



# 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	29th March	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the parish
Sunday	30th March	9.00am 11.00am	Rochani family (P.Connor) Fr Terence McClean
Monday	31st March	10.30am	Funeral holy Mass for Una Dunne
Wednesday	2nd April	Pastoral Visit to HMP Cookham Wood	
Thursday	3rd April	9.30am	Connor family (P.Connor)
Friday	4th April	9.30am	Errol Michael (Angela Golding)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	5th April	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Mrs Phokeerdoss (Veronique)
Sunday	6th April	9.00am 11.00am	Una Dunne (Tony and Elaine Charlton) People of the Parish

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

## MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

(Prayer book: Week 4 of the psalter)

## THOUGHT FOR LENT

"The world has enough for everyone's need  
But not enough for everyone's greed" (Gandhi)

## **BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL**

Please pray for, Winifred Williams, Jill O'Donnell, Manuel Rodrigues, David Palmer, Mary Fuller 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."

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT – FRIDAYS AT 6.00PM**

A traditional devotion during Lent is to meditate on the final hours of Jesus. The 'Stations of the Cross' are a blessed way of doing this. Each Friday we will use a different set of meditations to reflect together on the enormous love of the Lord for us. Please do come and pray this beautiful prayer with me.

## **ECUMENICAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS FOR LENT**

I have invited our friends from other Christian Churches in Sanderstead to join us for our next Adult Formation meetings during the Season of Lent. Each meeting is at our usual time of 12.00midday for 1 hour. The themes of this series of meetings will be:

22 March Prayer and how to pray led by Fr Malachy

29 March Fasting, led by Mrs Leck

12 April Almsgiving, led by Rev Graham

## **PENANCE SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 15th April at 6.00pm

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN DURING THE 11.00AM HOLY MASS**

I am hoping that soon we will be able to offer our children attending Primary schools, an opportunity to celebrate the first part of the 11.00am Sunday holy Mass in their own special way, with the help of our Catechists. The children will be invited at the beginning of the 11.00am Sunday holy Mass, to join the Catechists in the sacristy of the church. There, they will be able to do interesting things like drawing and colouring pictures that illustrate the Gospel Reading of holy Mass as well as much more too, like games and generally having fun while learning about their Faith. Then, at the Offertory of the Mass, they will leave the sacristy with their Catechists, and come into the main body of the church, to show me and the congregation the beautiful work they have done. We will adorn the church with their pictures. After that, they return to their families in the church for the second and final part of the holy Mass. This will be far better for the children than just being at the back of the church playing games and being bored with what is happening. The Liturgy of the Word for Children will be much more suited to their needs and help them to know the holy Mass and God's Word far better. Please note that this will be for all our Primary school children. I believe the children will really enjoy what we will be offering them. Dear Parents, please let me know the names and ages of your children so that we can begin to prepare this time for them during every 11.00am Sunday holy Mass.

## **DEALING WITH ANXIETY**

This is the title of the next workshop that I am leading at the London Jesuit Centre on Saturday 5th April, from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Anxiety and Worry, whether mild or severe, can blight people's lives. We need to understand where it comes from and how to deal with it, in order to live our lives in peace. Simply praying, although prayer of course is so important, it is not enough! If you would like to attend this workshop, please look on the London Jesuit Centre website to book a place. We could travel to the LJC in London together.

## **BRIEF RECOLLECTION FOR ALL OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THEIR SACRED MINISTRY**

May I ask all our Eucharistic Ministers to please join me on Saturday 12th April from 10.00am until 11.45am for a short period of prayer and reflection on this very sacred ministry. Please may I invite these women and men, chosen by the Lord, to renew their acceptance of this priceless, awesome role, on the evening of Maundy Thursday, during the holy Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please join me in our church for half an hour of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 10.00am and then from 10.30 in our Cafe for a time of reflection together.

## **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.

## **WELCOMERS**

Before 'Covid' struck. We had a wonderful group of individuals whose ministry was to be found in the porch of the church and be there to greet and to welcome people arriving to celebrate the Sunday holy Masses. I hope we can revive that ministry. Please let me know if you could do this. All it means is to arrive in the church a little early. Please note that this will be a ministry only for people who are not yet actively involved in our parish.

