



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday	6th September	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	Michael Carey (Helen Mallows)
Sunday	7th September	9.00am 11.00am	In Thanksgiving for Public Transport People of the Parish
Tuesday	9th September	6.00pm	Michael Connor (Patricia Connor)
Wednesday	10th September	9.30am	Fr John Ryan
Thursday	11th September	9.30am	Michael Carey (Helen Mallows)
Friday	12th September	9.30am	David Brunning (Patricia Connor)

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday	13th September	5.00pm Vigil holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	14th September	9.00am 11.00am	Michael Carey (Helen Mallows) Mr Taylor (Patricia Connor)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY; 4.00pm - 4.30pm

MORNING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

WENESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY; 9.00AM

EVENING PRAYER AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY; 5.30PM

(Prayer book: Week 3 of the psalter)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

WHEN YOU ARE OLD

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read and dream of the soft look
your eyes had once and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled,
And paced upon the mountains overhead,
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

(William Butler Yeats)

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."

'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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday, 21st September, after the 11.00am holy Mass, we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Olde Forge Cafe, for MacMillan Cancer Care. This excellent charity seeks to help and support people diagnosed with Cancer. It will be Coffee and Cakes to raise funds for this worthy cause. Please pop that date and time in your diary.

APPEAL TO FEED THE STARVING PEOPLE OF GAZA

Our Appeal raised £606.80

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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

To everyone who has managed to increase their Sunday Offertory Collection contribution to a minimum of £15 per person, per week. If you haven't done so already, please do so now, if you possibly can. You can do this in one of three ways - by using the Card Reader, located on your right as you enter the main body of the church, or by revising your instruction to your bank, or by using the basket collection during holy Mass.

Please may I ask that any coins, less than £1, are not put into the basket.

Please don't forget to ensure your weekly Offering continues even while you may be away from the parish on holiday.

Please don't forget to Gift-Aid every contribution you generously make, in favour of our parish. As the Archbishop has said: "People are increasingly turning to the Catholic Church because we offer a message of hope, purpose for life and a spiritual and liturgical tradition which opens the soul towards God. Let's be as equipped as we can be, to lead people to the Lord Jesus so they can all know of God's love for them."

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

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.

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE ANNUAL COLLECTION, NEXT WEEKEND

The CES supports Catholic Education in the 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges of England and Wales, providing education over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

HOLY MASS IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Holy Mass takes place on most Wednesdays throughout the year in the hospital for patients, staff and visitors.

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.

LECTORS FOR WEEKDAYS, THIS WEEK

Tue 9 Sept: Mary Lawlor

Wed 10 Sept: Lizzie

Thu 11 Sept: Paul

Fri 12 Sept: John

ROTAS - SEPTEMBER 2025

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

LECTORS

6/7: 5pm Mutsa; 9am Jim; 11am Patricia
13/14: 5pm Lisa; 9am Gerry; 11am Chinwe
20/21: 5pm Colette; 9am Marian; 11am Lorenza
27/28: 5pm Phil; 9am Paul; 11am Lizzie

HOSTS

2: Gardening group
6: Giannina, Gabrielle
7: Ros, Dinah
9: Gardening group
13: Carolyn, Kelly-Anne
14: Jim, Jenny
16: Gardening group
20: David, Collette
21: Emmanuela, Phil
23: Gardening group
27: Simone, Collette
28: Patricia, Marian
30: Gardening group

BAKERS

6: Ros
13: Millie
20: Mary Lawlor
27: Paul Mold