



HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

**AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
(For the Greater Glory of God)**

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The Church is open all day, every day
for private prayer

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	25th April	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Private Intention (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	26th April	9.00am 11.00am	Well-being of Phil (Anne Tuffill) People of the Parish
Monday	27th April	HMP Wandsworth	
Tuesday	28th April	HMP Wandsworth	
Wednesday	29th April	11.00am	Funeral Holy Mass for Rosaleen Mitchiner
Thursday	30th April	9.30am	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Friday	1st May	9.30am	Well-being of the Dunn Family (Maggie Bailey)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	2nd May	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Bavin Family (Phil and Mary Jameson)
Sunday	3rd May	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Charles and Celia Ward

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM (Prayer book: Week 4 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Our ability to let go of our familiar securities and to grow into ever-widening circles of life, depends upon our ability to trust. That is why a childlike trust in the all-pervading goodness and protection of God is essential if we are to become adult in the Church. If we really do trust in God’s loving care in all things and in all circumstances, then we can afford to explore life and take risks. Being liberated from fear, we have no need to be constantly defensive and no desire to live our lives within the confines of a narrow cocoon, whether it be of our own or of someone else’s making”

(Fr Gerard W Hughes SJ)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Jill O'Donnell, David Palmer and everyone who is in any kind of distress. May the good Lord give them peace and patience in their moments of need
"May the gifts of illness and old age bring our sisters and brothers the gift of wisdom and help them to be closer to the Lord.

DEALING WITH ANXIETY - 22/23 MAY AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Anxiety and Worry often make life difficult for many people. I am leading this Workshop, from the evening of Friday 22nd May (6.30pm to 8.30pm) then continuing on Saturday 23rd May (11.00am TO 1.00pm). This Workshop will explain how Anxiety begins, how it can take hold of us and then spoil so much of our lives. I'll also offer some very good, tried and tested ways in which people can escape from Worry or at the very least reduce it and begin to live much happier lives, feeling and monk . The Workshop will take place at the London Jesuit Centre. If you would like to attend this Workshop, please book now on the London Jesuit Centre website.

DEALING WITH LONELINESS - 11TH JULY AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Deep in the human heart is a longing to be connected to others, to love and to be loved. I am leading this Workshop from 10.00am until 2.00pm on Saturday 11th July . The Workshop will help us to understand the reasons why we sometimes feel lonely and what a devastating effect Loneliness can have on us. I'll suggest effective ways to ensure that your experience of Loneliness can actually become the means of finding deep, satisfying ways of being close to the Lord and to other people. The workshop will take place at the London Jesuit Centre. If you would like to attend this Workshop, please book now on the London Jesuit Centre website.

PLEASE CHECK THE ROTAS, PUBLISHED ON THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Host, Baker or if you have offered to deliver our Food Bank supplies to the Good Shepherd school in New Addington, please check the Newsletter each week to identify when it is your opportunity to exercise your ministry.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING 11.00am SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Dear Parents, please note that the Children's own reflection of the Liturgy of God's Word, takes place during School Term times. Please, of course, continue to bring the children to holy Mass, come early and sit near the front of the church so that children can see and better understand the holy Mass. The children's own Liturgy of the Word begins again on Sunday 26th April.
Dear Parents, please bring the children to the Holy Week Services especially on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil/First holy Mass of Easter on Saturday evening. During this week, the Lord speaks powerfully of his saving love, through the Liturgy, to all our hearts.

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you are not a Catholic or if you are already a Catholic but haven't yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please let me know

BEQUEST, IN A WILL

It is wise to write a Will so that the resources you have when the time comes for you to leave this world, goes to the people and organisations you wish. May I suggest that you might consider leaving a Bequest in your will to our parish or to our diocese or to our priest as well as to other causes. A gift in your will can enable us to continue to help people to know the Lord Jesus and his saving love. What a wonderful legacy you would be leaving behind.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS/THE MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD/EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY/SIGN OF PEACE

During the holy Mass of Maundy Thursday, we celebrate the priceless gifts of the holy Mass and the Priesthood which the Lord has given to his Church. Also, members of our Community of Faith who have been blessed and privileged to be Eucharistic Ministers, will renew their commitment to this sacred ministry.

This is the best moment to begin again our normal practice of receiving Our Blessed Lord in the way he gave himself to us at the Last Supper, the very first holy Mass. Now that the Winter has officially ended and there is less risk of colds and flu', we will be able to receive Our Blessed Lord not just in the consecrated bread which has become the Body of Christ but also in the consecrated wine which has become the Blood of Christ.

Every holy Mass is a moment when the Lord's great saving love for us, is made manifest. This is his love which he gives to us and wishes us to share with everyone, without exception. We will begin again, during this beautiful holy Mass, to offer a real physical gesture of peace and love for each other.

Please do not receive the Precious Blood of the Lord from the chalice if you have a cough or cold or simply do not feel well.

