



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	14th February	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	15th February	9.00am 11.00am	For the Victims of Crime Kathy Thorpe

BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday	17th February	6.00pm	Vigil holy Mass of Ash Wednesday; Michael (Patricia Connor)
Wednesday	18th February	9.30am	In Memory of Hermano Pedro (P)

Please note that at both holy Masses of Ash Wednesday, ashes will be blessed and distributed.

Thursday	19th February	9.30am	Miriam Foster (Mary Mitchell)
Friday	20th February	9.30am	Eileen Connor (Patricia Connor)

Nb: Stations of the Cross: 6.00pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	21st February	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Thomas Lacey RIP (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	22nd February	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish The living and dead of the Ward and Cavanna families

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 4 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Nothing is ever achieved without much enduring” (St Catherine of Siena)

“Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to Heaven” (St Rose of Lima)

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."

THANK YOU

Thank you to Monica for Church cleaning.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to occasionally deliver two hessian bags of fruit, from our Parish Food Bank to the Good Shepherd Catholic school in New Addington. So far, 21 people have agreed to do this. If you haven't yet had a chance to add your name and contact details to our list, please do so this week. There is a Sign-up Form in the porch of the church.

The Rota will begin next week. It will be published, week by week, in the Parish Newsletter. The first date for delivery to the school will be Thursday 24th February

ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT

We begin the holy Season of Lent, this week, on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. We will have two holy Masses for Ash Wednesday, as shown above. At each holy Mass, ashes will be blessed and distributed. The ashes will be placed on our foreheads, with the words: “Remember you are dust and to dust you will return”, a stark and dramatic reminder that all of us, young or not so young, are to leave this world in the not too distant future and to stand before God to give an account of how we have lived. If we are ready for that moment, all is well. Let's make sure that we are indeed ready to meet Our Lord and Saviour by entering wholeheartedly into these forthcoming forty days of Lent. The best way to begin to do that is to celebrate the holy Mass of Ash Wednesday on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning and to receive the blessed ashes. Then, do something extra during Lent, to get to know the Lord Jesus better - weekday holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Morning/Evening Prayer from the Divine Office, Prayer in church before the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, active involvement in some way in the life of our parish.

Please note that Ash Wednesday is a Fast Day, when we do without meat and reduce the amount of food we eat.

Please note also that each Friday evening during Lent, we will meditate together on Our Lord's suffering and death, at 6.00pm, praying the 'Stations of the Cross'. Each week we will use a different set of meditations.

ECUMENICAL LENT MEETINGS

As last year, I have invited our friends from the other Christian Churches in our area, to join us for a three-part series of discussions during the holy Season of Lent which begins in the not too distant future!

We will meet in the Olde Forge Cafe at 12.00midday for one hour, on the 12th, 19th and 26th of March. We will be talking about the three great theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. One of the leaders of each Christian Church in our area will give a 10/15 minute introduction and then pose a few questions to the group for discussion. On the 12th, Graham, our local Methodist Minister will lead on the theme of 'Faith.' I'll lead on the theme of 'Hope', on the 19th. We will be led by a third person on the theme of 'Charity' on the 26th. Please pop these dates and time in your diary.

REDUCED SUMMER HOLY MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL PARISHES

All parishes, where more than 2 Sunday holy Masses are celebrated each weekend, in the Archdiocese of Southwark, by decree of Archbishop John, are required to reduce the number of Sunday holy Masses by one holy Mass, beginning on the third weekend in July until the first weekend in September. I would very much like to hear your view on this and also how you think we can achieve this in our Holy Family parish here in Sanderstead. Which of our three Sunday holy Masses would be best to remove? Do we need to change the times of any of our Sunday holy Masses? How best can we work with neighbouring parishes, which are also required to drop one holy Mass, to ensure Sunday holy Masses are available in our area?

Please let me know your views and suggestions on all this. The Archbishop wants our response by next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday! Please talk to me directly or by telephone, text or email, as soon as you can. I would like very much to hear your views and suggestions before offering our parish decision to the Deanery and to Archbishop John.

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.

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.

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

Dear Parents, please make sure that you and your children arrive early for Sunday holy Mass so that the children, at the beginning of holy Mass, may make their way into the sacristy with our Catechists, to begin their own special reflection on the Sunday Gospels.

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.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (7/14 Feb)

Basket: £181.00

Card Reader: £477.50

BANK ORDERS FOR THE WHOLE OF JANUARY 2026: £1,754.00

PARISH EXPENDITURE FOR THE WHOLE OF JANUARY 2026: £9,300.41

LECTORS FOR THIS WEEK

Tue: Mutsa

Wed: Jim

Thu: David

Fri: Paul

ROTAS - FEBRUARY 2026

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

31 January: 5pm Linda
1st February: 9am Regina; 11am Patrick
7/8: 5pm Paul; 9am Lizzie; 11am Lorenza
14/15: 5pm Patricia; 9am Maggie; 11am Ross
21/22: 5pm David; 9am Marian; 11am Angela
28: 5pm Phil
1st March: 9am Margaret; 11am Simone

LECTORS

31 January 5pm Lisa
1st February 9am Richard; 11am Lorenza
7/8: 5pm Mutsa; 9am Phil; 11am Marian
14/15: 5pm Jim; 9am Mike Guckian; 11am Chris Mallows
21/22: 5pm Collette; 9am Gerry; 11am Chinwe
28: 5pm Claire
1st March: 9am Giannina; 11am Maggie

HOSTS

31st January: Maggie, Patrick
1st February: Jim, Ros
3: Lorenza, Patricia
7: Gabrielle, Giannina
8: Simone, Jenny
10: Linda, Bridget
14: Jim, Collette
15: Leslie, Marian
17: Linda, Bridget
21: David, Mary
22: Regina, Phil
24: Lorenza, Patricia
28: Lizzie, Paul
1st March: Giannina, Jim

BAKERS/PROVIDERS

7: Caroline
14: Kinga
21: Chinwe
28: Gerry