

### Offertory Collections:

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Envelopes: £ 560.60

Loose: £ 359.30

Standing Orders £ 610.00

Thank you very much.

Your generosity enable us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!!!

**JUST MOVED in TO THE PARISH?**

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office. Thank you.

### PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us budget for the years ahead.

### STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012-2013 Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon

# The Voice of Eden Grove



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## Third Sunday of Lent

### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013

## FIGS ANYONE?

The people in the Gospel today are wondering if the Galileans who were killed by Pilate had died because they deserved to. We can empathise with them as we know too well of accidents and tragedies of all kinds where we might ask the same question. Jesus insists that they have not done anything wrong. Their sudden death challenges those still alive to live to the full and to bear much fruit because life can end suddenly, life is fragile, no one is indestructible. The Galileans died because of Pilate, but the greater 'sin' here becomes inactivity. Jesus is calling us to action. The image of the fruitless tree is a call to take a look at our lives and allow our comfortable lives to be disturbed by the gospel message. When the man comes looking for fruit on the fig tree what will he find? The call to follow Jesus is not an easy one. We need to look at ways to bring peace, hope, love and justice into our communities every day. We use the gift of Lent as an opportunity to identify areas where we can produce more fruit. How are we living? What can we do to make the changes during this Lenten season and beyond? @intercom

### Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI.

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales has designed a devotional card to encourage us to pray for His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI at the conclusion of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff. Please collect a copy of the devotional card at the back of the Church.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> <b>3rd SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6:00pm:</b> (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Maria Ines Habib Oliveira RIP
	<b>8:30am</b>	Margaret Cooney RIP
	<b>10:15 am</b>	Sam McKinney
	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	For the Parish
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Gordon de Nobrega RIP (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Mike Archer intentions
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria or Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	9:15am Mass	Michael Noonan RIP
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria or St John of God, Religious & Doctor	9:15am Mass	Lucy Lavender RIP
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent Feria	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment <b>6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</b>	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>6:00pm:</b> (Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
	<b>8:30am</b>	Margaret Cooney RIP
	<b>10:15 am</b>	Lily de Nobrega intentions
	<b>12:00 Noon</b>	Anna Larotonda RIP

*We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.*

### **For the sick and the housebound:**

Alison McGoff, Deignan Family, Dr. Tanya Ba Obeid, Gemma Patterson, Florence McGrath, Chris Eisen, Jim Spencer, David Joseph, Nicola Jacques, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Mary Kennedy, Peter Finn, Colman Connolly, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Michael Oladipo Cole, Sarah Lane, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, Roy Barton, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Celia Donovan, Nancy Doyle, Erin Connor, Julia White, Mary Barry, Edwina Toson, Ana Shaw, Pauline Hunt, **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

### **Anniversaries:**

Gordon de Nobrega, Luis Bedoya, Maria Bright, Ben Nevin, Jotex Barley, Ted Scanlon, **Please Pray for the Recently Dead:** Maria Ines Habib Oliveira, Margaret Cooney, John Danquah, Kate Johansen

*"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

**MILLERS FUNERAL CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS**  
Essex Rd. 020 7226 3886

### **A DAY WITH MARY**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March . Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen**

### **RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**Weds. 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 7:00PM**

**BAPTISM:** To book a baptism for your child, please contact **Herman** at the parish office at least 6 months before the Baptism date. In keeping with the Diocesan Policy, at least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Baptismal Certificate and the child's Birth Certificate. God parents **must** be Catholics. Parents and god parents have to attend a meeting with the catechist before the baptism takes place.

**MARRIAGE: -Make your arrangements with the priest at least six (6) months before your wedding date.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2012-2013**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Children's Session: "Fruit of the Vine". It starts with the **Mass at 10:15** and the SESSION finishes at 12:30pm.

**Please bring and collect your children on time!**

### **IMPORTANT:**

**"FIRST RECONCILIATION" for children in the First Holy Communion Programme will be on 9<sup>th</sup> March for groups 1 & 2 at 10:00am in the Church.**

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2013**

-Next Candidate's session on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 11:30 am – 12:45.**

### **MARRIAGE BANNS**

**Mr. Dario Carradori, born in Bergamo Italy on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1983 and resident at 120 Carronade Court, Eden Grove, London N7 8GP intend to marry Serena Venturelli, born in Bergamo on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1981 at the Church of St. Anna, Bergamo. The faithful are obliged to notify the priest of any obstacle they are aware of**

### **Friends of the Holy Land Public Meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March-7:00-9:00PM Westminster Cathedral Hall. Christians in the Holy Land: Chaired By: Archbishop Vincent Nichols with invited speakers. Entrance Free of Charge but by ticket only. Call 01926 512980. See Poster in porch.

### **QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK @intercom**

**Q. I am personally opposed to abortion, but is it right to impose Catholic morality in what is now a multicultural and democratic society?**

**A.** It is misleading to speak of abortion as a matter just of Catholic morality. The right to life is not a Catholic issue only but a matter of human justice. Human justice is a fundamental pillar of a democratic society. Basic human justice ought to be the concern of every person regardless of religious belief or affiliation. And what is more basic than one's right to life?

### **RCIA is underway...**

**Next meeting will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room.**

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)**

meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after the 12:Noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

**UCM Annual Mass** at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2:00pm.

### **St. Patrick's Day 2013 at SOHO Church**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 6PM Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Harris OP at St. Patrick's Church Soho Square. Shamrocks will be blessed and distributed.

### **Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat**

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. We recommit ourselves to following Jesus. Lenten Divine Mercy Retreat is a perfect opportunity to pray during the season of Lent.

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

**11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**at the Parish of St Scholastica,**

**17 Kenninghall Road**

**Clapton, London E5 8BS All Welcome.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DVD's 2012**

The DVD's are in the office. Please contact Herman to collect your copy.

### **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY**

870 million people worldwide don't have enough to eat. Are you hungry for change? Join CAFOD in calling on the UK government to champion a fairer food system where power is shared justly between rich and poor people alike. Go online to find out more: [cafod.org.uk/hungry](http://cafod.org.uk/hungry) We will be collecting your donation to the Lenten Fast Day after Mass this weekend and the next. Those who collected envelopes, please gift aid your donations. Second Collections for CAFOD this Sunday.

### **PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE**

[http://marriageprayer.blogspot.co.uk/](http://marriageprayer.blogspot.co.uk)

encourages Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Marriage.

**"Passing on the Faith – Virtues and Values" Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am-4:30pm** at St Mary's University College, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Parents are the primary agents of evangelisation, Marriage and the Family are the bedrock of evangelisation; this day is for all who want to explore how we can prepare and support the next generation of marriages. Discussion, drama, pastoral initiatives and a marketplace of resources. £10 per person (£20 per family, children welcome). Enquiries & to register: Catherine MacGillivray [cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk) 020 7931 6064.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday in Lent we invite you to join in following the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00PM. Come and join us in prayers.

### **40 Days for Life Mid-Point Rally**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 40 Days for Life will be holding their mid-point rally at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 211 Old Marylebone Road, Marylebone, NW1 5QT (nearest tube station: Edgware Road) at 7pm with a talk from the Helpers of God's Precious Infants and some inspirational stories from outside the vigils. Please attend if you can.