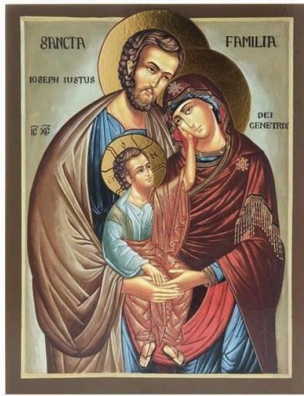




HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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**

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	17th October	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Dolores
Sunday	18th October	10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	20th October	9. 30am	Walsh Family of County Mayo
Wednesday	21st October	9. 30am	Private Intention
Thursday	22nd October	9. 30am	Walsh Family of County Mayo
Friday	23rd October	9. 30am	Walsh Family of County Mayo

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	24th October	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Brother Ferdinand Guckian, Fr Patrick Murtagh (Mike Guckian)
Sunday	25th October	10.30am	Walsh Family of County Mayo BLESSING OF PETS CEREMONY - 11.45AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

(Prayer book: Week 1 of the psalter)

REMINDER

The clocks go back on Sunday 25th October.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The following appeared on the Weekly Newsletter of a Catholic parish!

FOR THOSE WHO MAY ASK

But Father what do you do all day?

Written by a parish priest who has since - perhaps understandably! – retired

Leader of people, wisest of guides; diplomat, elder, who never takes sides. Inspirer, Confessor,
forgiver of sins; caretaker, cleaner and emptier of bins.

Welcome baptizer of infants in arms; counter of candles and filler of forms,

Father and teacher, chaplain to schools; chairman of governors, maker of rules.

Guide of the juniors, infants and staff with time to be serious, time for a laugh.

Counselor, preacher, entertainer at times; ever available till midnight chimes,

Parish accountant and administrator; typist and banker, and news duplicator.

Signer of mass cards, reference composer, certificate writer and passport endorser.

Digger of gardens, inspector of drains, checker of roofs every time that it rains.

Re designer of churches, to fill empty pews, re-glazier of windows, repairer of loos.

Visitor, caller, knocker on doors, target of gossips and cadgers and bores.

Chaplain to hospital, long or short stay, 'please don't forget, my Mum's in for the day'. the doctors
and' nurses all merit a call, smile kindly at everyone - keep on the ball,

Sayer of masses and liturgy leader, celebrant, sacristan, cantor and reader.

Marshal of servers, collectors and choir; of hymn books and papers - both seller and buyer.

President of Eucharist, calm as you like - "but did I remember to switch on the mic!

Celebrant of masses, devotions and prayers, patient receiver of everyone's cares. Marriage
encounter and parish renewal; Journeys of Faith and liturgical jewels.

Shepherd to prayer groups, prophet and pastor; spiritual director and guru and master. Front line
evangelist, missionary, catalyst; guardian of faith and converter and catechist,

Supporter of cafod and Christian Aid, with boxes and envelopes of all shapes and shades, Friend
of the Anglicans, Methodists, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists - and everyone's views.

Joint schemes and services, unity prayers, civic occasions and parties and fayers.

Blessor of Rosaries, of houses and homes, the power and the glory still stretching from Rome.

Help of the sick and anoint-er and healer; support for the dying and final applier,
Conductor of funerals, comfort of mourners, called to give solace to even the scorners.

By bingo enthusiasts and drinkers, he's seen, as the beginning and end of the social life scene.

Drawer of Raffles, Jumble Sales, Stalls - now rushing to Court to re-license the Hall.

Minister of marriage, the guide of young love, adviser of couples who need help from above.

Provider of insight into all life connubial; collector of forms for the marriage tribunal.

Man of prayer and reflection, of study and thought, but still finding time for the news and the
sport. Looker after of the parish next door, when their priest is sick and down on all fours, worries
about wedding preparation and whether he has the right information.

Something for everyone you might exclaim, but when things go wrong who is it they blame?

Why isn't Father available –
he's never there when I want him!

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Christine Greenhalgh, Jill O'Donnell 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.

PRESBYTERY PORCH DOOR

May I ask you that if you visit the presbytery, please be careful with the outer porch door. Please don't close it forcefully and please do not turn the outside handle of the door. I've been locked out a few times! Many thanks.

The door needs realignment. If anyone has the skills and would be willing to help fix it, please get in touch. Your help would be much appreciated. Thank you!

THANK YOU

To everyone who came together last Friday evening to discuss the Archbishop's response to the views of our parish on the Synod. It was so encouraging to hear your views and insights into how our parish and every parish in the Archdiocese must change and adopt new ways and structures to enable us to be missionary, to be better at offering the Good News of the Lord's saving love to the people of our age.

ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

During October, we pray a decade of the prayer of the rosary, at the end of every holy Mass. To carry a string of rosary beads with you and to pray the rosary can be a beautiful way of prayer. Please bring your rosary with you, when you come to holy Mass. If you don't yet have a rosary, please may I encourage you to get one.

EVANGELISATION CAFÉ

Thank you so much to all for your excellent work in the Evangelisation Café e. Please everyone, let's double our efforts to fulfil what the Lord asks of each of us, by being involved in God's work of bringing others to know the Lord Jesus in his Church. We can do this really well by inviting and accompanying members of our families, our friends and neighbours to our Evangelisation Cafe.

BLESSING OF PETS, ON SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER, TO MARK THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

After our morning holy Mass on Sunday 25th October, at about 11.45, I invite you to bring your pets into our Olde Forge Cafe. I will bless you and your friend with an individual blessing, asking the Lord to look after you both and to give you both many happy times together. God has made all creatures great and small to share our lives. They bring us such joy and companionship and only ask that we care for them and look after them. St Francis of Assisi, 800 years ago, taught us this. He is known to have preached to the birds and befriended even a wolf whom he called his brother. Do bring your pets to the Cafe on the 25th October, whatever be their size or shape or sound! All are most welcome. Last time we held this Service, we were joined not just by the most popular pets but also by wiggly worms! All are God's creatures.

**INTERESTED IN BAPTISM? INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN?
PLEASE COME TO A MEETING ON THE 22nd OF OCTOBER AT 7.00PM IN THE PARISH
ROOM.**

If you are not a Catholic Christian but you are open to hearing a little bit about our Faith, please register your interest by printing your name and address and phone number on the sheet you will find in the porch of the church. Please talk to me in person or send me an Email, or call me on the phone, and we can get together for a chat. Shortly, we will be starting a small discussion group to explore our Catholic Faith but in a very relaxed, informal way. Our first meeting will be on Thursday 22nd October at 7.00pm in Parish Room.

**PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION - 23rd OCTOBER at 5.00pm**

We will shortly begin our parish-based Parents and Children programme of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Dear Parents, please register your children for the Course of Preparation for these two great Sacraments which is shortly to begin. You will find a Registration list in the porch of the church. Please print your own name, address, contact phone number and your child's name. The first meeting for parents and children will be on Friday evening, the 23rd of October, at 5.00pm in the Parish Room. At this meeting, I'll explain the details of the Course to you and we will fix the dates for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2027. Please note that the children must be at least 7 years of age.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2027

On Sunday 7th February 2027, Bishop Gerard will be joining us for our 10.30am holy Mass. During that holy Mass, Bishop Gerard will celebrate the great Sacrament of Confirmation for us. Please would anyone who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation in her or his life, speak with me. This is a great opportunity to receive the gifts of God's Holy Spirit in this Sacrament. The Holy Spirit comes upon us to give us gifts, like Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Perseverance, Wisdom, Generosity, Humility and Courage and many more. These are the gifts that we all need to live real, adult, mature lives of Faith in this world. We will shortly begin a series of meetings to help those who will be preparing to receive this Sacrament. Please let know in the next few weeks if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 7th February next year, when Bishop Gerard visits us.

**PROGRAMME OF PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - 24th
OCTOBER at 11.00am**

If you are an adult or at least a teenager and haven't yet received the great Sacrament of Confirmation for whatever reason, please register for our Course of Preparation for this Sacrament. We will welcome Bishop Gerard to our parish on Sunday 7th February 2027 when we will celebrate together the Sacrament of Confirmation, during our 10.30am holy Mass. We will begin our Course of Preparation for this Sacrament on Saturday 24th October at 11.00am in our Parish Room. Whatever be your age, whether you be at least a teenager or someone in later life, this Sacrament is for you so that your Faith will grow stronger. You will find a Registration list in the porch of the church. Please print your name, address and contact 'phone number on the list.

OLDE FORGE EVANGELISATION CAFÉ

Please note that our Evangelisation Cafe opens on Tuesdays immediately AFTER holy Mass, at about 10.15am so that our Hosts may be able to celebrate holy Mass before opening the Café. The Café will then be open until about 12.00midday.

The Café is also open on Sundays immediately AFTER our final Sunday holy Masses until about 1.00pm

The Olde Forge Evangelisation Café can only open thanks to the great generosity of our wonderful Hosts and Bakers/Providers.

