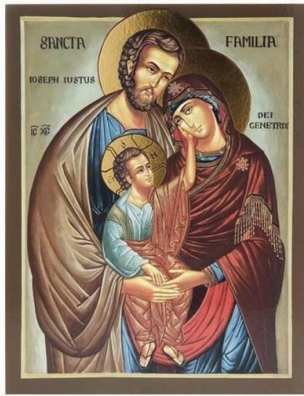




HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	27th September	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	
Sunday	28th September	9.00am 11.00am	

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	4th October	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	
Sunday	5th October	9.00am 11.00am	

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	12th October	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	
Sunday	13th October	9.00am 11.00am	

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	18th October	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	19th October	9.00am 11.00am	Michael McKeown (John Crinnegan) Steve Minogue (Patricia Connor)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"My Grandmother made dying her life's work"
(Hugh Leonard, in 'Home before Night')

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please pray for, Jill O'Donnell, Manuel Rodrigues, David Palmer, Shanna Davies 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."

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Alessia and Gianmarco as they celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony, recently.

THANK YOU

To Bridget who delivers a supply of our weekly 'Food Bank' fruit and vegetables to our sisters and brothers in New Addington.

CRUCIFIX

As you see, we have raised up the outside crucifix to a height which now makes it fully visible to all who pass by our church. It is also now surrounded by a solid base.

This is another way in which we are demonstrating that we are a Christian community obedient to the Lord and to our Archbishop, by becoming a missionary parish. We are trying to make stronger the 'rumour' of the living presence of the true God who loves everyone and who can save all who come to him from their sins and from death itself. In a secular culture where the worship of false Gods like Money and Power and Violence and Fame and Selfishness in all its forms and Greed are so strong, the Lord needs you and I to take every opportunity we can to make his saving loving presence known.

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

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We will soon begin again our meetings for adults who are thinking about becoming Catholics and/or who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism or Eucharist or Reconciliation or Confirmation. The next 5 meetings will be at 5.00pm on the 17th and 24th October, then the 7th, 14th and 21st November. The meetings will take place in our Parish Room. We already have 2 adults who have signed up for these sessions. Please let me know if you have not yet been baptised or have not yet received the Sacraments mentioned above. You will be most welcome at these meetings which will be very informal and relaxed.

'FULLY HUMAN, FULLY ALIVE' COURSE AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

I'll be leading this course, once again, at the London Jesuit Centre on five consecutive Saturday mornings, from 11.00 until 1.00pm, beginning on Saturday 18th October. Each time I offer this course, it is always different! It's designed to help people to become more human, more alive, more their true selves, while discovering ever more deeply the true loving God at the heart of their lives. The course is now available to book, on the LJC website. I'm told that the number of participants, this time, will be strictly controlled to no more 18 people! Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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

We will begin again our 'Liturgy of the Word' for children of Primary School age on Sunday November 2nd and then on the following consecutive Sundays. Dear Parents please bear these dates in mind when you bring your children to holy Mass. During these 'Liturgy of the Word' sessions, our children will have opportunities to understand and enjoy God's loving Word during the 11.00am holy Mass.

'HOW TO LIVE AND DIE WELL' - A COURSE AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

On Saturday 6th December, from 10.00am until 2.00pm, I'll be delivering this course. The course will bring hope to anyone who is struggling in any way with the complexities and disappointments of life and deeper meaning to anyone who wishes to live and die with peace and joy. The Lord who loves us, is with us in everything. He can show us how to live and even how to die, in the ways that will bring peace and joy to our hearts and minds, whatever be our circumstances. Please book early for this course, on the London Jesuit Centre website, to avoid disappointment.

VISIT BY THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE OF THE 'WOMEN OF CHRIST'S LOVE'

On the weekend of the 25th/26th October, I'm delighted to tell you that members of the Catholic Apostolate of the 'Women of Christ's Love' will join us for holy Mass in our parish. They believe very strongly that "Christ's love for humanity must be the focus of our worship."

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.

PARISH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Forgive me for raising the issue of parish finances, but I need to alert you to how we must finance our parish and manage our financial resources, if we are to continue as a viable parish. We pay a monthly levy to the diocese of £1,110.59. We also pay a monthly Health and Safety levy of £118.43. Monthly charges for electricity are around £200.00

These are just a few basic monthly costs. Our general monthly expenditure is well in excess of these amounts. Our weekly Collection is presently around £450.00. As you will appreciate then, our present weekly income is not covering our normal weekly expenses.

