



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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday	9th August	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Mrs Mary Johnson (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	10th August	9.00am 11.00am	Mary Crinnegan (John) People of the Parish
Tuesday	12th August	6.00pm	Jimmy Smith (Kathleen Smith)
Wednesday	13th August	9.30am	For Nuclear Disarmament

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy day of Obligation

Thursday	14th August	6.00pm	Vigil holy Mass of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady Two-State solution of the conflict between Israel and Palestine
Friday	15th August	9.30am	Holy Mass of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady For an end to famine in Sudan

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday	16th August	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Mrs Mary Johnson (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	17th August	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish That we all visit the Olde Forge Cafe and invite others to come too

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WENESDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY, THURSDAY; 5.30PM

(Prayer book: Week 3 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"It is not miserable to be blind. It is miserable to be incapable of enduring blindness."

(John Milton).

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Jill O'Donnell, Manuel Rodrigues, David Palmer, Shanna Davies 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."

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN - WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

This week we celebrate the beautiful feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Mary, the mother of the Lord Jesus played and still plays an important role in how her son is able to save us from sin and death. This week we honour Mary who was assumed body and soul to Heaven without dying, because of her unique relationship with her son. This great Feast-day is an occasion when the Church, acting in God's name, obliges us all to celebrate holy Mass. We will have two holy Masses in our parish for this Feast day. Please see above for details.

CHURCH CLEANING - NEXT FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST, AFTER HOLY MASS

Please come to help clean and tidy God's house, our church, next Friday, immediately after holy Mass. Thank you.

PARISH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Forgive me for raising the issue of parish finances, but I need to alert you to how we must finance our parish and manage our financial resources, if we are to continue as a viable parish. We pay a monthly levy to the diocese of £1,110.59. We also pay a monthly Health and Safety levy of £118.43. Monthly charges for electricity are around £200.00

These are just a few basic monthly costs. Our general monthly expenditure is well in excess of these amounts. Our weekly Collection is presently around £450.00. As you will appreciate then, our present weekly income is not covering our normal weekly expenses.

Please may I suggest that every adult member of our parish give a minimum of £15, each week, in our Collection. If you are in personal financial hardship, please just disregard this suggestion. If you are in a reasonable or good financial position, please give more than this suggestion. We live in a relatively affluent area, so our finances should be secure.

In addition to a Current Account, we also have a Savings/Loan account. I am reluctant to take anything from that account to pay our normal bills. The Savings/Loan account is there in case we face any unforeseen, sudden, emergency call on our finances or for any special projects we might have. That said, we are about to incur a debt of almost £8,000 to replace our very poor church Sound System with a much-needed new system. We will have to take that cost from our Savings/Loan account.

In this weekend's first Scripture Reading at holy Mass, we were given an inspiring example of generosity prompted by trust in the providential care of God. In this very practical matter of how we manage our parish financial resources, please be generous.

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.

CRUCIFIX MOVED TO THE FRONT OF THE GARDEN – EVANGELISATION

Our church grounds boast a rather striking crucifix. It was hidden away at the back of the garden. As you will see, I have moved it forward, closer to the front of the garden, where it is much more visible and prominent.

St Paul says, “We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, the power and the wisdom of God, to save us.”

Our Archbishop John asks every parish in the archdiocese of Southwark and every parishioner in every parish, to do everything possible to help the Lord Jesus to be better known and loved especially anyone who doesn't yet know the Lord. This is called 'Evangelisation'. Moving the crucifix to the front of our garden means it is very visible to hundreds if not thousands of people every day, passing along Limsfield Road in cars, vans, trucks, on buses or as pedestrians. When they see the crucifix, many will wonder what it means and that moment of wondering gives the Lord a chance to speak to their hearts!

The crucifix isn't in good condition, at the moment. It has been damaged by the trees and the ground which it has occupied, over the years. I'm hoping that we can properly and fully repair both the image and the cross.

Incidentally, the symbol of Jesus actually hanging on a cross, which is the normal symbol used by Catholic and most Orthodox Christian Churches, is called a 'crucifix.' The symbol of a cross, without the image of the Lord hanging on the cross, is usually simply called a 'cross' by members of Protestant Christian Churches.

