



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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday	15th August	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	16th August	10.30am	David Brunning (Patricia Connor)
Tuesday	18th August	9.30am	Marian Garcia, Pablo, Agnes (Carmen)
Wednesday	19th August	9.30am	Carmen Flores, Carmen Hernandez, Carmen Valligo (Carmen)
Thursday	20th August	9.30am	In Thanksgiving (Vincent and Carmen McAliffe)
Friday	21st August	9.30am	Canon Peter Tirbitt

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	22nd August	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	In Thanksgiving for all that God allows to happen to us
Sunday	23rd August	10.30am	People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Whatever language those campaigning for assisted Suicide may use, the terrible truth remains unchanged - should this proposal become law, Grandparents, Mothers, Fathers, Daughters and Sons will die believing there is no possible alternative, no chance of being cared for and loved until their natural deaths.” (Archbishop John on Assisted Suicide)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Christine Greenhalgh, 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.

PRAYERS PLEASE FOR

Ron Thomas who died recently. May he rest in the peace of the Lord and dwell in the life of Heaven. Please pray for Mary, his dear wife and for Jennifer his loving daughter, in this moment of grief.

THANK YOU

All our wonderful Hosts and Baker/Providers for all their great efforts to promote our Evangelisation Cafe, 'The Olde Forge' Cafe.

Please read the Newsletter and check when is your turn to host or to bake or provide cakes. If you are a parishioner but are not yet practically involved in the Evangelisation Cafe, please speak with me.

LECTORS FOR THIS WEEK

Tue: Maggie

Wed: Paul

Thur: Patricia

Fri: Collette

SPEAK OUT ABOUT THE VALUE OF ALL HUMAN LIFE BY OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE

We cannot keep quiet while the question of Assisted Suicide is being debated, in our name, in Parliament (Friday 11th September). Please contact your MP, as soon as you can and before the 11th September, expressing your opposition to this cruel and mistaken response to human suffering and death which would reduce so much of our United Kingdom's respect for the dignity and value of human life. Look on the website of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales for clear reasons to oppose this Bill. Please click on this link to find out more:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Look on the UK Parliament website to find various ways of contacting your MP. Our MP for this Constituency of Croydon South is Mr Chris Philps who supports this appalling Bill!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2027

On Sunday 7th February 2027, Bishop Gerard will be joining us for our 10.30am holy Mass. During that holy Mass, Bishop Gerard will celebrate the great Sacrament of Confirmation for us. Please would anyone who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation in her or his life, speak with me. This is a great opportunity to receive the gifts of God's Holy Spirit in this Sacrament. The Holy Spirit comes upon us to give us gifts, like Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Perseverance, Wisdom, Generosity, Humility and Courage and many more. These are the gifts that we all need to live real, adult, mature lives of Faith in this world. We will shortly begin a series of meetings to help those who will be preparing to receive this Sacrament. Please let know in the next few weeks if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 7th February next year, when Bishop Gerard visits us.

SUNDAY HOLY MASS PERMANENT TIMES - 5.00PM SATURDAY AND 10.30AM SUNDAY, BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND 15TH AND 16TH AUGUST

The original advice you gave me, following Archbishop John's request that every parish consider the number and times of parish holy Masses, was that in Sanderstead we should have just two Sunday holy Masses. You advised me that they should be a Sunday Vigil holy Mass on Saturdays at 5.00pm and on Sunday itself holy Mass at 10.30am. When I announced this and when we began this new schedule, some of our parishioners strongly urged that we should not lose the 9.00am Sunday holy Mass. I agreed to continue with the 9.00am holy Mass for a while to see if the size of the congregation at that holy Mass would increase - it was only a very small congregation. In the last few Sundays, that congregation has not increased. So, I think we should now return permanently, to the schedule that the vast majority of parishioners advised.

Therefore, beginning next weekend, 15th and 16th August and permanently going forward, we will have 2 Sunday holy Masses in the parish of the Holy Family, here in Sanderstead. Those holy Masses will be:

Saturdays: A Sunday Vigil holy Mass at 5.00pm

Sundays: A Sunday holy Mass at 10.30am

I hope this is helpful for you. I hope everyone will be able to adapt their plans to choose which of our 2 Sunday holy Masses, each weekend, you would like to celebrate. How wonderful that we begin our new, permanent Sunday holy Mass schedule on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, next weekend.

OLDE FORGE EVANGELISATION CAFE - EVERYONE IS A MANAGER OF THE CAFÉ

Please note that the role of Lorenza, in the Cafe, is simply to be one Manager among Managers! We are all asked to be actively involved by noticing how the Cafe is developing and then to actively work to maintain everything that all our wonderful Hosts and our Bakers/Providers are doing and everyone who invites and accompanies others to visit the Cafe. Lorenza's role is simply the same as the role that everyone has, of being actively involved in Evangelisation. Every one of us is a Manager of the Cafe. Every one of us is to be actively involved in all aspects of the Cafe. The good Lord commands that everyone who follows him, is to share fully in his work of bringing others to know, love and serve him. The Cafe is our parish way of fulfilling his command. To be involved in this is really not an option but is rather a part of being a member of the Holy Family Catholic Faith Community in Sanderstead, whatever our age or status. Please take part in what the Lord asks of you and one day you will hear the Lord say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now the joy of Heaven for all Eternity."