Please may I suggest that every adult member of our parish give a minimum of £15, each week, in our Collection. If you are in personal financial hardship, please just disregard this suggestion. If you are in a reasonable or good financial position, please give more than this suggestion. We live in a relatively affluent area, so our finances should be secure.

In addition to a Current Account, we also have a Savings/Loan account. I am reluctant to take anything from that account to pay our normal bills. The Savings/Loan account is there in case we face any unforeseen, sudden, emergency call on our finances or for any special projects we might have. That said, we are about to incur a debt of almost £8,000 to replace our very poor church Sound System with a much-needed new system. We will have to take that cost from our Savings/Loan account.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the important poster on Safeguarding, which you will find in the porch of our church.

RETIRING COLLECTION, NEXT WEEKEND, FOR THE 'HOME MISSION' FUND.

The 'Home Mission' Fund provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the work of sharing our Faith in our home countries

DAY OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR JUBILEE BLESSINGS IN THE CATHEDRAL OF ST GEORGE, SOUTHWARK

On Saturday 4th October, Archbishop John will lead a day of prayer and praise, from 10.15am to 5.00pm, which includes, holy Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation.

OLDE FORGE CAFE - A CALL FROM THE LORD TO BE EVANGELISERS

Our Olde Forge Cafe has been up and running for some time now. There have been very wonderful signs, during these past months, that the Lord has been working through our efforts in the Cafe, to bring his love and truth to others who don't yet know him well. Thank you so much especially to everyone who ministers as a Host or Baker. Thank you to everyone who has invited friends, family members, neighbours, colleagues to join them for refreshments in the Cafe. Of course, we are delighted to offer our guests free drinks and cakes, while we ourselves offer a donation to cover costs.

If you haven't yet come into the Cafe or if you haven't yet brought a guest with you, please may I urge you in the name of the Lord and at the request of our Archbishop, to please do so. Every one of us is called by the Lord to bring others to know him. If you do or even if you don't think our Cafe is the best way to do this as a parish Faith community, nonetheless please take a full and active part in this initiative. In that way we really are trying to fulfil what our dear Lord Jesus is asking of us.

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.

THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR (READER)

Jim Keating has very kindly agreed to help all our Lectors to develop their public- speaking skills, so that God's holy Word is proclaimed as well as possible. Please, dear Lectors, work with Jim when he contacts you or when you contact him.

If any of our Lectors is not sure of the meaning and/or the historical context of any Reading they are to proclaim, please let me, Fr Malachy, know, a few days before you proclaim God's holy Word, so that we find a little time, convenient for you, to speak together about your Reading.

LECTORS (Readers)

The role of proclaiming the Word of God, in the celebration of holy Mass, is a sacred function. In words taken from the Bible, Almighty God is made present among us. Therefore proclaiming God's Word to people gathered for holy Mass, must be done with the utmost care, meaning, skill and love. It is not simply reading a text.

To proclaim God's Word in the best way possible, our Lectors prepare the text they will proclaim some time in advance. This preparation consists of taking time to meditate on the text, finding out its meaning and how that meaning applies to our lives.

Jim Keating and I will be only too pleased to help our Lectors with their preparation. Please arrange with Jim or myself an opportunity to reflect upon the Reading, a few days before you are due to proclaim it.

If anyone would consider becoming a Lector in our parish, please let me know. We can offer you some on-going understanding of the meaning of the Scriptures and some training in how to deliver the text with skill and love. You can then become a very valued member of our group of Lectors. Thank you.

ROTAS - OCTOBER 2025

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4/5: 5pm Patricia; 9am Angela; 11am Ross, David, Marian(H)
11/12: 5pm Phil; 9am Margaret; 11am Simone(H)
18/19: 5pm Carolyn; 9am Lisa; 11am Mary, Lorenza, Gabrielle(H)
25/26: 5pm John; 9am Giannina; 11am Linda, Regina, Lesley(H)

LECTORS

4/5: 5pm Jim; 9am Lisa; 11am Richard
11/12: 5pm Claire; 9am Gerry; 11am Patricia
18/19: 5pm Marian; 9am Lizzie; 11am Paul
25/26: 5pm Mary; 9am Giannina; 11am Lorenza

HOSTS

4: Colette, Maggie
5: Simone, Kinga
7: Gardening group
11: Lizzie, John Ducker
12: Mary, Marian
14: Gardening group
18: Carolyn, Mary
19: Helen, Ros
21: Gardening group
25: Marian, Paul
26: Phil, Giannina
28: Gardening group

BAKERS

4: Jenny
11: Vanessa
18: Sophie
25: Mil Lewis