



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday	2nd August	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Mrs Mary Johnson (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	3rd August	9.00am 11.00am	Bosco and Diogo Fernandes (Regina and Patrick Fernandes) People of the Parish
Tuesday	5th August	6.00pm	Eddie Maloney (Maggie Bailey)
Wednesday	6th August	9.30am	Norah Hanrahan
Thursday	7th August	9.30am	That parishioners bring Guests to The Olde Forge Cafe
Friday	8th August	9.30am	That parishioners pray The Prayer of the Church

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WENESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY; 5.30PM

(Prayer book: Week 2 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Christ is the Sacrament of God’s availability” (Basil Hume)

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."

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.

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.

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.

THE OLDE FORGE CAFE - OUR WAY OF TRYING TO EVANGELISE

It's good to remind ourselves, from time to time, that the Cafe is not about making money nor is it about attracting lots of people because our coffee is good! The Cafe exists because if even only one person gets to know us and our Faith a little better, then that is great success. We leave the rest to the Lord! Let's not view the Cafe with pagan, secular eyes but with eyes of Faith and hearts filled with a desire to make the Lord known and loved.

"WHO HAVE YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU?"

These are the words of the Lord Jesus to each one of us, every time we come to holy Mass. Please don't be content to come alone or just to come with someone who already comes every week, to holy Mass.

Invite and encourage others in your family, those living next door to you, those living down your street, your friends. Do that and the Lord will work through you, probably slowly and bit by bit. Do that, and one day you will hear him say to you, "Well done, good and faithful child of mine. Enter into the joys prepared for you, for all eternity.

Thank you to the wonderful people who have the privilege of being Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and thank you to the wonderful people who act as Hosts and Bakers for our Evangelisation project, 'The Olde Forge Cafe.

We live in a time/space world in which none of us can be in two places at once! We provide rotas to make our commitments as feasible as possible. Often, there are conflicting calls on our time and energy. All we can do in deciding which call to follow, is to listen to the Lord speaking to us and then follow the voice of God in our consciences. Trying to arrange the rotas according to what is convenient for everyone is extremely difficult and results in some people doing a great deal and others doing very little! Instead, we will just publish general rotas and simply ask everyone to please just try to do what the Lord asks of you. So, please, if you don't mind, do not send me or Jim or Kim and Manuel who manage the Cafe, dates and times you are unavailable. If we are unable to bring the Lord in Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound members of our parish every week, but as often as we can, then that is all we can do. If sometimes we are unable to open our Evangelisation Cafe, but we open it as often as we can, then that is all we can do. We trust in the Lord to send his Holy Spirit into the hearts of us all and we pray that the hearts of us all are open to his call. We go forward doing all we can to build his Kingdom in this world and to bringing his love and truth to others as the Lord's missionary disciples. Thank you to all the very dear friends of the Lord Jesus who so often put his plans before their own - your reward will be great in Heaven.

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.

OLDE FORGE EVANGELISATION CAFÉ

Thank you to all our wonderful Hosts and Bakers for their faithful commitment to this great enterprise. At the recent Diocesan Jubilee, Archbishop John spoke of the Holy Spirit of God prompting us all to develop new ways of being missionary. Our Cafe is a way of reaching out to those in Sanderstead and beyond who do not yet have a connection with our Catholic Faith community and through us to the Lord Jesus. Thank you so much to everyone who uses their gifts and time to be Hosts, Bakers or just invites their family members, friends, neighbours, colleagues to join them and visit our Evangelisation Cafe. Thanks be to God, we are beginning to see people visiting the Cafe - Strangers who can become Friends, through your warm words of invitation.

Please may I just remind you of how the Cafe operates:

Guests are asked not to pay for their drinks and cakes but to please accept our hospitality. If our Visitors insist on making a contribution, then we graciously accept their kindness but please make it clear that no contribution is needed or requested.

Members of our parish however, each time they visit the Cafe, are asked to give a donation towards the cost of drinks and cakes, so that we can meet the expenses of running the Cafe and our parish.

Please, dear Bakers, continue to deliver your cakes each Saturday morning. Hopefully, we will then have enough cakes for the Saturday and the following Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the days when the Cafe is open each week. We do not offer a 'take-away service so please, dear Hosts, do not give cakes to take away, to our own parishioners or visitors. Any cakes left over, after a session on Saturday, Sunday or Tuesday, please leave for Wednesday.

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family parish, Sanderstead, please double your efforts to bring new people to your Evangelisation Cafe. Let the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and support this practical way of helping others to get to know the Lord Jesus better and better.

Your Evangelisation Cafe is normally open each week, on;

Saturdays 11.00am - 1.00pm

Sundays 12.00midday - 1.30pm

Tuesdays 10.00am - 12.00midday

Wednesdays 12.00midday - 1.15pm

Please let me know if you are not yet an active member of your parish. Becoming a Host or Baker would be an excellent way of fulfilling what the Lord asks of us all.

HOSTS AND BAKERS FOR OUR OLDE FORGE CAFÉ

Thank you so much to everyone who helps as a Host and/or a Baker at our Evangelisation Cafe. Your perseverance and generosity are sure signs of your great Faith in the Lord. We would be delighted to welcome more Hosts and Bakers, especially parishioners who are not yet active in the parish. Please let me know.

One request, please to our wonderful team - May I ask everyone who uses the Coffee Machine to be careful about which buttons are pressed. Types and amounts of coffee, for example, are fixed but some buttons when pressed, change how the machine operates! Also, If you are not sure about how the machine's self-cleaning process works, please do ask.

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: Giannina

Wed: Mary

Thu: Maggie

Fri: John

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