# Saint Anne's Chertsey - Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent 2023

26<sup>th</sup> February

# A Christian community inspired by the Salesian ideals of Saint John Bosco

Sunday Masses 8.30am and 11:30am Stations of the Cross during Lent: Tuesday after Mass

### Thank you

Sunday 26/02/23: Offertory collection: £+ our usual Standing Orders. Thank you.

### Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent.
Enrolment: Confirmation Candidates
CAFOD speaking at the Masses.
Voluntary collection for CAFOD.
We welcome Jacob into the
Community, through the waters of
Baptism.

Refreshments served after the 11.30am Mass.

#### Monday

9:30am Mass

10.30am Baptism Preparation (1) *In St. Anne's school: children's Reconciliation Service* 

#### Tuesday

9:30am Mass 10.00am Stations of the Cross 10.30am Baptism Preparation (2) In St. Anne's school: children's Reconciliation Service 6.00pm Confirmation Preparation

Programme in Savio Centre (3)

# Wednesday

Church closed: No mass in parish

#### Thursday

9.30am Mass

#### **Friday**

9:30am Mass

#### Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by Adoration and Confessions until 11.30am.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sun 8.30am Ronald Parsons RIP

Sun 11.30am People of the Parish

Mon 9.30am Olga Hanna RIP

Tue 9.30am Philip Ryan RIP

Thur 9.30am Tim Smith RIP

Fri 9.30am Sick and Housebound Int.

Sat 10.00am Leslie & Christina Smith RIP

Sun 8.30am People of the Parish

Sun 11.30am People of the Parish

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#### **Next Sunday:**

Third Sunday of Lent:
(Please return all remaining CAFOD Lenten Fast Day envelopes)
On Third Sunday in Lent:
3pm FHC Reconciliation Service (1)

# Offerings for Earthquake Appeal

Thank you for offerings still coming in for this appeal. In church porch are Aid to the Church in Need posters showing how on-line donations may be made

### **Prayers please:**

For John Burnside who is rather poorly at present.

For Mafalda Lanzante who is frail and unwell. Her family greatly appreciate our prayers.

Please pray for new families exploring the Catholic faith.

Please pray for all Catechumens and Candidates for Reception into the Catholic Church during the weeks of Lent

#### **Ambassadors for Christ**

We are Jesus' disciples in our time: let's remember that how we live and pray during Lent will speak volumes to so many people who explore Christianity 'from the outside', so to speak. We shed some of the Light of our Saviour onto others.

We are ambassadors for Christ, so it is good to reflect: Where am I light in darkness? Where am I a good ambassador for Jesus? Don't be shy: do take a look into your local

community and the world in which we live. Our ways of sharing light begin by recognising that we live within our community and that we are called to care about our world.

Just as Jesus invited the first of his disciples, so he invites us nowadays to follow him. Jesus knows this will mean we have to turn and change direction. And change often. Lent turns us around to assist our growth in faith and love. Lent is a great time for training ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

In that training, let us each remember our roots: our baptism. We are within a community of believers united by our baptism. Other people regularly seek to join our community. Let us seek to share our baptismal gift, firstly by praying for everyone who is preparing to be baptised, everyone who will soon receive the sacraments of initiation.

At each baptism, a candle is presented. "Receive the Light of Christ," says the priest as the candlelight is shared. Everyone in the community can help to present that candlelight, which is our baptismal gift: each of us helps to share the radiant light of our Saviour when we listen and respond to anyone exploring their faith.