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Sunday 25th January 2015

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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6:15 (Saturday eve, 24th January)

Sharon Bergin RIP

8:30 Ethel Shoulder RIP

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

11:30 Mary Beatrice Ayoola RIP

5:00 Denis & Shelia O'Donoghue RIP

Monday 26th January

Saints Timothy & Titus,

Bishops, (Memorial)

7:30 Michael Covell RIP

10:00 Molly Jones

& Maisie Wilkins RIP

Tuesday 27th January

7:30 Welfare of the Onwuenkwe &

Ilobi families and friends

10:00 Welfare of the Maduka family

Wednesday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and

Doctor of the Church, (Memorial)

7:30 Welfare of the Forkan family

10:00 Welfare of Martin Bergin

Thursday 29th January

7:30 Janet & Sampson Adindu RIP

10:00 Rev James Carolin and family

RIP (Foundation Mass)

Friday 30th January

7:30 Welfare of Tom & Mary Gannon

& Welfare of Willie & Marie Gannon

10:00 Margaret & James Kearney RIP

Saturday 31st January

St John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)

10:00 Margaret Smith RIP

Next Sunday 1st February

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve) Veronica Mahon RIP

8:30 Jim Clark RIP

10:00 Marcient Lomis RIP

11:30 Raimondo Sinatra RIP

5:00 Maude & Mary Donohoe

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Monday - Saturday 9:15am;

Adoration: Mon – Sat 9:30am;

Mass: Mon - Sat 10:00am.

Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

Confessions: Saturday, after 10am

Mass until 11am; also 5pm to 6pm.

A Thought

During Advent we recalled the many decades spent by the Jews, God's Chosen People, urged and encouraged by the Prophets, journeying to the Promised Land, then waiting in hope until, at last, the promised Messiah should take flesh among His People; Simeon, in his *Nunc Dimittis*, expressed delight at seeing this long-awaited Redeemer.

Our journey to the Promised 'Land' of Heaven continues until the day we close our eyes in death to open them on the everlasting Vision of God. We are never without help. Through the Church we have the Mass and the Grace of the Sacraments and also, through our Bishops and Priests, constant (if at times challenging) and clear teaching as to how to safely proceed on that journey. God, whose Angels helped many Old Testament figures, knowing us intimately, has given each of us a Guardian Angel, to watch over and guide us until we are safely in Heaven. How many of us teach our children and, ourselves, pray daily this beautiful prayer?: *O Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's Love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side to Light, to Guard, to Rule and Guide. Amen.* And how about that great Prayer, by Pope Leo XIII, given the continuing persecution of our Brothers and Sisters around the world: *Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the Day of Battle. Be our Safeguard against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, thrust down to Hell Satan and all other Evil Spirits who wander through the world seeking the Ruin of Souls. Amen*

There is so much help there for the asking! Do we ask?

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

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This Sunday:

Today marks the end of the octave of payer for Christian Unity, and so all are warmly invited to the **Churches Together in Norbury** service at 6:00pm this evening, at **St Stephen's church**, Warwick Road.

Coffee Morning: With the Life Group after morning masses. Please come along and support their vital work in helping expectant mothers and their unborn children.

If you would like to run a coffee morning for your parish group or a favourite charity, or just to provide an opportunity for your fellow parishioners to socialise, please contact the parish office. We still have a number of spaces throughout the year, apart from our "closed season" during August.

Thank You:

Fr Deo and Fr Paul thank you once again for the **£6134.00** which was your Christmas gift to them. This figure includes more money which has since come in. God bless you all for your generosity and kindness to your clergy.

The collection for January 18th was **£2027.16** (£1382.96 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The SPUC White Flower collection raised **£116.39** for this very worthy cause which works so tirelessly to protect the unborn.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Education Service**. This is a national collection, so there is no Gift Aid envelope for it.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Mary Ellen Fox; Edna Graham, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Patrick Kerwick, Ajitha Mahatantila, James McDonald, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

Bridget Keogh, aunt of Bridget Mahatantila, died on January 9th 2015. Our sympathy to the family.

