

Parish of St Pius X. Norbiton

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Office Hours: Mon-Wed, and Fri. **Confessions:** Sat 10.30 –11am, 5–5.45pm

Baptisms and Weddings by appointment

Parish Centre Booking: Contact Margaret on 0208 541 0796 or the Parish Office

Blessed Sacrament Adoration: Tuesdays after Mass for an hour

Our Lady's Prayer Group: Tuesdays 7pm-8.45pm; all are welcome

Apostolate of Fatima in Southwark & 1st Saturday Divine Mercy Devotion: 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Safeguarding: Norbitonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Sat	13 Feb	6 pm	Mass	Canon Frank O'Sullivan-RIP	Vigil Mass Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).
Sun	14 Feb	10 am	Mass	Nathan Docherty-RIP	
		5 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	
Mon	15 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Vincenzo Rossetti-RIP	Feria
Tues	16 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Margaret Downey-RIP	Feria
Wed	17 Feb	10.am	Mass	Denis Athan-WB	ASH WEDNESDAY A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
		7.pm	Mass	Michael Stack-RIP	
Thurs.	18 Feb	9.15am	Mass	Billy Welch-RIP	Feria
Fri	19 Feb	9.15am	Mass	The Athan Family-WB	Feria
Sat	20 Feb	10 am	Mass	Tilly O'Malley-RIP	The Blessed Virgin Mary
		6 pm	Mass	Eileen Connolly-WB	Vigil Mass
Sun	21 Feb	10 am	Mass	Patricia Corcoran-RIP	First Sunday of Lent (B)
		5 pm	Mass	People of the Parish	

The Sick of the Parish: Pray for Peter Maxwell, Jacob Tullett, John Marsella, David Carrier, Ron Murphy, Joe Murphy, Jean Reynard, Philomena Leech, Genie Stack, Ron Johnson, Kate Fitzsimmons, Anna Webb, Teresa Allon, Crissie Hutchins, Barbara Farmer, Pat Luis, and Jill Graffham.

Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar. If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme> where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

Robert Card. Sarah Prefect, Archbp Arthur Roche Secretary.

Date	Offertory	2 nd collection	Many thanks for your Generosity.
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Mass Offerings: Please drop your Mass intention envelope with the usual details at the Presbytery and you will be informed when this Mass will be celebrated.

Ash Wednesday 17 February is the first day of Lenten Season and a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed at the 10.00am Mass and at the 7.00pm Mass

Pope's Intention for February: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

The Jesus of Mark. Jesus goes to Jerusalem, where he is hailed as one who "comes in the name of the Lord" and will inaugurate the "kingdom of David"; he drives those who buy and sell animals from the Temple and debates with the Jewish authorities; on the Mount of Olives he announces the coming destruction of the Temple, the persecution of his followers, and the coming of the [Son of Man](#) in power and glory. A woman perfumes Jesus' head with oil, and Jesus explains that this is a sign of his coming death; Jesus celebrates [Passover](#) with the disciples, declares the bread and wine to be his body and blood, and goes with them to [Gethsemane](#) to pray; there [Judas](#) betrays him to the Jews; interrogated by the high priest, he says that he is the Christ, the Son of God, and will return as Son of Man at God's right hand; the Jewish leaders turn him over to [Pilate](#), who has him crucified as one who claims to be "king of the Jews"; Jesus, abandoned by the disciples, is buried in a rock tomb by a friendly member of the Jewish council.

The women who have followed Jesus come to the tomb on Sunday morning; they find it empty, and are told by a young man in a white robe to go and tell the others that Jesus has Risen.

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Following the Letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship regarding the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, advice from Public Health England, through the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, is that the recommended method of distributing ashes is to bless the ashes at the usual point in the Liturgy and leave them until the end of Mass. People come up and receive Holy Communion (either at the normal time in the Mass or at the end of Mass). The blessed ashes are then to be sprinkled over the heads of people at the door of the church by a minister as they leave. Care should be taken to avoid hand to head contact and also that there is no contact with the faithful and the minister's vesture.

In parishes where the priest celebrating the Mass will also need to impose ashes, the distribution of Holy Communion would be better placed within the Mass rather than at the end of Mass so as to enable the priest to process to the church door. The professional Public Health advice passed from the Bishops' Conference informs us that it is unlikely that ash would be on a person's head long enough to pick up enough contaminated fluid bearing the virus from skin to then infect someone. However, if anyone has any concern about receiving ashes at this time, please reassure them it is not compulsory.