



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 MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday	30th May	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	31st May	9.00am 11.00am	For those who have died from Ebola Sean O'Connor RIP
Tuesday	2nd June	6.00pm	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Wednesday	3rd June	9.30am	Regina Spillane (Mary Lawlor)
Thursday	4th June	9.30am	For the Children who are about to receive the Lord in their First Holy Communion
Friday	5th June	9.30am	For the Parents of the Children who will soon receive the Lord in their First Holy Communion

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Saturday	6th June	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Sunday	7th June	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving

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 1 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I would like to employ the expression 'disarm', which is close to my heart. Disarming AI means freeing it from the mentality of 'armed' competition which today is not limited to the military context but is also an economic and cognitive phenomenon. This entails a race for ever more powerful algorithms and larger datasets, driven by the desire to secure geopolitical or commercial dominance." ('Magnifica Humanitas' ('Wonderful Humanity') - the new teaching Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV)

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.

NEXT SUNDAY THE GREAT FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please thank the Lord in your prayers that eight of our children will receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion for the first time in their lives, next Sunday.

Thank you, dear Lord for giving yourself to Ada, Mirielle-Esmé, Leon, Kamsi, Olivia Storey, Nikita, Olivia Sumaria, Alexander.

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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN TARIFFS

The diocesan tariff for copies of parish documents and the signing of secular documents is a minimum of £20.

TIMES OF SUNDAY HOLY MASS

Please may I remind you of the change in our Sunday holy Mass schedule, by direction of Archbishop John.

Every parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark is asked to consider a change in the number of parish Sunday holy Masses. For some parishes there may be no changes at all. For other parishes there may be a reduction in the number of Sunday holy Masses. For more parishes, there may be no change in the number of Sunday holy Masses but there may be a change in the times of their Sunday holy Masses. For some parishes changes may only be for the Summer months each year because Summertime sees smaller congregations while people are on holiday away from their parishes. For other parishes, the changes may be permanent.

This new Sunday holy Mass schedule throughout the Archdiocese will begin on 18th and 19th of July, the third weekend of the month.

Here, in our own parish, we have had two very well-attended general meetings to discuss what we should do. I have also asked you to let me have your views, via emails, telephone calls and in person. I have received many messages and had many conversations. Discussions have also taken place at Area (Deanery) level between parishes. In our parish, your almost unanimous comments and suggestions to me, have been:

1. That we do not need three Sunday holy Masses, given the smaller population of our parish in comparison with other much larger parishes.
2. That two Sunday holy Masses would be enough for our needs and in fact that just two Sunday holy Masses would actually help us to celebrate Sunday holy Masses much more together as a parish community and with more participation.
3. That the 9.00am Sunday holy Mass is the least well attended of our present three Sunday holy Masses.
4. That we could lose the 9.00am Sunday holy Mass, without too much difficulty for people, given that we would still have a choice of two Sunday holy Masses in our parish, every weekend.
5. That to help those who presently celebrate 9.00am Sunday holy Mass and because it wouldn't cause too much of a change for the present large 11.00am Sunday holy Mass congregation, that we have our second Sunday holy Mass at 10.30am on Sunday itself.
6. That would mean that every weekend we have our first Sunday holy Mass as a Vigil Sunday holy Mass at 5.00pm on Saturdays. That we would have our second of two Sunday holy Masses at 10.30am every Sunday.

Please let me know if you have any further comments or suggestions. In particular, please let me know if you think the changes mentioned above, would have an impact on the size of our Sunday holy Mass congregations.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you very much to Antonia who has very kindly agreed to look after the flowers which decorate our church. Church flowers are a beautiful prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God. We are always very grateful for any flowers you may wish to donate which will be used in the church to give honour to the Lord.

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.

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

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

Tue: Giannina

Wed: Marian

Thu: Maggie

Fri: Lorenza

ROTAS FOR JUNE

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6/7: 5pm Jim; 9am Gaberiel; 11am Lorenza, David, Maggie(H)
13/14: 5pm Regina; 9am Patrick; 11am Paul, Lizzie, Patricia(H)
20/ 21: 5pm Marian; 9am Phil; 11am Angela, Margaret, Ross(H)
27/28: 5pm Simone; 9am Mary; 11am Lisa, Carolyn, Giannina(H)

LECTORS

6/7: 5pm Collette; 9am Lizzie; 11am Mutsa
13/14: 5pm Claire; 9am Richard; 11am Jim
20/21: 5pm Maggie; 9am Gerry; 11am Lisa
27/28: 5pm Mike; 9am Giannina; 11am Chinwe

HOSTS

2: Marian, Jenny
6: Phil, Mary
7: Emmanuala, Patricia
9: David, Ross
13: Paul, Lizzie
14: Regina, Patrick
16: Maggie, Lorenza
20: Jim, Patricia
21: Collette, Giannina
23: David, Marian
27: Jenny, Mary
28: Emmanuala, Phil

BAKERS

6: Mary Lawlor
13: Marian
20: Helen Mallows
27: Lorenza

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.

4: Andrea
11: Paul Donovan
18: Patrick Fernandes
25: Ros