



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

EASTER OCTAVE

Tuesday	7th April	6.00pm	That our Lectors proclaim God's Word with hearts open to real love, to change and to growth
Wednesday	8th April	9.30am	That our Eucharistic Ministers exercise their sacred task with hearts open to real love, to change and to growth
Thursday	9th April	9.30am	That all our parishioners celebrate holy Mass with hearts open to real love, to change and to growth
Friday	10th April	9.30am	In Thanksgiving to the Lord for everything, even the struggles, that can lead us to real love, to change and to growth

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	11th April	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	In Thanksgiving to the Lord for another year to know, love and serve him
Sunday	12th April	9.00am 11.00am	Well-being of Phil (Anne Tuffill) People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY FRIDAY; 9.00AM

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY; 5.30PM (Prayer book: Week 1 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'In Desolation, remember two things:

Know that the Desolation will pass

If you can keep the focus of your attention on God, even if you have no felt experience of his presence, he will teach you through the Desolation. He is, as it were, gouging out your false securities, revealing himself to your own inner emptiness so that he may fill and possess it.'

(from The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Jill O'Donnell, Manuel Rodrigues, 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."

THANKS BE TO GOD

We give thanks to the Lord that our dear sister Caitlin was baptised into the very life of God, on Easter Sunday. We join Caitlin in sharing her joy. Caitlin now bravely sets forth on her journey, which is our journey too, of making the Lord's loving, saving presence the centre of all our lives. We give thanks to the Lord that on Easter Sunday, Allan entered into full communion with the Church founded on Christ and built on the Apostles.

THANK YOU

To all those wonderful people who managed to find the time and the energy to clean and tidy the church in preparation for Easter. What a great example of humble Christian love.

To everyone who took active parts in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter, through which the Lord spoke both to us and to others and nourished us in our loving relationship with the risen Lord.

To Merlind for generously supplying and fitting a new lighting system in the sacristy of our church.

VERY HAPPY EASTER

I pray for you and for all the members of your families and friends, that being open to the new, real, life that the risen Lord offers us, you may have his love, his life, his joy and his peace in your hearts.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Maundy Thursday, during holy Mass, a number of women and men of our parish were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for another year, to exercise this sacred ministry with the utmost care and reverence. Thank you to them for their great faith. They pledged to be "examples of Christian living in Faith and Conduct; to strive to grow in holiness...". Please pray for our Eucharistic Ministers that they may fulfil their promises.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FINANCES 22nd MARCH

Basket Collection: £163.50

Card Reader: £505

Retiring Collection for Poor Parishes: £349

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

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.

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 WEEKDAY HOLY MASSES, THIS WEEK

Tue: Mike

Wed: Giannina

Thu: Maggie

Fri: Gabrielle

ROTAS FOR APRIL

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2 (Maundy Thursday): 8.30pm Lorenza, Patricia, Maggie
3 (Good Friday): 3.00pm Ross
4 (Easter Sunday Vigil): 8.00pm David, Marian, Angela
5 (Easter Sunday): 9.00am Phil, Margaret, Simone
11.00am Mary, Carolyn, Lisa(H)
11/12: 5pm Jim; 9am Gabrielle; 11am Lesley, Paul Donovan, Linda(H)
18/19: 5pm Regina; 9am Patrick; 11am Paul Mould, Lizzie, Patricia(H)
25/26: 5pm Maggie; 9am Lorenza; 11am Ross, David, Marian(H)

LECTORS

2 (Maundy Thursday): 8.30pm Paul
3 (Good Friday): 3.00pm Jim; Passion Reading: Gerry(N), Mutsa (C)
4 (Easter Sunday Vigil): 8.00pm Lizzie (1), David (3), Patricia (5), Lorenza (7/Epistle)
5 (Easter Sunday): 9am Phil
11am Mutsa
11/12: 5pm Maggie; 9am Mike; 11am Lisa
18/19: 5pm Collette; 9am Gerry; 11am Jim
25/26: 5pm Patricia; 9am Richard; 11am Paul

HOSTS

5 (Easter Sunday): Regina, Patrick
7: Lorenza, Maggie
11: Collette, Patricia
12: Lizzie, Paul
14: Colette, David
18: Phil, Mary
19: Marian, Jim
21: Linda, Lesley
25: Ros, Gabrielle
26: Emmanuala; Giannina

BAKERS

4: Sophie
11: Helen
18: Anderson
25: Bridget

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.

16th April: Gerry Murphy
23rd: Tony Charlton
30th: Chris Finnin