



Saint Joseph's Passionist Church
5th SUNDAY OF LENT
22nd MARCH 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21 March, 6.30pm Lilibeth
Anoche, Thanksgiving
Sun 22 March, 9.30am Finbarr
Flood, RIP
Sun 22 March, 11am Nicole
Bernard & André Rignault, RIP
Sun 22 March, 6.30pm Harry
Mavrinac, RIP
Wed 29 March, 8.30am Klaus
Stadie, RIP

MASS INTENTIONS : Please book your Mass Intentions in advance with the Parish Office. Please note, that you can have Mass offered for more than one intention or person, but once booked, we do not accept other booking for the same Mass. Please note that the daily Masses are available for your intentions. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS : Masses 14/15 March :

Collections : 3775,65€; CC : 882,00€. Shrines : 130,15€; CC : 101,00€.
Bookstall : 50,00€. Coffee : 55,99€. Syrian Orthodox Mass : 50,00€.

CCD CLASSES continues this Sunday, 22nd March. Please **BEWARE** that due to **PALM SUNDAY** next week, **THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES BUT** all Students are **expected to ATTEND** their preferred **MASS TIME**.

BIBLE STUDY every **Wednesdays** from 10.30am-12noon.

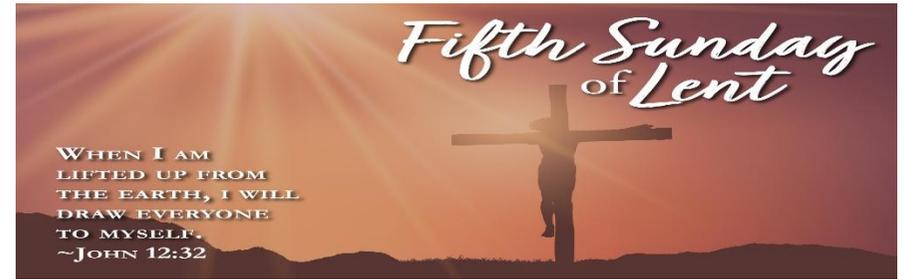
EXTRA MASS on **FRIDAYS OF LENT**. Apart from the 8.30am Mass, we have an **EXTRA MASS** on **Fridays of Lent** at **7pm** followed by the **Stations of the Cross** at **7.30pm**.

LENTEN APPEAL for **LERATONG HOSPICE**
4th SUNDAY OF LENT
Total cash & cheque donations for this weekend is **3751,25€**
TOTAL SO FAR 14650,68€

For **TAX Receipts** : From our website, please indicate "**Lenten Project**" on your standing order or write an email to stjosephparis@orange.fr.

If by cheque, the order is "**St Joseph ADP**"; pencilled at the back if it is for the Lenten project.

Thank you, so far, for money raised.



Our Suffering and Christ's Compassion

Happiness and suffering are inseparable. Some fear to make such an affirmation, because the world would look upon them as fools. How can we say that happiness and suffering are inseparable? Is it not just the other way around?

It is not I who say this, but Jesus in the Beatitudes. Open the Gospel to the Sermon on the Mount. What does he tell us? "Blessed are those who weep; blessed are the poor; blessed are those who suffer." There, then, is the affirmation that true happiness and suffering are inseparable. The wisdom we receive straight from the Divine Master is regarded as foolishness. The wisdom of the world is exactly opposed to the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure"; the world says, "Blessed are they who indulge in loose living." Jesus says, "Blessed are those who weep"; the world says, "Blessed are those who laugh and amuse themselves." Jesus says, "Blessed are the meek, the merciful"; the world says, "Blessed are those who impose themselves on others and dominate them." Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor"; the world says, "Blessed are the rich." Jesus says, "Blessed are those who suffer"; the world says, "Blessed are those who enjoy themselves."

We must not be afraid to say what Jesus said and to affirm it after him.... The only truly happy people are those who have chosen Jesus and his cross on earth. They are the thieves of happiness, because they are already happy a hundredfold here below, and what shall this be for all eternity! To think of heaven is not egotism; it is to plunge ourselves, with delight, into the infinite justice and love of God.

In spite of that, remember that Jesus is filled with compassion for those who suffer. He has borne all our sufferings. He has endured them himself at Gethsemane and on Calvary, but he knows that they are necessary to us, so "he sends them to us as if with an averted gaze," says little Thérèse, as if he did not have the courage to watch us suffer. But he sees at the same time the happiness it will merit for us, the glory it acquires for his Father, for him, for us, and the graces it merits for souls; so in love, in mercy, in tenderness, he hesitates no longer to lay it upon our poor shoulders, while continuing to sustain it himself, making himself our Simon of Cyrene.

Father Jean du Cœur de Jésus d'Elbée