May the symbol of Our Lord being put to death on a cross, showing the depth of his love for everyone, help people who gaze upon it, to know that the Lord Jesus offers them his saving love.

Jesus says, “Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you peace, for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls.”

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To everyone who has managed to increase their Sunday Offertory Collection contribution to a minimum of £15 per person, per week. If you haven't done so already, please do so now, if you possibly can. You can do this in one of three ways - by using the Card Reader, located on your right as you enter the main body of the church, or by revising your instruction to your bank, or by using the basket collection during holy Mass.

Please may I ask that any coins, less than £1, are not put into the basket.

Please don't forget to ensure your weekly Offering continues even while you may be away from the parish on holiday.

Please don't forget to Gift-Aid every contribution you generously make, in favour of our parish. As the Archbishop has said: “People are increasingly turning to the Catholic Church because we offer a message of hope, purpose for life and a spiritual and liturgical tradition which opens the soul towards God. Let's be as equipped as we can be, to lead people to the Lord Jesus so they can all know of God's love for them.”

To Sophie Golding for generously joining our list of Bakers for our Evangelisation Cafe and for providing delicious cakes. Thank you, Sophie.

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.

OLDE FORGE CAFE - A CALL FROM THE LORD TO BE EVANGELISERS

Our Olde Forge Cafe has been up and running for some time now. There have been very wonderful signs, during these past months, that the Lord has been working through our efforts in the Cafe, to bring his love and truth to others who don't yet know him well. Thank you so much especially to everyone who ministers as a Host or Baker. Thank you to everyone who has invited friends, family members, neighbours, colleagues to join them for refreshments in the Cafe. Of course we are delighted to offer our guests free drinks and cakes, while we ourselves offer a donation to cover costs.

If you haven't yet come into the Cafe or if you haven't yet brought a guest with you, please may I urge you in the name of the Lord and at the request of our Archbishop, to please do so. Every one of us is called by the Lord to bring others to know him. If you do or even if you don't think our Cafe is the best way to do this as a parish Faith community, nonetheless please take a full and active part in this initiative. In that way we really are trying to fulfil what our dear Lord Jesus is asking of us.

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.

CANDLES BURNING IN THE CHURCH - A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE

A lovely tradition in Catholic and Orthodox Churches is to light a small votive candle as a symbol of prayer. We provide facilities for this in our church. People can 'light a candle' and give a little donation, when holy Mass or Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is not taking place in the church. However, we must take matters of Health and Safety and the matter of Fire Prevention, very seriously. We cannot allow votive candles to be alight in the church when nobody is actually in the church. We must insist on this for very good reasons as I'm sure you understand. A recent serious incident involving fire, in a local Catholic church, highlighted the importance of this. When holy Mass is not taking place or hasn't yet begun or when Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is not taking place and if someone is present in the church, please feel free to 'light a candle'. However, please be sure to extinguish all candles before you leave the church.

THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR (READER)

Jim Keating has very kindly agreed to help all our Lectors to develop their public-speaking skills, so that God's holy Word is proclaimed as well as possible. Please, dear Lectors, work with Jim when he contacts you or when you contact him.

If any of our Lectors is not sure of the meaning and/or the historical context of any Reading they are to proclaim, please let me, Fr Malachy, know, a few days before you proclaim God's holy Word, so that we find a little time, convenient for you, to speak together about your Reading.

LECTORS FOR WEEKDAYS, THIS WEEK

Tue: Lizzie

Wed: Richard

Thu: Collette

Fri: Patricia

ROTAS - AUGUST 2025

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

LECTORS

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

HOSTS

2: Kim, Manuel
3: David, Giannina
5: Gardening group
6: Admin' group
9: Phil, Simone
10: Collette, Maggie
12: Gardening group
13: Admin' group
16: Jim, Vanessa
17: Patricia, Lizzie
19: Gardening group
20: Admin group
23: Paul Mould, Lorenza
24: Marian, Mary
26: Gardening group
27: Admin' group
30: Lesley, Maggie
31: Regina, Patrick

BAKERS

2: Sophie Golding
9: Anderson
16: Giannina
23: Chinwe
30: Gerry Murphy