

St Peter and the Guardian Angels

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 3RD APRIL 2022

*“Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who “supplies seed to the sower and bread for food” (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 193). (Pope Francis, message of Lent 2022)*

‘The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures. In this way, they make their own that trinitarian dynamism which God imprinted in them when they were created. Everything is interconnected, and this invites us to develop a spirituality of that global solidarity which flows from the mystery of the Trinity.’ (Pope Francis ‘Laudato Si’, No. 240)

GACS Energy Fast 2022; Week Five (3 April): Low-energy Leisure

How much of your leisure-time do you spend using electronics? Whether it is television, video games, or even our mobile phones, we spend more time on electronic devices than ever before. This week, try to spend one evening screen-free; read a book, organize a family board game night, or reflect in prayer. The CAFOD Campaign for Climate at COP26 website has many climate-themed prayer resources you may consider using.

This Lent PACT, the major Catholic prisons charity, is sharing with parishes a new Stations of the Cross liturgy. The simple text includes the words of prisoners, people with convictions and people who have served a ‘hidden sentence’ alongside a family member in prison. PACT invite you to use the liturgy in your parish or community during Lent.

“All my life I’d been in this defeated place. I thought I was just a bad person; a bad apple and I was just going to be like that for the rest of my life. Then I came into contact with an addiction programme and I had already been praying...For the first time in my life, I was not just wanting to be a good person but trying to be a good person on a daily basis and having the tools to do it through prayer.”

The human dignity of those among us whose lives have been shaped by their experiences of the criminal justice system, shines through this text. We invite you to truly listen. You can download the Stations of the Cross liturgy here: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/stations-of-the-cross>

Marriage preparation: Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform the Parish office at least **six** months before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas.

Mass Times and News

SUNDAY: 3RD APRIL, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C 9am: for the people 11pm: James & Julia Brennan RIP - Anniversary	THURSDAY: 7th April 9:15am: Mass
MONDAY: 4th April No Mass	FRIDAY: 8th APRIL 9:15am: Mass; 7pm Station of the Cross
TUESDAY: 5th April 7:30pm: Mass	SATURDAY: 9th April 6pm: Mass –
WEDNESDAY: 6th April 9:15am: Mass – For Holy Souls	SUNDAY: 10TH APRIL – PALM SUNDAY 9: 00am: Elizabeth, James & Daniel Hellens RIP 11:00am: for the people:

The new Gift Aid Boxes for 2022/23 are available for collection at the back of the church. If you are not a box holder, and are a taxpayer, please do consider signing up for the Gift Aid Scheme, you can also donate by Banker's Order. The relevant forms are at the back of the church or on the parish website.

<https://stpeterandtheguardianangels.com>. Please contact Diane Rampling on dmrampling@aol.com or 07808 006228, if you would like to discuss further.

Pope's prayer Intentions for April: We pray for healthcare workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS; 6th March - **£847.95**; 13th March - **£755.81**; 20th March - **593.55**; 27th March – **758.71**. Standing order February, 2022 - **£307**.
THANK YOU!

Prayer for the sick & housebound; we remember those who have asked for our prayers;

“Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love's sake. Amen.”

(St Augustine)

Your prayers are also requested for: Jeany McDonagh, Anna, Monika, Lusia & Slawek; Esther, Oliver, Stephen, Pepe, Goren, Sharon, Philip, James, Mary, Rosemarie, Paul, Mark, Noel, Dany, Daniel, Saher Sinclair, Marek, Charlie, Fergie, Kohen, Christine Sanders, Robert Ambrose.

Holy Souls: please pray for the repose of the soul of **Judy Cumberbatch** and **Eugenie Dudek** and for those who have died recently, **May they rest in peace**. Also, for those whose anniversaries that occur this time.

How To Have a Mass Offered: Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope, which you will find at the back of Church. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to the priest, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox.

Wintershall Passion Play

After a break of two years due to the pandemic, Wintershall will once again be performing **Passion of Jesus Christ** in **Trafalgar Square** on **Good Friday 15th of April 2022 at 12 noon and 3:15pm**. This is a free performance and all are welcome. Please see attached the attached leaflet.

The play takes place in the open air and has been extremely popular in previous years, so arrival in good time in order to obtain a seat on the steps or elsewhere around the Square is strongly recommended. Tickets are not required.

Do you know any elderly, Housebound or Sick Parishioners that would benefit from a home visit from Fr TesfaMichael if so, please visit the Presbytery or call 020 237 2969 or can speak directly to Fr after each Mass.

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