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SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Page 151) **YEAR A**

Saturday 21st February	6.15pm	Intention of Joan O'Leary
Sunday 22nd February	8.30am	Ruth Yeats RIP **(Free Coffee Morning)**
	10am	Shane Gough RIP **(Family Choir)** **(Free Coffee Morning)**
	11.30am	Noel Burne RIP **(Hymn Choir)** **(Free Coffee Morning)**
	4pm	**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
	5pm	Ashley Elisabeth Soyebo RIP
FIRST WEEK OF LENT		
Monday 23rd February	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	Rosa & Tom Warwick RIP
(Feria)	**11am**	**Requiem Mass for Mr Echezona Norbert Ubaka**
Tuesday 24th February ***(Feria)***	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	Thanksgiving - Ethan Umusu & Aline Suesskind (Birthday)
Wednesday 25th February ***(Feria)***	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	The Holy Souls
Thursday 26th February ***(Feria)***	7.30am	The Holy Souls
	10am	The Holy Souls
Friday 27th February ***(Feria) CAFOD Fast Day***	7.30am	Joe & Mary Vassallo RIP
	10am	Deceased members of the Buckley Family (Foundation Mass)
Saturday 28th February ***(Feria)***	10am	Marco Malafia RIP
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Page 155)		
Saturday 28th February	6.15pm	Kevin Jones RIP
Sunday 1st March	8.30am	Ellis (Foundation Mass)
	10am	People of the Parish
There will be a second collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day	11.30am	Annie Colleran RIP **(Polyphony Choir)**
	4pm	**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
	5pm	The Holy Souls

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Thursday & Saturday 9.30 am

Friday
After 10am Mass until 10pm

CONFESSION
Saturday after 10am Mass, then from 5pm to 6pm

ROSARY
Monday to Thursday & Saturday after 10am Mass

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:
Chapter 4: *Children only* at St James the Great School, Windsor Road, Thornton Heath CR7 8HJ (SJTG) ***Saturday 28th February 2026 from 10am-11 am.***

RECONCILIATION:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on ***Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 6pm in the church*** as part of our First Holy Communion preparation. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

UPDATE ON FR. DEO'S HEALTH:
We are pleased to share encouraging news regarding Fr. Deo's health. He continues to make significant progress in his recovery. His course of intravenous antibiotic infusion (IV) is scheduled to be completed on Saturday, 21st February 2026. Thereafter, he will transition to oral medication as part of the next phase of his treatment. *** We remain grateful for your continued prayers and support, which are a great source of strength and encouragement during this time.

FATHER CHRISTOPHER NGOLELE: It is with both gratitude and prayerful good wishes that we announce that Fr. Christopher will be leaving our parish after one month to return to the Jesuit Community Centre in Clapham on Sunday, 22nd February 2026, where he will continue his studies. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Christopher for his generosity, dedication, and pastoral care he has shown to our parish community during his time at St. Bartholomew's Church. His presence among us has been a true blessing. We are also deeply grateful to all who extended their kindness and hospitality to him throughout his stay. Let us pray that the Lord will bless him in his studies and that they may bear much good fruit.

MASS COVER: We warmly welcome and sincerely thank Fr. Daniel Isah a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Abeokuta, Nigeria. He is currently studying counselling and psychotherapy in London. Fr. Daniel will be covering the Masses from 23rd February 2026 until further notice. We are deeply grateful for his kindness and generosity in serving our parish community.

CONFIRMATION 2026 – SESSION 4:
The fourth session will take place on ***Wednesday 25th February 2026, from 7.15 pm to 9 pm, at BTG School.***

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume on **Sunday 1st March 2026.** We look forward to welcoming the children back. All children are welcome.

ALTAR SERVING OVER HOLY WEEK 2026
As we start Lent this week, we ask all Altar Servers to sign up for the Holy Week services.

Palm Sunday
Mass: Sunday March 29th - 11.30am
Practice: Saturday 28th March –11.00 -11.30am

Maundy Thursday
Mass: Thursday 2nd April - 8pm
Practice: Wednesday 1st April - 7.30pm

Good Friday
Service: Friday 3rd April - 3pm
Practice: Friday 3rd April - 10.30am (same day)

Easter Vigil
Mass: Saturday 4th April– 8.30pm
Practice: Saturday 4th April - 10.30am (same day)

Practices will last approx. 45 minutes.

It's always great to see so many of our servers participating, so please sign up to serve by emailing norburymc@rcaos.org.uk or via the signup sheet in the Sacristy - we always need as many Servers as possible!

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY 2026 – APPEAL AND COLLECTION DETAILS: Harvest Fast Day falls on **Friday, 27th February 2026**. An appeal will be made at the **6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 28th February**, and at all Masses on **Sunday, 1st March**, when the collection will also be taken. Special envelopes will be available in all church porches for those who wish to donate. Contactless donations can also be made using the card readers located at the back of the church. Please take a moment to consider how you might support our brothers and sisters overseas who face a permanent cost-of-living crisis. We kindly ask you to give whatever you can, according to your own circumstances.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Requiem Mass for Mr Echezona Norbert Ubaka will take place here on Monday **23rd February 2026 at 11am and then at South London Crematorium at 12.30pm.** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

RECENT COLLECTIONS
14TH & 15TH FEBRUARY 2026
Gift Aid: £180.00; Non-Gift Aid: £613.20; **Basket: £793.20**

SECOND COLLECTION
CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Gift Aid: £277.50; Non-Gift Aid: £562.39; **Basket: £839.89**

For Contactless Donation:
Please use the Card Machines at the back of the Church or use this **QR CODE.** Thank you for your generosity

☘ ST. PATRICK'S DAY & MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE MORNING ☘ Sunday, 15th March 2026
After all the morning Masses

Join the Social Committee for a joyful St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day celebration filled with good food, warm drinks, and great company!

🍽 On the Menu:
- Bacon Rolls
- Traditional Irish Soda Bread
- Smoked Salmon
- Irish Coffee
- Tea & Coffee

🎟 RAFFLE
Win a special hamper prize celebrating Mother's Day & St. Patrick's Day

🎟 **Raffle Tickets Available!**
Special offer: 6 different strips for only £5
Or single strip: £2

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSED GIFTS FROM A PREVIOUS OCCASION?
- Bottles – Wine, Brandy or Whisky
- Body products
- Chocolates
- Box of cookies
- Gift Vouchers
- Candles, Lotions & Bath Sets…

All these donations and more are welcome to be used for fundraising events for the Church Maintenance. We thank you in advance.

☘ Everyone is very welcome — come along, celebrate, and enjoy the craic!
Please take a flyer home and share it with your family, friends and neighbours.

PLANNED GIVING: If you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. We can reclaim the tax you have paid, adding 25% to your offerings at no extra cost to you! Standing orders are an excellent way to make your offerings.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES – NEW TAX YEAR 2026/2027
- Gift Aid envelopes for the 2026/2027 tax year will be available for collection on **Sunday, 15th March 2026, in the Church Hall after all morning Masses.**
- If you are unable to collect your envelope on this date, please collect it from the Parish Office at a later time. Please ensure you sign for your envelope upon collection. Due to GDPR requirements, envelopes cannot be left out on display.
- If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, the necessary forms, including Standing Order forms, will be available. Please note that if you have recently switched to giving by Standing Order, your Gift Aid number will have changed. If you are unsure of your current Gift Aid number, please contact the Parish Office.
- Thank you for your continued support of the parish through the Gift Aid Scheme — your generosity truly makes a difference.