When we started the Cafe, a good while ago, some parishioners took part without really understanding the nature of Evangelisation. They felt that the Cafe was either for the parish social life or for Fund-raising purposes! Gradually, I hope we are all beginning to realise that the Cafe is about a way of life called 'Evangelisation' that lies at the heart of what it is to be an authentic, genuine Catholic Christian. It's not something we do "when we can" or something that we try to fit into our own personal schedule. It is, rather like holy Mass on the Lord's Day, a core part of the way of life of every Catholic Christian in our parish. The Cafe is the Lord calling you to be his presence and to be his mouthpiece. Please answer his call.

COFFEE MACHINE CONTROLS.

The Coffee Machine in the Olde Forge Evangelisation Cafe has a number of controls that govern amounts of coffee and the temperature of the coffee. These amounts and temperatures are set. Please, dear Hosts, do not attempt to alter these settings. Overflowing/Under-filling cups are the results of changing the set controls.

Please don't force anything on the machine. If you are not sure what to do, please seek help, perhaps especially about cleaning the equipment after a session. An engineer visited the cafe last week to make necessary repairs and to check all settings.

OLDE FORGE EVANGELISATION CAFÉ

Please note that our Evangelisation Cafe opens on Tuesdays immediately AFTER holy Mass, at about 10.15am so that our Hosts may be able to celebrate holy Mass before opening the Cafe. The Cafe will then be open until about 12.00midday.

The Cafe is also open on Saturdays from about 10.30am until about 12.00midday and on Sundays too immediately AFTER our final Sunday holy Masses until about 1.00pm

The Olde Forge Evangelisation Cafe can only open thanks to the great generosity of our wonderful Hosts and Bakers/Providers.

Thank you so much to them. If you are not yet an active member of our Parish Faith community, please offer your help as a Host or Baker/Provider. Presently it would mean that your help is needed only about once every month. The more Hosts we have the less often your good help is required. We will be very pleased to show you how the Coffee machine works and you will soon be able to be one of our very own 'Baristas'!

AI THREAT

I would like to make you aware of a **new type of scam** that is now targeting individuals within our parish communities through **WhatsApp**.

Cyber criminals are increasingly using artificial intelligence (AI) to create convincing videos, voice messages and written communications while impersonating members of the clergy. Their aim is to deceive unsuspecting individuals into believing they are communicating with a priest, bishop, or other Parish representative before requesting money or donations.

- Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy.
- Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms.
- Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request.
- Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud
<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

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

GIFT AID

Please renew or sign up for Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who has already done so. Please use the QR you will find on this Newsletter. Any difficulties, please let me know. Gift Aid enables us to claim an extra 2

5p for every £1 you give, at no additional cost to you. Thank you for your generosity in support of your parish.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Sanderstead

Please Renew Your Gift Aid and Planned Giving

We kindly ask all parishioners to renew their Gift Aid declaration & Planned Giving details.

Gift Aid is an important source of income for our parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid allows us **to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate**, at no additional cost to you. Supporting the parish through a Standing Order also provides a reliable source of income that helps us plan and sustain our ministry and mission.



Register for Gift
Aid / Planned
Giving

1. Renew or Sign Up Today

Whether you already donate or would like to sign up for the first time, please complete our online form using the QR code (above) or the link:

<https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/>

2. Do You Already Give by Standing Order?

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through a Standing Order. In recent years, we have been blessed to receive many new regular donations. However, not all Standing Order donations are currently linked to a Gift Aid declaration. If you are a UK taxpayer and give by Standing Order, please complete the form above so we can ensure your donations are Gift Aided where possible

3. Do You Use the Contactless Giving Machine?

If you donate using our contactless machine, you can also Gift Aid these donations. This requires a separate registration linked to your bank card.

To register:

- Scan the QR code or donate using the contactless machine.
- After donating, wait for the Gift Aid registration screen to appear.
- Enter your details and select both past and future donations.
- Repeat this process for any additional bank cards you use.



Register for Gift
Aid on
Contactless

Registering your card allows us to claim Gift Aid on eligible contactless donations and increases the value of your gift to the parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

ROTAS FOR AUGUST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

25/26 July: 5pm Simone; 9am Maggie; 11am Mary, Lisa, Jim(H)
1/2: 5pm Paul Mould; 9.00am Jim; 11.00am Paul Donovan, Giannina, Gaberiel(H)
8/9: 5pm Patricia; 9.00am Lesley; 11.00am Regina, Patrick, Lizzie(H)
15/16: 5pm Lorenza; 10.30am; Ross, David, Maggie(H)
22/23: 5pm Marian; 10.30am; Angela, Phil, Margaret(H)
29/30: 5pm Simone; 10.30am Lesley, Jim, Lisa(H)

LECTORS

25/26 July: 5pm Jim; 9am Richard; 11am Chinwe
1/2: 5pm Lisa; 9.00am Mike; 11.00am Mutsa
8/9: 5pm Chris; 9.00am Gerry; 11.00 Lorenza
15/16: 5pm Collette; 10.30am Chris
22/23: 5pm Mike; 10.30am Paul Donovan
29/30: Maggie; 10.30am Chinwe

HOSTS

1: Maggie Bowes, Giannina
2: Lizzie, Paul Mould
4: Collette, Gaberiel
8: Patricia, Mary
9: Maggie Bailey, Jim
11: Ross, Regina
15: Simone, Marian
16: Emmanuel, Lorenza
18: David, Maggie Bowes
22: Phil, Patrick
23: Giannina, Lizzie
25: Paul Mould, Collette
29: Jim, Gaberiel
30: Patricia, Maggie Bailey

BAKERS/PROVIDERS

1: Caroline
8: Kim
15: Vanessa
22: Chinwe
29: Sophie