



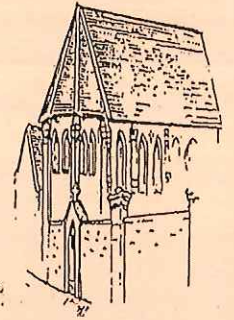
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1st Sunday of Lent (Year A) 5 March 2017

Services for the weeks beginning 5 March
*Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.*

From Fr. Sean,

I wasn't in Newham when the inaugural TELCO Assembly took place in York Hall twenty years ago, but when I did attend my first assembly, again at York Hall, in 2001 what marked me most powerfully was the public recognition given to our parish. I come from a very Catholic tradition where we often keep things in-house. So, for our presence to be announced from the stage and then applauded by a rich diversity of people was both a wonderful surprise and a challenge. It is not just our presence at the Assembly, but our presence in Newham, symbolized by our church building that gives us a responsibility born out of the Gospel to all the people we live amongst who we call our neighbours. When the naïve roadshow cheerleaders came to visit us in advance of the 2012 Olympics with all their slick sales patter they were silenced when we reminded them that we have been here since 1870 and plan to be here long after their roadshow is forgotten. And so it is with TELCO. Twenty years of developing leaders to strengthen our institutions, and action, demonstrates it is a permanent alliance that is not, as we often tell those we negotiate with, going away. At its best it reminds and models for us what it means for us to be Church here in Manor Park. We still need parishioners to sign up to join the twentieth anniversary TELCO Refounding Assembly on Thursday: a drama to remind us where we have come from and why we do what we do; a celebration of our past victories; some hard-nosed politics to address the challenges of today; and a plan for where we go next to reweave the fabric of our torn society. This is, of course, how we put the Gospel we celebrate each week in the Eucharist into practice, and a powerful expression of evangelization, the very reason this parish exists. May I encourage you to sign up as you leave church today, especially our young people facing such an uncertain world. In that uncertain world TELCO gives us the tools to be a Church that takes the lives of its members seriously, so we may be the people God calls us to be and help create the world as it should be.

Sat 4	6.00pm	Mr & Mrs Thomas RIP
Sun 5	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	People of the Parish Brian Vincent Dorgan (Intentions) Rite of Election (Forest Gate)
Mon 6	2.00pm	Requiem: Margaret Connolly RIP
Tues 7	9.15am	Michael Connor RIP
Wed 8	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 9	9.15am 9.45am	Sabina Yedu-Aggrey (intentions) Adoration
Fri 10	9.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	Kathleen Boyle RIP School Assembly Stations of the Cross
Sat 11	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mr. & Mrs. Digby RIP
Sun 12	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Hannah Falvey RIP

Parish Diary

Mon	Conf catechists	7.00pm	Community Room
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
	Baptism prep 1	7.00pm	Community Room
Thurs	Telco assembly	7.00pm	York Hall
	Journey of Faith	7.00pm	Community Room
Fri	FHC Passover 2	7.15pm	No. 146
Sat	Conf retreat	1.30pm	Community Room/Church
Sun	Stewards	12.15pm	Community Room

Please pray for those who are sick:

Norah Crow, Peggy Campbell, Masaldo Merry,
Clare O'Toole, Denzil Lang, John Oruche,
Patrick Berton, Alvina Telles, Jude Telles,
Christine Jones, & Christine Kristen

Thank you for your generous offerings

February 19th : £1,272. 37

February 26th: £1,343.93

Crib Collection: £180.68

Rotas for weekend 11/12 March

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.00pm	Jacqueline George, Helen Pree	Joseph Liguori, Christine Malone, Lesley Thomas	
9.00am	Marion McPhillips, Sally Edozie	Teresa De Souza, Vida Wills, Hazel Ringrow, Mary Jane Ememe, Patricia D'Monte	
11.00am	Ken Peters, Perpetua Chukwuma	Imelda Sotto, Joseph Duke, Stella Porritt, Hilda Ridoynauth, Marian Chery	Martina, Notoya, Helpers

TELCO 20th Anniversary Assembly York Hall 9 March 7.00pm

Last chance to sign up today to come to York Hall, Bethnal Green E2 9LJ on Thursday and be part of making history in East London. If you have booked a place on the coach we shall be leaving from outside the church at 5.45pm. Please do not be late as we cannot wait for you.

Journey of Faith. Please continue to pray for our four adults as they enter the time of Lent, the season invented for them as they prepare to receive the sacrament of initiation at Easter. Today they will be travelling to St. Antony's, Forest Gate, together with their sponsors to celebrate their Rite of Election with Bishop Alan and hundreds of other candidates from across the diocese. We meet again on Thursday at 7.00pm to continue our sacramental journey, stopping at sacraments of healing and vocation.

Baptism Preparation. The next sessions for parents who have a child for baptism under the age of seven will take place on Tuesday 7 and 14 March at 7.00pm in the Community Room. At least one parent must be a baptized Catholic and you must have a certificate to show this. You are asked not to book dates for baptism until you have attended the sessions. Please note that these sessions are for parents. You are asked not to bring your children with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Confirmation. A reminder to all our young people who have signed up to begin our preparation that we are meeting on Saturday 1.30pm - 4.30pm in the Community Room for our retreat time. We celebrate our Rite of Acceptance together with your sponsors on Sunday at 11.00am mass (please be in church by 10.45am), and our first session takes place on Monday 13 March at 7.30pm in the Community Room.

Catechists are reminded we are meeting on Monday at 7.00pm in the Community Room to plan the next sessions.

The Season of Lent 2017.

Please make the most of the opportunities provided to ensure this Lent is a time of renewal and growth for you and our parish community. In particular may I remind you to support our **Cafod Campaign** along with St. Winefride's School by fasting in some form and converting what is saved into monetary form to give to the collection each week at the end of mass. May I also encourage you to take one of our special St. Stephen's **Lent books and a calendar** for the children to use throughout Lent. I would be grateful if you can give a donation of £2.00 to cover the cost.

First Holy Communion. We welcome to our mass this weekend the children preparing for their first communion and their families following their third session, as they take a special part in our mass reflecting on the importance of the readings at mass.

We welcome into our parish family Diya Patel, Fenley O'Connell, Francis Loughran and Chukwudal Donatus who were baptised during February.

Congratulations to their parents.

Over 60s. Our March gathering takes place on Tuesday 21st March 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Community Room. A warm welcome to old hands and newcomers alike, plenty of lively conversation and delightful home made refreshments will be available, so come and join us as guest or helper.

Today is Prayer Partners Launch Day!

Please pray for Margaret Connolly of Landseer Avenue who died recently. Her requiem will take place here on Monday at 2.00pm, followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery. We offer our prayerful sympathy to Margaret's family at this sad time. May she rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory, and may all who mourn her loss find consolation at this sad time.