



Our Lady of the Angels



Capuchin Franciscan Friary,
Carlton Road, Erith, Kent

God's Restlessness

Almost everyone experiences depression. Some people struggle with it throughout their lives. Others have days or months when life seems hopeless.

No one in the Bible experienced despair as much as Job. Job lost his livestock, his servants, his children and their homes due to the forces of nature and enemy troops. In swift succession, Job lost everything that was dear to him.

At first, Job accepts this. He knows he came into the world with nothing and will leave this world with nothing. What he has belongs to God. God determines whether or not Job will keep it: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

But later, as the reality of his loss sinks in, Job experiences despair. "I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me" he says. "My days come to an end without hope. I shall not see happiness again."

When we experience those emotions we may feel far from God. The security we once felt in God's presence departs.

But Job's raw emotions appear uncensored in the Bible and in the Sunday readings. All human experience finds its place under the mantle of God's farseeing care. Even depression.

RESPONSE

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

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Next Sunday 12th February

To celebrate World Day Prayer for the Sick (established by Pope John Paul II in 1992) I invite the parish community to attend a Holy Hour and Benediction at 4.00 p.m. During these devotions we shall celebrate the sacrament of the Sick for those who wish to be anointed.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

During the season of Lent on Friday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar for adoration in order for the faithful to go to Confession during this time. "Confession gives us the chance to start over, to hit the 'reset' button of our lives. It shows how forgiving and compassionate our God is and it helps us to grow in concern and love for others." (*Bishop Michael*)

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Now Christmas is over – gifts have been opened and some put aside – so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts – don't put them away in your cupboard and forget about them – if you don't want them – please bring them to the Church and put them in the box at the back or leave them in the sacristy for the next Christmas Bazaar. Thank you.

Weddings

If you are planning to get married in 2013/2014 you should contact Br. Gordon as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements. The Diocese requires at least six months notice and this is an essential requirement in cases where the Marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. The Marriage Preparation Course is also a necessity, whether or not one or both partners are Catholic.

Bazaar News – Social Evening

All stall holders at last year's successful Christmas Bazaar are invited to attend a Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 10th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Angelus Centre. There is need for more help so a welcome is also extended to anyone who is interested in helping at our 2012 Bazaar. Come with your ideas and suggestions. Put this date in your diary.

The Life of Christ Wednesday 20 June 2012

Please see the porch of the Church for details of this wonderful open air play. Mary Prescott will be outside after Masses this weekend 4/5 February to take bookings. For more information telephone Mary on 01322 335535.

Nigerian Catholic Community at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Erith

Calling all Nigerians to attend the Monthly General Meeting on Sunday 5th February immediately after the 10.30 a.m. Mass in the Angelus Centre. Contacts: Harrison 07957696338, Leo 07793109204, Ade 07803141075.

Saints Helping Us Today (CaFE Programme)

'Saints helping us today' is a six session series designed to help people to grow in their faith through exploring the witness and teaching of some of the great Saints of church history.

During the season of Lent we will be running, in the parish, this series of talks on DVD, covering the lives of St. Patrick, St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Ignatius of Layola and St. Therese of Liseaux

The first session, the life of St. Patrick, will be on Sunday afternoon 26th February at 2.30 p.m. before the Stations of the Cross. The remaining sessions will be on Wednesday evenings 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Angelus Centre. Do this for Lent!

St Fidelis School Nursery

Brother Gordon will be signing School Nursery Application Forms in the Angelus Centre on:

Wednesday 8th February 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 7th March 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 15th March 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Spring Flower Workshop

There will be a Spring Flower Workshop on 22nd April 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. £5 payable in advance. A modern flower arrangement. For more information phone Lynne Simpson on 01322 348203.

Baptism Preparation Talk

The next Baptismal Preparation Talk will be on Sunday 12th February at 3.00 p.m. in the Angelus Centre. **Please note** parents of the child to be baptised must be registered in the parish of Our Lady of the Angels and be regular worshippers. If you have just moved into the parish, you will need a letter from your previous Parish Priest.

The Pilgrim

The Diocesan newspaper is available at the back of the Church, price 50p.

Catholic Education Services 4th/5th February – Retiring Collection

There will be a Diocesan Retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service. This Service is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

Church Cleaning: Group 4 meet on Saturday

Collection: Total: £2098 Gift Aid: £ 1193 Cash: £905



SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fifth Ordinary Sunday 'B'

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th February 2012

5.30 p.m. (Sat)	Martin Hall RIP	
8.30 a.m.	Eve Stanton's Intention	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
10.30 a.m.	Rita O'Dowd RIP	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
12.30 p.m.		<i>Polish Mass</i>
6.00 p.m.	Bridie Leonard's Intention	

Monday 6th

		<i>St Peter Baptist & Companions</i>
7.30 a.m.	Bill Redmonde RIP	
9.00 a.m.	Andrew & Family	

Tuesday 7th

	St. Anthony Novena Wk 4	<i>St Colette of Corbie</i>
7.30 a.m.	Fr. Frank RIP	
9.00 a.m.	Maureen & Eddie Mullen RIP	

Wednesday 8th

		<i>Feria</i>
7.30 a.m.	Dawn Pyne RIP	
9.00 a.m.	Maria Tsiappourdhis RIP	

Thursday 9th

		<i>Feria</i>
7.30 a.m.	Mother of God	
9.00 a.m.	Charlie Davidson & Phyllis RIP	

Friday 10th

		<i>St Scholastica</i>
7.30 a.m.	Elizabeth McCarthy	
9.00 a.m.	Sophie Williams RIP	
7.30 p.m.		

Saturday 11th

		<i>Feria</i>
10.30 a.m.	Poole Family's Intention	<i>Exposition</i>
5.30 p.m.	Nan Tremain RIP	

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick: Catherine Moriarty, Rachel Francis, Mary Camilieri, Margaret Fox, Claire Todd, Charles Nduka, Lena Martin, Frances Podcaborski, Tony Papa, Andrew Creighton, Anthony Starling, Grace Eyabi, Mignonne Goddard, Theresa Maughan, Emily Faulkner, Lawrence Anasiudus, Gill Longman, Joan Hart, Rose Wright, Whitney Short, Jim Cowen, Christine Wall and Alan Grubb.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 11.00-12 noon; 4.45-5.15 p.m.

LITTLE CHURCH GROUP (Next Sunday): 'C'

MUSIC GROUP (Next Sunday): Youth Musicians