stigmata – the 5 wounds of Our Lord on their person.

This Lent, may we identify ourselves ever more closely with the Cross of Christ. Let us appreciate the inevitability of God the Father’s intervention through Him for our salvation and redemption.

Saturday 28th February 2026 Feria

10am Mass – Lenten blessings for marriage & parenthood

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 5.45pm- 6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – For Carlton Pope’s recovery after a hip replacement

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7:30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – People of the parish

11am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings & asking for His guidance in our lives (Nneka Okeke & family)

Monday 2nd March 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Pam Groves RIP

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – From Mrs. I. Ichide, in thanksgiving to God for another birthday today

Wednesday 4th March 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15 Mass – Joyce D’Souza RIP

Thursday 5th March 2026 Feria

8am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Fr. James Hurley RIP (3rd anniversary today)

Friday 6th March 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Richard Atsang Matehe RIP

8pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday 7th March 2026 Feria

10.00am Mass – For those souls in Purgatory who have no-one to pray for them (C & M)

Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – Patricia Adkins RIP

**SUNDAY MARCH 8th 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

7:30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – For Maria’s relative RIP

11am Mass – Wendy Basnet RIP (2nd anniversary today)

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School

If you are a parent with “a newborn”, or a child aged 1-3 years, please do “register” your Catholic child for our Catholic Primary School. Mrs. Jane Day, our headteacher, writes as follows, inviting you to visit the school:

“Good Shepherd is a very friendly & inclusive school, and we welcome families to come and visit. At our school ‘every day is an open day’ – so please come along for a tour of our lovely school and ask any questions you may have. Feel free to call in advance (01689-841771) or just turn up. We are rated “Good” by both Ofsted and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate”.

Home/Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

New Addington Foodbank: thank you for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C at no cost to you.

Please pray for those with health issues: Peter Brown, Cyril Ojiemen, Curtis Pointu, Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddyn Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Winston Daniel, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Ann Gavigan, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

COLLECTIONS

February 21st/22nd: Attendance: **155** Collection: £**388.79** Gift-Aided: £**308.50** Loose: £**80.29**

2nd Collection: £**96.32**

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