



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 OF EASTER

Saturday	9th May	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Patrick and Mary Johnson (Maggie Bailey)
Sunday	10th May	9.00am 11.00am	William and Jane Barry People of the Parish
Monday	11th May	9.30am	Jessica and Sacha Thomas (Caroline Hinkes)
Monday	11th May	7.30pm	Service at All Saints Anglican church
Tuesday	12th May	9.30am	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Wednesday	13th May	HMP Wandsworth	

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Wednesday	13th May	6.00pm	Vigil Holy Mass for the Feast of the Ascension; For Prison Chaplains
Thursday	14th May	9.30am	That our Cafe is used for Evangelisation
Friday	15th May	9.30am	Jameson family (Phil and Mary Jameson)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	16th May	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	17th May	9.00am 11.00am	That our older as well as our younger parishioners are actively involved in the parish Brett family (Phil and Mary Jameson)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WEDNESDAY; 5.30PM

(Prayer book: Week 2 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Word of the Lord enters through the ears, goes to the heart and passes to the hands, to good deeds. (Pope Francis)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Roger McIntyre, 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.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN (Holyday of Obligation)

This week we celebrate the great feast of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven. So important a Feast Day is this, that the Church obliges us to celebrate holy Mass on this day, to give due honour to the Lord and to receive again his gifts that bring us Eternal Life. We will have two holy Masses for this Feast Day. The first holy Mass is a Vigil holy Mass on Wednesday 13th at 6.00pm and the second holy Mass will be on Thursday at 9.30am.

OLDE FORGE EVANGELISATION CAFÉ

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make our Evangelisation Cafe a means to help non-Christian people and people of no Faith, make connections with our Catholic Faith and our parish.

Frankly speaking though, we had, until recently slightly lost our way a little. The Evangelisation Cafe, on a certain day, had lost its purpose to evangelise! It was tending to slightly become just a place where people who already are Christian and attend Christian Services gather to socialise. Nothing wrong with this, of course, except that this is not the purpose of the Evangelisation Cafe. It is good and important that occasionally we have opportunities to socialise as Catholic parishioners. Yet the Evangelisation Cafe exists not to be inward-looking but to reach out to people who do not yet have any contact with us or with any of the Christian Churches in Sanderstead or indeed with the person of the Lord Jesus. On Saturdays however, there is a wonderful ethos of Evangelisation in the Cafe, created by the Hosts. Often, on Saturdays, the Cafe has a large number of visitors who have no connection with our parish at all. They are welcomed warmly by our Hosts who spend time chatting to our visitors and they are offered free drinks and free cakes baked and provided by many of our parishioners on our rota. It is real Evangelisation in action.

Please, dear sisters and brothers of our parish, help to make our Cafe what it is meant to be - a place where your family members, your friends and your neighbours and colleagues who have no or very little connection with the Christian Faith, can come for free coffee and cakes and, if and when they wish, begin to get to know what it means, through us, to have an adult Catholic, Christian Faith in the Lord Jesus. Please be actively involved as a Host or Baker/Provider of cakes. Please come to the Evangelisation Cafe and bring someone with you who has no connection with the Christian Faith. The Lord will do the rest!

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

A VOCATION MEANS TO BE CALLED AND CHOSEN BY THE LORD, THROUGH HIS CHURCH - APPOINTED, NOT SWOPPED!

In ordinary jobs, people swap roles and swap arrangements for their jobs with each other. That is good and necessary.

A Vocation is something very different than a Job! A Vocation is a Calling from the Lord to a particular person, to fulfil a sacred and a specific role on specific occasions.

Our Eucharistic Ministers and our Lectors have a Vocation to sacred roles. They have been called and chosen by the Lord, through his Church, to exercise specific, sacred Callings for specific moments.

Dear Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, if it is impossible for you, at any time, to fulfil your sacred role on a specific occasion, please let me know as soon as you can so that I can appoint someone else to exercise their Calling on that specific occasion. I would be very grateful if you could please advise me rather than swap with someone else, for the above reason. Many thanks.

SAFEGUARDING

In line with today's Gospel, we are all called to protect, called to care, called to act.

Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding in our parish and in our diocese, at: www.rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday

We are all called not just to evangelise. We are all called to build a community where everyone, Parish Priest included, feels safe, valued, respected and supported. As Evangelisers and as supporters of Safeguarding, we are called to be Ambassadors of Christ.

PLEASE CHECK THE ROTAS, PUBLISHED ON THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Host, Baker or if you have offered to deliver our Food Bank supplies to the Good Shepherd school in New Addington, please check the Newsletter each week to identify when it is your opportunity to exercise your ministry.

DEALING WITH ANXIETY - 22/23 MAY AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Anxiety and Worry often make life difficult for many people. I am leading this Workshop, from the evening of Friday 22nd May (6.30pm to 8.30pm) then continuing on Saturday 23rd May (11.00am TO 1.00pm). This Workshop will explain how Anxiety begins, how it can take hold of us and then spoil so much of our lives. I'll also offer some very good, tried and tested ways in which people can escape from Worry or at the very least reduce it and begin to live much happier lives, feeling and monk . The Workshop will take place at the London Jesuit Centre. If you would like to attend this Workshop, please book now on the London Jesuit Centre website.

DEALING WITH LONELINESS - 11TH JULY AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Deep in the human heart is a longing to be connected to others, to love and to be loved. I am leading this Workshop from 10.00am until 2.00pm on Saturday 11th July . The Workshop will help us to understand the reasons why we sometimes feel lonely and what a devastating effect Loneliness can have on us. I'll suggest effective ways to ensure that your experience of Loneliness can actually become the means of finding deep, satisfying ways of being close to the Lord and to other people. The workshop will take place at the London Jesuit Centre. If you would like to attend this Workshop, please book now on the London Jesuit Centre website.

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.

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.

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.

LECTORS FOR HOLY MASS ON WEEKDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 11th May: Patricia
Tuesday 12th May: Maggie
Wednesday 13th May: Chris
Thursday 14th May: Jim
Friday 15th May: Marian

ROTAS FOR MAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

LECTORS

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

HOSTS

(28 Apr): Colette, Maggie
2nd: Patricia, Fr Malachy
3rd: Emmanuela, Jenny
5th: Jim, Linda
9th: Mary, David
10th: Phil, Marian
12: Ros, Patricia
16: Jim, Colette
17: Gaberiel, Maggie
19: David, Lorenza
23: Paul
24: Giannina, Emmanuala
26: Jenny, Lorenza
30: Mary, Ros
31: David, Jim

BAKERS

2: Giannina
9: Chinwe
16: Kinga
23: Margaret Fuller
30: Lizzie

PARISH FOOD BANK

Our rota for the delivery of food to the Good Shepherd school in New Addington begins this week. Please find the rota below. The dates indicated are Thursdays during the school term. Please collect the two hessian bags of fruit on Thursdays from the porch of the presbytery between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm. Please then bring the fruit to the school in New Addington. The fruit could even be collected and delivered on Friday mornings too, if necessary. The address of the school is:
23, Dunley Drive New Addington CR0 0RG.
The school is close to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

7: Marian
14: Amit
21: Ros
28: Andrea Joseph