St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church Newsletter

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**Funerals:** The funeral Mass for **Mr James Neil McKenzie** will take place at St Thomas’ Church on Friday 9th April at 11.30am followed by committal at the Garden of England Crematorium Bobbing at 1.00pm. **Recently Deceased: Bryan Link and Marie Nunn.** Please remember their family and friends in your prayers, may they rest in peace, Amen.

**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Intentions for Lent

**Candidates for the Sacraments** - especially on the Sundays

**The Needy & Hungry of the World** - Especially on Lent Fast Day, First Friday of Lent

**Survivors of Sexual Abuse** - Friday in the 5th Week of Lent

**Penitents and Wanderers**

**Women** - especially on Women’s World Day of Prayer, first Friday in March

**Lenten Prayer**

Lord God, with all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people; strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight. Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Family Fast Day** - **Friday 26 February 2021 - You can donate what you saved by scanning the QR code (right) or on line at** [**https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day**](https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day) or by using gift aid envelops and putting in the collection.

**Live Streamed Mass Link** for this Sunday **‘The Second Sunday of Lent’** can be found on our website [**www.rcrainham.co.uk**](http://www.rcrainham.co.uk) You can also see past and all upcoming Live Streams by using the link [**https://tinyurl.com/rcrainham**](https://tinyurl.com/rcrainham)

**Pandemic Survey** - Catholic Voices was involved in a very successful survey and report during the first lockdown. Over 2,500 Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland were surveyed, which provided important insights into how people responded to the arrival of the pandemic. Since then a lot has changed and Catholic Voices would like to hear again from clergy and lay people about their current experiences and, crucially, what they feel about the future, so the survey is being relaunched - visit [https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey](https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com/?d=catholicvoices.org.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY2F0aG9saWN2b2ljZXMub3JnLnVrL3N1cnZleQ==&i=NWNmNjM5Zjk2M2EzYmMxNDI0YzEyMGU2&t=UUx0WDliY3hWRk5pMzZvNC9jSEFOOWRlRElQSEkxYnROSlNwOFhxd1J4MD0=&h=0bbc688e3edc446ba04dbe33813a46ca) .

Please ensure you observe the following when attending Church: respect social distancing and do not attend or socialise with anyone outside of your household or bubble while in church, wear a face covering, this is now law unless you are exempt, use the hand sanitiser, check in using one of our Track & Trace methods. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10th- 18th March 2021 at **St Joseph’s Church**in**Maidenhead.**  If would like to join in from home, you can follow on **Zoom** and Y**ouTube**via the parish website: [**stjosephsparish.co.uk**](https://missio.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=21674241bf803ffc7d5c45fd7&id=50a600f9ad&e=370b7fdc8c) and the Mill Hill website: [**www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena**](https://missio.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=21674241bf803ffc7d5c45fd7&id=f9f24be498&e=370b7fdc8c)

**Collections –** 13th & 14th February’smain collection amounted to £783.94 including S/O’s

2nd Collection for Poor Parishes amounted to £78.09. Thank you for your generosity.

**FEBRUARY & MARCH 2021**

**Saturday Feria**

27 Sat **18.00** Peggy Hill RIP (Josie Boxall)

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**Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

28 Sun **10.30** People of the Parish

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1 Mon St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

 **10.00** Lilian Mulraine RIP (Leek Family)

 **11.00** Funeral Mass for Fernanda Leaney

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2 Tue **-** **Feria 10.00** Bernice Anning RIP (M Shackleford)

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3 Wed **- Feria 09.20 Stations of the Cross**

 **10.00** Eucharistic Service

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4 Thur **- Feria 10.00** The Barrett Family

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5 Fri **- Feria Women’s World Day of Prayer**

 **09.20 Stations of the Cross**

 **10.00** Adam Coleman RIP (James & Ann Coleman)

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**Next Saturday Feria**

6 Sat **18.00** Rev Alan Boxall RIP (Lindsay & Peter Marley)

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