

**The Parish of
St. Martin, St. Wilfrid, St Alban
Brighton**



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Every Sunday

10.30 THE PARISH MASS

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My dear friends,

As I began to write for this edition a hymn line came to my mind, 'Rejoice the year upon its way', it is the Office Hymn ascribed for Pentecost in the English Hymnal. Not that I am wishing the year to speed by, though the thought of warmer weather is appealing, it dawned on me how as Pentecost is the triumphal culmination of Eastertide each year, if we were to look at Ash Wednesday in a more triumphal way, our keeping of Lent may well lead us to even greater joy at Easter!

By its very nature, for some, the thought of Lent and its disciplines can to say the least be onerous and for this reason over the years we have opted for but one of the latter—the Stations of the Cross on Saturdays as the penitential act for that day's Mass. In its turn this is a good reminder to us all that there is a penitential act before every Mass and that we might make more careful use of preparing for it. This links to my final thought on the gift of the Lenten Season—the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Sung Masses, when we have time to quietly reflect with Jesus before he strengthens us with his life to be his witnesses today.

Witness is of course the theme of the Feast of The Presentation. It can not be helped that this year this Feast, naturally celebrated forty days after Christmass falls on a Monday: well this might also be a gift as having celebrated last year on a Sunday more may be encouraged this year to join the Wagner Group for the traditional ceremonies at S Pauls at 6pm.

Many folk here were involved in the 150th celebration of the Foundation of the Society of the Holy Cross on February 28th 1855. This year we celebrate Founders Day the day before and you will see that the local Chapter meets here to celebrate at 12noon, a celebration you are most welcome to join in.

With my love and prayers,

J. Ince

THE KALENDAR
Month's Dedication : The Sacred Passion

✕	1	<u>4th Sunday</u>	10.30 PP
Mon	2	The Presentation	10.00 Communion Candidates
Tue	3	S. Blaise	12.30 Speech Specialists
Wed	4	Feria (requiem)	17.30 The Departed
Thu	5	S Agatha	17.30 Victims of torture
Fri	6	Ss Paul Miki & Comp	11.00 World Peace
Sat	7	OL on Saturday	11.00 Walsingham
✕	8	<u>5th Sunday</u>	10.30 PP
Mon	9	Feria	10.00 The Bishop
Tue	10	S Scholastica	12.30 Benedictine Nuns
Wed	11	OL of Lourdes	17.30 The Shrine
Thu	12	Feria	17.30 Reunion
Fri	13	Feria (of the Cross)	11.00 SSC
Sat	14	SS Cyril & Methodius	11.00 Orthodox Discussions
✕	15	<u>6th Sunday</u>	10.30 PP
Mon	16	Feria	10.00 Those in need
Tue	17	The Servite Founders	12.30 Lenten Preparations
Wed	18	Ash Wednesday	12.00* Repentance
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Thu	19	Lent Weekday	17.30 Bishop Will
Fri	20	Lent Weekday	11.00 School Governors
Sat	21	Lent Weekday	11.00 Lenten Disciplines
✕	22	<u>Lent 1</u>	10.30 PP
Mon	23	(S Polycarp)	10.00 Seminarians
Tue	24	Lent Weekday	12.30 Vocations
Wed	25	Lent Weekday	17.30 Thanksgivings
Thu	26	Lent Weekday	17.30 Future Developments
Fri	27	Lent Weekday	12.00* SSC Founders Day
Sat	28	Lent Weekday	11.00 Lenten Disciplines

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Cover Picture—Church of the Annunciation
Florence

This beautiful Church was founded by the Servite Order whose founders we commemorate on February 11th, the day in 1304 when the Order was approved. As the title of the commemoration implies we give thanks that seven wealthy Florentine business men in the 13th century followed a call from Our Lady to retreat from a life of commerce and all that it involved to one of prayer and contemplation for the city. The Order continues to serve the Church today.