Thank you so much to them. If you are not yet an active member of our Parish Faith community, please offer your help as a Host or Baker/Provider. Presently it would mean that your help is needed only about once every month. The more Hosts we have the less often your good help is required. We will be very pleased to show you how the Coffee machine works and you will soon be able to be one of our very own 'Baristas'!

LECTORS THIS WEEK

Tue: Lizzie

Wed: David

Thu: Paul

Fri: Maggie

GIFT AID

Please renew or sign up for Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who has already done so. Please use the QR you will find on this Newsletter. Any difficulties, please let me know. Gift Aid enables us to claim an extra 2

5p for every £1 you give, at no additional cost to you. Thank you for your generosity in support of your parish.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Sanderstead

Please Renew Your Gift Aid and Planned Giving

We kindly ask all parishioners to renew their Gift Aid declaration & Planned Giving details.

Gift Aid is an important source of income for our parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid allows us **to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate**, at no additional cost to you. Supporting the parish through a Standing Order also provides a reliable source of income that helps us plan and sustain our ministry and mission.



Register for Gift
Aid / Planned
Giving

1. Renew or Sign Up Today

Whether you already donate or would like to sign up for the first time, please complete our online form using the QR code (above) or the link:

<https://forms.rcaos.org.uk/giftaid/>

2. Do You Already Give by Standing Order?

Thank you to everyone who supports the parish through a Standing Order. In recent years, we have been blessed to receive many new regular donations. However, not all Standing Order donations are currently linked to a Gift Aid declaration. If you are a UK taxpayer and give by Standing Order, please complete the form above so we can ensure your donations are Gift Aided where possible

3. Do You Use the Contactless Giving Machine?

If you donate using our contactless machine, you can also Gift Aid these donations. This requires a separate registration linked to your bank card.

To register:

- Scan the QR code or donate using the contactless machine.
- After donating, wait for the Gift Aid registration screen to appear.
- Enter your details and select both past and future donations.
- Repeat this process for any additional bank cards you use.



Register for Gift
Aid on
Contactless

Registering your card allows us to claim Gift Aid on eligible contactless donations and increases the value of your gift to the parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.

ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3/4: 5pm Phil; 10.30am Margaret, Simone, Mary(H)
10/11: 5pm Paul Donovan; 10.30am Giannina, Regina, Gaberiel(H)
17/18: 5pm Patrick; 10.30am Paul Mould, Lorenza, Ross(H)
24/25: 5pm Lizzie; 10.30am Patricia, Maggie, Marian(H)
31: 5pm David
1st November 10.30am Angela, Margaret, Phil(H)

LECTORS

3/4: 5pm Claire; 10.30am Chinwe
10/11: 5pm Richard; 10.30am Marian
17/18: 5pm Phil; 10.30am Patricia
24/25: 5pm Collette; 10.30am Giannina
31: 5pm Mike
1st November: 10.30am Chris

HOSTS

3: Phil, Maggie Bowes
4: Giannina, Marian
6: Maggie Bailey, Collette
10: Jim, Lorenza
11: Collette, Lesley
13: Patricia, Ros
17: Lizzie, Simone
18: Mary, Emmanuela
20: Gabrielle L, Lorenza
24: Regina, Patricia
25: Giannina, Ros
27: Paul, Marian
31: David, Vanessa

BAKERS/PROVIDERS

3: Ros S
10: Caroline
17: Helen M
24: Vanessa
31: Kinga

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

31 Oct: 5pm David

1st Nov: 10.30am Angela, Margaret, Phil(H)

7/8: 5pm Simone; 10.30am Mary, Lisa, Lesley(H)

14/15: 5pm Jim; 10.30am Paul Donovan, Gaberiel, Giannina(H)

21/22: 5pm Regina; 10.30am Andrea, Paul Mould, Patrick(H)

28/ 29: 5pm Lizzie; 10.30am Lorenza, Patricia, Maggie(H)

LECTORS

31 Oct: 5pm Mike;

1st Nov: 10.30am Chris

7/8: 5pm Phil; 10.30am Gerry

14/15: 5pm Lisa; 10.30am Mutsa

21/22: 5pm Collette; 10.30am Jim

28/29: 5pm David; 10.30am Chinwe

HOSTS

1st: Giannina, Maggie Bowes

3rd: Gabrielle, Marian

8th: Phil, Maggie Bailey

10th: Jim, Lorenza

15th: Lizzie, Lesley

17th: Paul Mould, Collette

22nd: Patricia, Simone

24th: Regina, Ros

29th: Emmanuela, Vanessa

BAKERS/PROVIDERS

7th: Patricia

14th: Giannina

21st: Lizzie

28th: Maria H