

FAITH MATTERS: SUNDAY SERMONS DURING LENT	
21 February	What do you believe in? - <i>Having Faith</i>
28 February	Walking with God. - <i>Growing in Holiness</i>
7 March	In the palm of God's hand. - <i>Prayer</i>
14 March	(Mothering Sunday)
21 March	Come on and celebrate. - <i>Church</i>
28 March	At the heart of Faith. - <i>Death & Resurrection</i>

SMARTIE TUBE CHALLENGE

I hope most church members have received a Smartie Tube or a Lent Savings Box. The idea is to fill the tube or box with coins during Lent and bring them to church at Easter. The money we raise will be divided between CARIS Islington and St Silas. CARIS Islington offers free bereavement care for adults and children and also organises the Winter Night Shelter.

SHRINE LAMPS

Very many thanks to those who have sponsored the Shrine Votive Lamps. There are just a couple left to sponsor.

DROP-IN @ St SILAS

Throughout the pandemic *Sitara*, an Indian restaurant in Archway, has been distributing meals at the church door on Thursday evenings. In the cold weather, we have been able to welcome clients into the hall, to sit down to eat and have a hot drink. We could still do with some help in the kitchen (though the food is prepared off-site). Could you help out, even just one Thursday per month, from 6.45 pm to 8.30 pm on a temporary basis? Please speak to Fr Rayner.

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**Welcome to
SAINT SILAS, PENTONVILLE
in the Parish of St Silas with All Saints & St James**

We are committed to
... bringing people in ... bringing people on
... witnessing to Jesus Christ



SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

THE ORDER OF SERVICE is on the Mass card. The Bible readings are on the separate white sheet.

JUNIOR CHURCH is currently suspended. We will continue to provide activity sheets at the door.

THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN with Masses at the usual times. As it stands at the moment, attending a place of worship is one of the few reasons for which you may, in law, leave your home.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Bearing in mind the pandemic, there was an encouraging turnout for Mass on Ash Wednesday. Please approach this holy season as a time for growing closer to God. Lent has sometimes been called the 'Springtime of the Soul'. Souls will only bloom if they have the right nourishment!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We can't walk the Stations of the Cross in the usual way this year. On Fridays during Lent Fr Rayner will lead Stations on Zoom at 7.30 pm. You will need to receive a Zoom invitation by email. Email saintsilas@btconnect.com if you don't get parish emails. Stations of the Cross will also take place after Mass on Sundays 28 February and 21 March and the 12 Noon Mass on Saturdays will include meditations on the Way of the Cross, considering about three stations each week.

WALK WITH ME

There are still copies of *Walk With Me* at the back of church, £1 each. They contain scripture verses, reflections and prayers for each day of Lent. Very good value!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

You are asked to sign in as you arrive. This is in case you need to be contacted for test and trace.

If you have the NHS COVID-19 App you can scan the church QR code as you enter or leave.

Use sanitising gel, or wash your hands, on arriving at church and before leaving.

Maintain social distancing at 2 metres/6 feet whenever possible - though households can sit together. Seating has been arranged so that people can spread out.

Wearing a face covering is mandatory, unless you are exempted. Those reading the Scriptures or leading prayers at Mass do not need to be wearing a face covering.

There will be no congregational singing, only the cantor will sing.

The peace will not be exchanged.

Collection baskets will be at the doors.

Communion will be given in one kind only, only the priest will receive from the chalice.

Queue in the central aisle only to receive communion and return to your seat via the side aisles.

Receive communion in the hand, with arms stretched forwards.

Leave via the fire exit whenever possible.

Take the news sheet and Bible readings sheet home with you.

No refreshments will be served after Mass. If you wish to chat after Mass, please stay in the church or gather outside, avoiding use of the Community Hall. Social distancing must be observed.

Avoid using the church lavatories if possible.

MUSIC AT MASS

The organ music during Mass is by William Byrd. He was a choirboy either at St Paul's Cathedral or the Chapel Royal, became organist of Lincoln Cathedral, and then worked at the Chapel Royal until 1594, when he moved to semi-retirement in Essex. The piece for the entry procession and censing was written when the famous Lord Willoughby had to retire due to ill health. The piece at the offertory is a meditation on Psalm 51, "Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness".

Martin

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ ST SILAS CHURCH & COMMUNITY HALL

Monday 22 February

**The Chair of St Peter
the Apostle**

19:00 Overeaters Anonymous

Pray for Pope Francis.

Tuesday 23 February

18:15 Rosary Prayers

18:30 Mass

Pray for local funeral directors.

Wednesday 24 February

*Pray for our keeping of a holy
Lent.*

Thursday 25 February

12:30 Mass

19:00 Drop-In @ St Silas

Pray for Islington councillors.

Friday 26 February

**19:30 Stations of the Cross
on Zoom**

*Pray for nations with poor health
care.*

Saturday 27 February

09:30 Holy Dusters
(church cleaning)

10:30 Alcoholics Anonymous

**12:00 Mass with meditations on
the Way of the Cross
(Stations 4,5,6)**

*Pray for the Shrine of Our Lady of
Walsingham.*

Sunday 28 February

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

11:00

PARISH MASS

Sermon:

**'Walking with God'
Growing in Holiness**



Pray for the people of our parish.

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK 	Monday 22 February	Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 / Matthew 25:31-46
	Tuesday 23 February	Isaiah 55:10-11 / Matthew 6:7-15
	Wednesday 24 February	Jonah 3:1-10 / Luke 11:29-32
	Thursday 25 February	Esther 12,14-16,23-25 / Matthew 7:7-12
	Friday 26 February	Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Matthew 5:20-26
	Saturday 27 February	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Matthew 5:43-48