Last Saturday, during a Eucharistic Ministers time of Prayer and Reflection, it was suggested by some Eucharistic Ministers that Hand Sanitiser be available for use following the Sign of Peace during holy Mass. Following the meeting, other Eucharistic Ministers suggested to me that the availability of Hand Sanitiser wasn't really a great need and its use during the Liturgy would detract from the sacredness of the moment. Let's leave the use of a Sanitiser then to personal choice, just as the way in which we offer each other a Sign of Peace is also a matter of personal choice.

OLDE FORGE CAFE - FREE COFFEE AND CAKE FOR OUR VISITORS

Please do your best to bring members of your family, your friends, neighbours and colleagues who normally have little, if any contact with our Catholic parish, to the Olde Forge Cafe. Please remember that those you bring with you DO NOT give a donation for their coffee and cake. Only us, who are regular members of our parish, are asked to give a donation, each time, to cover the cost of the Coffee machine, coffee beans, heat, light etc. Dear Bakers and those who provide milk, please remember to take your expenses from the donations received.

HOSTS, IN THE EVANGELISATION CAFE, THE OLDE FORGE

Thank you so much to all the wonderful people who act as Hosts in our Olde Forge Cafe. If you are not yet a Host, please speak with me. It would be great to increase the team of Hosts. All training to operate the Coffee Machine, will be given

HOLY MASS INTENTION/STIPEND

An Intention for holy Mass is a specific prayer, often for a particular person or purpose, that a priest offers during the celebration of a holy Mass. It is the best way that we have to unite our lives, our hopes, our fears, our joys and our sorrows with the Lord Jesus. It is the best way possible, because every time holy Mass takes place, the Lord's Death and Resurrection also takes place.

A holy Mass Intention is a prayer asking that the Lord's victory over sin and death be applied to the Intention. The Intention can be for those who are still living in this world or for those who have left this world. Anyone, of course, may request a holy Mass - In Thanksgiving, for a Birthday, for someone who has died, on the occasion of a special Anniversary, for someone who is unwell or for any other intention that we believe the good Lord wishes to hear and possibly to give us. Every holy Mass is the making present of the Lord offering his saving love to everyone, so every holy Mass is for everyone! However, sometimes we have specific Intentions that we may wish to mention to the Lord.

A 'Stipend' or Offering for the holy Mass is not a fee! It is not 'the cost of a holy Mass'! The holy Mass is so sacred, so full of the Lord's presence and saving power that it is priceless! In fact, the Stipend is only a gesture of gratitude and care for the priest who celebrates the holy Mass for you. It is a way for supporting our priests who, although they do not receive salaries, still need personal funds to meet their own 'costs of living.' The Stipend suggested by the Archdiocese of Southwark Finance Committee is a minimum of £10 for each holy Mass. Of course, anyone who can't afford a Stipend should still request a holy Mass Intention and I'm sure every priest would always be more than happy to celebrate holy Mass for someone in that situation.

Here in our parish, please use the holy Mass Intention envelopes which you will find in the porch of the church. Please write the details of the Intention, a preferred date if required, enclose the Stipend, and let me have it directly or post it through the presbytery letterbox.

LECTORS FOR HOLY MASS ON WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 30th April: Claire

Friday 31st April: David

ROTAS FOR MAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2/3: 5pm Angela; 9am Phil; 11am Margaret, Simone, Mary(H)
9/10: 5pm Lisa; 9am Carolyn; 11am Jim, Giannina, Gaberiel(H)
16/17: 5pm Linda; 9am Paul; 11am Lizzie, Patricia, Lorenza(H)
23/24: 5pm Maggie; 9am Ross; 11am David, Marian, Angela(H)
30/31: 5pm Phil; 9am Margaret; 11am Mary, Lisa, Simone(H)

LECTORS

2/3: 5pm Richard; 9am Mike; 11am Jim
9/10: 5pm Collette; 9am Lizzie; 11am Lisa
16/17: 5pm Chris; 9am Gerry; 11am Mutsa
23/24: 5pm Claire; 9am Patricia; 11am Lorenza
30/31: 5pm Phil; 9am Marian; 11am Chinwe

HOSTS

(28 Apr): Colette, Maggie
2nd: Patricia, Fr Malachy
3rd: Emmanuela, Jenny
5th: Jim, Linda
9th: Mary, David
10th: Phil, Marian
12: Ros, Patricia
16: Jim, Colette
17: Gaberiel, Maggie
19: David, Lorenza
23: Paul
24: Giannina, Emmanuala
26: Jenny, Lorenza
30: Mary, Ros
31: David, Jim

BAKERS

2: Giannina
9: Chinwe
16: Kinga
23: Margaret Fuller
30: Lizzie

PARISH FOOD BANK

Our rota for the delivery of food to the Good Shepherd school in New Addington begins this week. Please find the rota below. The dates indicated are Thursdays during the school term. Please collect the two hessian bags of fruit on Thursdays from the porch of the presbytery between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm. Please then bring the fruit to the school in New Addington. The fruit could even be collected and delivered on Friday mornings too, if necessary. The address of the school is:
23, Dunley Drive New Addington CR0 0RG.
The school is close to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

7: Marian
14: Amit
21: Ros
28: Andrea Joseph