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Sunday 23rd March is the Third Sunday of Lent

The readings and prayers can be found in the purple books on page 160. The first reading is from the Book of Exodus and is the story of Moses encountering the Burning Bush. God reveals Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and tells Moses that he has heard the cry of His oppressed people. He charges Moses with the task of their liberation and reveals His Sacred Name as 'I am who I am.' In St Luke's Gospel, Jesus invites us to repent, first of all by giving us the examples of those who have been overtaken by catastrophe in one way or another. We are all sinners, and we do not know when we may be called to meet our Maker. Then He tells us the parable of the fig tree: sentenced to be uprooted because it bears no fruit, the tree is reprieved for a time and will be given a chance to produce some fruit. Lent is our big chance to undertake good works, and to cultivate our souls and bear the fruit of repentance. Let us not lose this opportunity!

Fr Ian Vane greatly enjoyed his visit to Ewell last week! Likewise, Fr Alexander greatly enjoyed his visit to Ashted.

This Saturday, the 6pm Mass is the Election Mass for our Confirmation candidates

Let us pray for them, their families and their sponsors. They are six in number: **Aidan Dunn, Charlotte Laister, Connor van Loon, Isabella Ward, Alexandra Warner and George Warner.**

Our new Baptism Course takes place after Easter and three times a year from now on

The dates for the first season are as follows:

Sunday	27th	April,	11.30am:	Tivey Room, introductory session.
Thursday	1st	May,	8pm:	1st Zoom session.
Thursday	8th	May,	8pm:	2nd Zoom session.
Thursday	15th	May,	8pm:	3rd Zoom session.
Sunday	18th	May,	10.30am:	Rite of Welcome at Mass.
Thursday	22nd	May,	8pm:	4th Zoom session.
Sunday	25th	May,	4pm:	Final session, in person.

If you are interested in taking part, with a child to baptise, please get in touch: ewell@abdiocese.org.uk

Baptismal Certificates are ready for collection from the Sacristy

If your child was Baptised between 8th September 2024 and 2nd February 2025 please ask one of the sacristan's or Fr Alexander to locate your child's baptismal certificate in the Sacristy for you.

Liturgical notes - We are in the season of Lent

Tuesday is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Mass on this day is at 7am, for early risers.

In the evening at 7pm, at St Michael's Ashted, we are having our Deanery Penitential Service, with Bishop Richard presiding. All are invited. There will be lots of priests in attendance.

Lent is a time for going to confession. It is the job of the clergy to exhort people to make use of this sacrament and reap its benefit. So, here it goes.... **Reasons to go to Confession:**

Sometimes you just need to get things off your chest, either something in the past or something in your present. So 'fess up, and feel the burden lifted.

We need to reflect on the way our lives are going: examine your conscience, ask what you are doing right, what you are trying to improve on, where you are failing.

Think of all the people you should apologise to, and say sorry to God first of all.

Sometimes we may be embarrassed by our sins – well, we should be, because they don't reflect our best side.

But remember, the priest has heard it all before.

Like Padre Pio, he has a very good idea of what you are going to say, because he knows human nature.

Sometimes we may feel we do not know what to say. Never mind, just try and express what is in your heart.

The golden rule is be honest, be sincere.

Examination of conscience is important, and not just when going to confession.

Take the text of the 10 Commandments and ask how you have kept them.

Also reflect on St Paul's description of love: 'Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.' (I Corinthians 13:4-8)

Finally, look at yourself, but look at God first, and see yourself in the light of God.

Holy Bookstall

The Bookstall will be open at all Masses next weekend 30th/31st March.

Missals and Easter reading will be available.

On Wednesday afternoon, Fr Alexander will preside at the funeral of Angie Thorndale RIP

at the North-East Surrey Crematorium at 3.20pm. Angie died in Priory Court Nursing Home, but was originally from Horley. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family in our prayers at this sad and difficult time for them.

On Friday the Funeral Mass of Marcia Bancroft RIP will take place here at 11am.

This will replace the 10am Mass. Let us continue to pray for the repose of Marcia's soul and for her family at this sad and difficult time for them.

On Friday evening, Stations of the Cross are at 7pm, and will last about 25 minutes.

Daily Mass in the week is on Monday and Wednesday at 10am.

On Tuesday Mass is at 7am and on Thursday, Mass is at 7pm. This Saturday there are no Confessions and no Adoration. Instead, it is the Lenten Retreat day at Chilworth.