Baptism: Those seeking baptism for their children are kindly requested to take and complete a registration form, to be found in the porch, and return it to the Parish Office. You will then be contacted in order to book places on a course. Please note that Baptism courses are necessary for all new parents, and for those having subsequent children, where 3 years or more have passed between births.

Baptism courses: The next sessions will be on Tuesdays 17th & 24th March 2015 at 8:00pm.

Further sessions will be on Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015 at 8:00pm.

Courses are held in the room behind the sacristy.

Parish Website: We hope to have the website restored during February. Whilst it remains out of action, you may access the newsletter online and download a copy by going to www.polychoir.co.uk and clicking on **Newsletter** at the top of the home page. Our grateful thanks to the Polyphony Choir for continuing to make this possible.

Church Cleaning This Week: Grp 1 (Wednesday, after 10:00 Mass): Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam

Mass Intentions:

We do our best to accommodate all requests, with fairness to all. At the time of writing, there are only 20 spaces left for February 2015. Please remember to add your contact telephone number in case there is any need to get in touch with you. If possible, kindly write your intention in block letters. For a deceased person, please add "RIP". If a funeral takes place, we are obliged to move your mass to another date, and shall do our best to inform you. Please do not put mass intentions envelopes into the collection baskets, but hand to one of the priests instead.

Confirmation Photographs: Copies of photographs are still available for you to order. Please make your choices from the photograph album on the windowsill in the porch, and complete the order form beside it. **Please do not** leave any money with your order. John Taylor will then provide copies for collection from the same place.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: We are still attempting to compile an up-to-date list, so that nobody gets left off rotas in the future. Please, if you have not already done so, kindly provide your current e-mail address to the parish office, stating whether you are a reader or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or both, and at which Mass you normally carry out those duties. If you do not have an e-mail address, please advise the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council 2015: Father Deo invites each Parish Group to put forward one person to represent them on the PPC. Please would each group kindly nominate one member by the end of this month, so that Father may arrange the first meeting of the PPC as soon as possible.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: This will take place from **Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th, 2015.** Please put this in your diaries.

Parish Mission: Monday March 23rd to Sunday 29th 2015. This will be given by **Canon Frank O'Sullivan**, who is busy putting the mission programme together. Please keep these dates free. Details to follow shortly..

Would you like to volunteer with CAFOD?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development are looking for volunteers in this area. If you would like to help raise awareness of poverty and injustice and do something positive to build a better World, please give us a call. We are looking especially for volunteers who could give talks at Mass, encourage others to campaign or speak to children and young people about CAFOD's work. Training provided, beginning with an induction workshop on Saturday 24 January 2015. Please contact CAFOD Southwark on 020 8466 9901 or southwark@cafod.org.uk for more details and an application form.

We have now heard from a parishioner who is interested in becoming the CAFOD Representative for this Parish. Watch this space!

A polite request: Please do not leave bags of unwanted clothes and goods in the porch. If you are looking for a new home for anything you no longer need, please ask one of the priests if there is anybody in need who might like it.

Southwark Catholic Directory 2015: Copies are now available in the Repository, priced at £3.50

Job Vacancies. Please see posters in the porch:-

St Andrew's Primary School are seeking a Teaching Assistant and a Midday Meals Supervisor; John Fisher School, in Purley, are seeking a new Head Teacher, an Inclusion Coordinator, a Class Cover Supervisor and Invigilators for Public Examinations. Virgo Prep are seeking 2 Early Years & KS2 teachers.

Would MISSIO (formerly APF) promoters kindly note that the next collection is due at the end of this month.

Christian Comedy at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Edge Hill, Wimbledon on Thursday 29th January 2015. Please see poster in the porch or check out the website: www.blissyouth2014.wordpress.com;

It's Show time at Bishop Thomas Grant School!

The school is putting on "Les Misérables" on Wednesday 4th February, Thursday 5th February and Friday 6th February at 7:00pm.

Please note that tickets may **only** be purchased **online** at: www.wegotickets.com/btg Prices are £8.80 for adults and £5.50 for students/children.

Please take a good look at the poster in the porch for full details of this opportunity to be entertained by our talented students!