

FAITH MATTERS: SUNDAY SERMONS FOR THE REST OF LENT	
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.

A LENT PRAYER

Loving God,
 I hear your invitation, "Come back to me"
 and I am filled with such a longing to return to you.
 Show me the way to return.
 Lead me this day in good works I do in your name
 and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith.
 I ask only to feel your love in my life today.
 Amen.

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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 28 FEBRUARY 2021
 THE SECOND 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place after Mass today. Images of the 'Stations' will be displayed at the front of the church. Those who join in will remain seated in the nave.

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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent) is on Sunday 14 March. The All Age Parish Mass will include the blessing and distribution of flowers.

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.

SOUTH WALL SUBSIDENCE

Ecclesiastical Insurance has now asked a contractor to further investigate the void under part of the south wall, with a view to injecting something beneath the building to prevent further deterioration.

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 today is by Flor Peeters. He was director of the music conservatory in Antwerp and organist of St. Rumbold's Cathedral in Mechelen, Belgium, from 1923 until his death in 1986. I heard him give an organ recital in Winchester in my student days when he was in his late 70s. In normal years we don't have organ music before or after Mass during Lent, but this year there is no final hymn to cover the procession at the end of Mass, so we will have organ music instead.

Martin

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

Monday 1 March

St David, Patron of Wales

19:00 Overeaters Anonymous

Pray for the people of Wales.

Tuesday 2 March

18:15 Rosary Prayers

18:30 Mass

Pray for local GPs.

Wednesday 3 March

Pray for CARIS Islington.

Thursday 4 March

12:30 Mass

19:00 Drop-In @ St Silas

Pray for our government.

Friday 5 March

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

Pray for persecuted Christians.

Saturday 6 March

09:30 Holy Dusters
(church cleaning)

10:30 Alcoholics Anonymous

**12:00 Mass with meditations on
the Way of the Cross
(Stations 7,8,9)**

Pray for the Bishop of Fulham.

Sunday 7 March

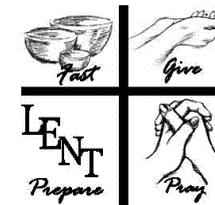
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

11:00
PARISH MASS

Sermon:

**'In the palm of God's hand'
Prayer**

12:15 PCC Meeting



Pray for the people of our parish.

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK 	Monday 1 March	Daniel 9:4-10 / Luke 6:36-38
	Tuesday 2 March	Isaiah 1:10,16-20 / Matthew 23:1-12
	Wednesday 3 March	Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Matthew 20:17-28
	Thursday 4 March	Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 16:19-31
	Friday 5 March	Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46
	Saturday 6 March	Micah 7:14-15,18-20 / Luke 15:1-3,11-32