This Thursday A to Z of Catholicism takes place after the 7pm Mass, with 'O is for the Oxford Movement'

In the nineteenth century a group of Anglican scholars, amongst whom was John Henry Newman, began to research the origins and claims made by the Anglican Church to which they belonged. This led to a reappraisal of much Anglican practice, in an attempt to show that the Anglican Church was part of the historical western Catholic Church and in continuity with the Church of the Fathers and the Middle Ages. While many were satisfied that this was so, Newman eventually realised the futility of this position and became a Catholic. The Oxford Movement continues to this day, in an attenuated form, but Newman's critique is still valid: 'To immerse oneself in history is to cease to be Protestant.' **Before Mass we have Junior Catechism for all who want it at 6.25pm.**

Not only was our Saint Patrick's evening a great occasion, it also raised £550 for the new kitchen fund.

Well done to all the organisers and thanks to all who contributed.

Forthcoming Events

Sat	22 Mar	6 pm	Confirmation V, Retreat Day.
Sat	22 Mar	6 pm	Confirmation Election Mass
Tue	25 Mar	7am	Mass, Feast: Annunciation of the Lord
Tue	25 Mar	7pm	Reconciliation: Ashtead, Bishop Richard
Wed	26 Mar	3.20pm	Funeral of Angie Thorndale, North East Surry Crematorium.
Wed	26 Mar	11.15am/7.30pm	Lent Group
Thu	27 Mar	A to Z of Catholicism: 'O: Oxford Movement.'	
Fri	28 Mar	11am	Funeral Mass of Marcia Bancroft RIP.
Fri	28 Mar	7pm	Stations of the Cross with Cafod.
Sat	29 Mar		Day of Recollection at Chilworth Abbey.
Tue	1 Apr	7am	Mass
Wed	2 Apr	11.15am/7.30pm	Lent Group
Fri	4 Apr	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Tue	8 Apr,	7am	Mass
Wed	9 Apr	10am	Funeral Mass of Jack Henry RIP.
Wed	9 Apr	10.30am/7.30pm	Lent Group
Fri	11 Apr	7pm	Stations of the Cross

Our parish has been allotted 19 tickets for the **Festival of Hope**,

the diocesan celebration to take place on 20th September at Ardingly, details of which have been published here. Would you like to go? Tickets will be allotted on a first come, first served basis, and our Parish Secretary will curate the list. Please apply to her in person or via email, ewell@abdiocese.org.uk Transport to Ardingly will be arranged by bus, but those with special needs can go by car.

We are getting a defibrillator for the Hall,

for us in emergencies, and we will be offering training to people who want it on its use. This equipment is not cheap, but it is a good idea, especially in the light of the medical incident that happened during the St Patrick's night celebration. (The person concerned has made a good recovery, you will be glad to hear.)

Mass Intentions from 22nd March – 30th March 2025

Sat	22	6pm	Vigil Mass	Sammy Jo Watkins RIP
Sun	23	8.30am	3rd Sunday in Lent	People of the Parish
Sun	23	10.30am	3rd Sunday in Lent	Salvatore T. Bellino RIP
Mon	24	10am	Mon 3rd wk in Lent	The Kasamaki family
Tue	25	7am	Annunciation of the Lord	Canon Oliver Heaney RIP
Wed	26	10am	Wed 3rd wk in Lent	John Stratford RIP
Thu	27	7pm	Thu 3rd wk in Lent	Fr Terence McLean-Wilson RIP
Fri	28	11am	Fri 3rd wk in Lent	Funeral: Marcia Bancroft RIP
Sat	29	6pm	Vigil Mass	Arthur Hughes RIP
Sun	30	8.30am	4th Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Sun	30	10.30am	4th Sunday of Lent	Hayes Family Members RIP

'Hard Cases Don't Make Good Law, Webinar'

The Catholic Union is holding a webinar on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Thurs 3 April. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, it will give members & supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Prof Julian Hughes. To join the webinar register at 'Eventbrite' to get the link.

Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for: Mel Alvarez, Mary Bruce, Bob Parker, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, 3 year-old Finlay Ewen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Rosa Undasan (Angelina True's Mum) Sally Mason, Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares & Nicholas Ward.

Thank you for your continued support of your parish, the Offertory collection has been calculated from the last 2 weeks Offertory donations & 4 weeks Standing Orders to create a weekly figure.

The weekly total for this period is £1,059.34 per week. Many thanks.