## **SERVING HOLY MASS AND SACRISTY WORK**

It is wonderful to see so many people, children, young adults, women and men, young and not so young, having the great honour of serving holy Mass. Please continue to do so. If you haven't done so already, do come up onto the sanctuary and take this precious opportunity. Please may I also ask everyone in the church, to help to prepare the altar and sanctuary before holy Mass begins, to light the candles etc and then, after holy Mass, to help to return the sacred vessels to the sacristy, extinguish the candles, return the cruets etc. The full, conscious and active participation of everyone, will mean that holy Mass will become even more important to us all.

## **"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."

## **DIOCESAN JUBILEE - Saturday 7th June at The Friars, Aylesford, 10am - 5pm**

Please pop that date in your diary and come to the Jubilee celebrations on the 7th June. We are celebrating the 175th anniversary of the creation of the diocese of Southwark and the 60th anniversary of Southwark becoming an Archdiocese, following centuries of being unable to publicly live out our Catholic Faith. The celebrations at The Friars will feature Music, Teaching, Prayer, Fellowship and will conclude with holy Mass.

## **HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

Our pilgrimage gets closer! Our Travel Director, Adrian will visit us on Sunday 6th April and we can meet with him in our Cafe, after the 11.00am holy Mass. May I ask all our pilgrims to come to this meeting. Adrian will be able to give us final instructions and information and answer all our questions and probably let us have our Aircraft Boarding Cards.

## **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.

## **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.

## **BAKERS FOR THE CAFÉ**

Thank you so much to everyone who bakes cakes or provides cakes for our Cafe. If you are not yet actively involved in our parish, this would be an excellent way of doing so. I could tell you all about it. Our Cafe is presently open on Tuesdays from 10.30am until 12.00midday, on Wednesdays from 12.15pm until 1.15pm, on Saturdays from 11.00am until 12.30pm and on Sundays following 11.00am holy Mass until 1.30pm. Thank you to the wonderful folks who already provide us with cakes. Please join them. Let me know. Many thanks.

## **THANK YOU**

To everyone who increased their Sunday Offertory Collection contributions and no longer uses coins, either by use of the Card Reader in the church, through a Bank Order or through the Collection during Sunday holy Mass. Thank you for supporting your parish in this practical way. Thank you to the person who gave a very generous contribution.

## **WEEKDAY LECTORS**

Thu 3rd Apr: John

Fri 4th Apr: David

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

We are drawing near to the most important week in the year for all Christians. Please plan your time around the invitation of our Saviour to put him first before everything else, especially during Holy Week. Here are the times you will need to know:

**Palm Sunday 12/13 April:** The normal times of our weekly 3 Sunday holy Masses - 5pm, 9.00am, 11.00am

**Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April:** Penance Service and individual Reconciliation 6.00pm

**Mass of the Chrism in the Cathedral 16 April:** 11.30am Please join me. We can travel together

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 April:** 8.00pm Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper and 'Watching' at the Altar of Repose until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY 18 April:** Ecumenical Walk of Witness 11.45am  
Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm  
Stations of the Cross: 6.00pm

**HOLY SATURDAY/ EASTER 19 April:** Easter Vigil and first holy Mass of Easter 8.30pm

**EASTER SUNDAY 20 April:** Ecumenical outside Dawn Service - around 5.30am  
2nd holy Mass of Easter 9.00am  
3rd holy Mass of Easter 11.00am

## **LECTORS FOR HOLY WEEK**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Sat 12 April: 5.00pm Readings/Bidding Prayers Phil

Passion Paul(Narrator), Patricia(People)

Sun 13 April: 9.00am Readings/Bidding Prayers Chinwe.

Passion Gerry(Narrator), Lorenza(People)

11.00am Readings/Bidding Prayers Claire

Passion Jim(Narrator), Mutsa(People)

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thu 17 April: 8.00pm First Reading Lisa. Second Reading/Bidding Prayers Marian

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Fri 18 April 3.00pm Readings Gerry. Passion Paul(Narrator). Jim(People)

### **EASTER**

Sat 19 April 8.30pm Reading 1 Lorenza; Reading 3 Lisa; Reading 5 Lizzie; Reading 7 Paul  
New Testament Reading/Bidding Prayers Jim

Sun 20 April 9.00am 1st Reading Gerry; 2nd Reading/Bidding Prayers Collette

11.00am 1st Reading Chinwe; 2nd Reading/Bidding Prayers Patricia