



# Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Cycle A for Sundays Year 2 for Weekdays Psalter Week 4  
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Dear Friends,

There is a famous painting by the English artist William Holman Hunt (1827-1910) of Jesus knocking at a door with a lantern in his hand. It is entitled "The Light of the World". I was reminded of it when I read today's Gospel. Jesus comes to each of us many times in a very special way e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation etc. etc. and daily when we turn to him. Does it change us? Yes indeed, but we must respond also. Today's Gospel is a commentary on Jesus meeting a blind man. The man was born blind, the traditional explanation at the time was that this affliction was caused by the sin of his parents. They were being punished by God for wrongdoing and looking after their child for as long as he depended upon them was their punishment. Jesus cured him and there followed a conversation which makes it abundantly clear that the traditional explanation was wrong. He was cured but the Jewish establishment would not accept it. Culture and ingrained ideas are very hard to change!

Do we accept things at face value or as culture demands? Are we searching for Jesus in our lives? The good news is that people accept miracles and good things happening that cannot be explained except by the intervention of Christ. Let us pray that we may see in others their potential and pray for them.

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**Card Readers** - You will receive an easy-to-understand introduction to the contactless giving points at either side of the central glass doors in the church porch. In the age of people using cards for payment in shops etc., all will become clear in time.

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**Food Bank** - Your gifts to the food bank never cease to amaze. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

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**Cake Sale** - Mary Hirst would like to say THANK YOU to all who supported her cake sale last Sunday. It raised £200 approx. for HCPT.

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**Volunteers Fair 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - If you run a group with the parish that needs extra helpers, then the volunteers fair is here to help! Prior to the event, we will be running a series of adverts showing the help that is needed. If you would like to be involved, please let me know. Thanks Sarah - [sarah@simon-johnson.com](mailto:sarah@simon-johnson.com)

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**Parish Teams** – Please note that the Lord calls all. As such, have a word with your friends and form a team of 3 or 4 to do one of the many tasks at weekend masses. It seems to me that this is the only way of building up the community: Training will be given. Do not be afraid.

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Finally: Plan well ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

God Bless you all,

Fr. John

## Mass Intentions

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.00pm	Grzegorz Okrasa RIP (Yola)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	May Healey RIP (Chris Sadler)
	10.30am	Vinny Lamport (Ill)
	5.30pm	Kathleen Doran
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Liturgy and Eucharist
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am	Tim Veit (ill) (Mary Curd)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Ben D'Rozario RIP (Audine & Ezie)
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10.00am	P.C. Matthew RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) (Reji)
	1.15pm	Lent Small Group in the Parish Room
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	All preparing for marriage
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar		THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
	6.00pm	Zenobia Kaczorowska RIP (Kasia)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	Bertha & Josef Loher & Deceased family members (Martha & family)
	10.30am	All Parishioners
	5.30pm	Confirmation Election mass (For candidates, parents, families & catechists)

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### Retiring Collections 2023

From the weekend of **1st/2nd April onwards**, we will be returning to having a retiring collection for charities on an approximately fortnightly basis.

#### **The retiring collections for April are:**

1st/2nd April – Third World and Charities

7th April (Good Friday) – Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine

8th/9th April – Easter gift to Fr John

### Palm Sunday (1st/2nd April) & Easter

If you're able to help as a welcomer, coordinator, reader or eucharistic minister at any of the Palm Sunday masses and the Masses over Easter then please write your name on the sign-up sheets in the church porch. Thank you for your help.

### Weekend Mass Rotas

Rotas for April-June have been emailed to all welcomers, co-ordinators, readers and special ministers. If you volunteer for these ministries and for any reason have not received the rota then please email Helen at [frimley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:frimley@abdiocese.org.uk) A huge thanks to everyone who helps at Mass.

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<b><u>Collections for Weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March 2023</u></b>	<b>Please pray for all those who have died recently:</b>	
Offertory Collection	£565.33	Eileen Farrell,
Gift Aid Collection	£50.00	Zenobia Kaczorowska, Angela Lewis, Tommy Portelli,
Standing Orders (Weekly Average)	£1192.00	Crystal Roman,
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1807.33</b>	<i>May they rest in peace.</i>

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### **Please pray for all those who are sick at this time:**

Marie Bellizzi, Margaret Bishop, Maureen Bowers, Veronica Brown, Bill Cable, Ryan Cauley, Anthony Cheah, Eileen Cookson, Paul Dann, Maggie Duncan, Belen Dunlop, Gary Elliott, Leo Gibson, Eric Hart, Mary Higton, Fr Alex Hill, Irene Hole, Jim Hollis, Ginny Jardine, Ian Joseph, Georgia Mackinlay, Luz Martin, Miriam McDonnell, Helen McLachlan, Eric Miller, Joyce Monserrat, Maura Morris, Andrei Penkov, Wilson Rabanos, Aurora Ramirez, Joseph Rapa, Donal Reidy, Moira Sced, Sherry Small, Ralph and Pauline Smith, Godelieve Vandersloten, Frank Worsford, Deborah Wright and all those named on the noticeboard in Our Lady's Shrine.

*May they find consolation in their suffering.*