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Sunday 5th July 2015

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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6:15 (Saturday eve, 4th July)

Elizabeth Davies RIP

8:30 Rosita Ugoeke RIP

10:00 Eileen Sage RIP

11:30 John & Jane Windsor

40th Wedding Anniversary

(Polyphony Choir singing)

Mass: Mass in D - C.H. Kitson

Offertory: Jesu, joy of man's desiring -

J.S. Bach

Communion: Servant King -

arr. P. Leddington Wright

4:00 Benediction

5:00 People of the Parish

Monday 6th July

07:30 Paddy Gaffney RIP

10:00 Welfare of Carole Winch

Tuesday 7th July

7:30 Mary Garvey RIP

10:00 Hugh Murray RIP

Wednesday 8th July

7:30 Welfare of the Okeke family

10:00 Harry Masterson RIP

Thursday 9th July

07:30 Welfare of Heather & Tony

Phillips and family

10:00 Theresa Boateng Sarpong RIP

Friday 10th July

07:30 Nick Flynn RIP

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

Saturday 11th July - St Benedict,

Abbot, Patron of Europe (Feast)

10:00 Special Intention (Tchokoteu)

Next Sunday 12th July

6:15 (Sat eve) Charlet Dias RIP & all

deceased members of the Dias family

8:30 Mary Sehinson RIP

10:00 Sauveur Vella RIP

11:30 People of the Parish

4:00 Benediction

5:00 Mary Garvey RIP

Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 9:15am

Adoration & Benediction

Mon – Sat 9:30am

Mass: Mon – Sat 10:00am

Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am

Confessions: - Saturday, after 10:00am

Mass, until 11:00am; then in the afternoon from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, and at call, provided that a priest is available.

A Thought

For anyone who has doubts or questions about our wonderful Catholic Faith, or who finds the teachings of the Church challenging, last Friday's Saint is surely for us! Often named *Doubting Thomas*, he is an intercessor for those who feel at all unsure about the beliefs, teachings and practices of the Church. His declaration that he would not believe in Christ's Resurrection unless he could see and touch his Risen Lord, followed by his later heartfelt cry of **"My Lord and my God"**, on seeing Christ, should assure us that our own questionings are well understood by God who, as the psalmist says, knows us intimately!

Our Lord Himself is ever patient and, through His Church, wishes to enlighten us if we will but turn to Him. Standing in His place, our Priests are near at hand and ever-ready to help. Together with their seminary formation and the Grace of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, they have a wealth of Pastoral experience. Whilst they cannot simply make doubts and fears disappear, they can point us in the right direction, provided that we are willing to listen to and accept their good counsel. It can be very instructive to read of those who have lapsed from the Faith, perhaps due to ignorance or misunderstanding of the Teachings of the Church (maybe having been influenced by the warped or distorted views of those who reject and oppose the Church) and, later in life, have found help in returning, often with a desire to bring others back to share their joy. There are also the conversion stories of those who have come into the Church from other faiths. The sacrifice that may be asked of converts is clearly portrayed in Joseph Fabelle's book, **"The Price to Pay"**, in which he tells of his conversion from Islam. Whether one is strong in faith or not, such literature is a useful way of deepening one's own faith and commitment, helping us to more clearly understand our own Catholic Faith. With The Holy Father's call for Evangelisation, comes a call to deepen one's personal faith and, of course, to be aware of one's example in living it, which can say more that words ever could. Ignatius Press (www.ignatius.com) is a source of faithful Catholic literature to help us on our way.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday, 5th July – p 103

Next Sunday, 12th July – p 106

Coffee Morning: None this week.

Thank You:

The collection for June 28th was **£1829.21:** £1185.01 (baskets) & £644.20 (standing orders).

(Please see Gift Aid Message.)

You gave £493.55 for Peter's Pence.

The **Life Group** would like to thank all those who supported their coffee morning last Sunday. This raised **£127.00**, which has been sent to Zoe's Place Hospice in Liverpool. For more information, see:

<http://www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool/>

This week:

We welcome Fr Denis Paul, to say the 10:00 and 11:30 masses today.

Father Paul is away until July 17th.

Tuesday 7th July:

Family Choir practice in the gallery at 6:30pm in preparation for the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday 12th July.

Thursday 9th July:

St Bart's Parish Playgroup meets in the lower hall from 10:00 – 11:30am for their end of term party.

Friday 10th July:

Our Over 55's meet in the upper hall from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. The "OOPS GIRLS", an all ladies quartet, will come to entertain us with their 'a capella' singing. There will also be the usual refreshments and a warm welcome for all.

Next Sunday:

This is designated as **Sea Sunday**. There will be a **second collection** for the **Apostleship of the Sea**, the UK Catholic organisation which cares for the pastoral needs of seafarers worldwide. **Those wishing to Gift Aid their contributions, please take a special Sea Sunday Envelope for this purpose from the porch.** You may also donate online at: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/donate-now Please also see posters in the porch.

New Altar Servers Training at 6:00pm

Coffee morning next week. **Join Mary Madden** after the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 Masses, in aid of Dementia Support and African Polio Victims. Be hungry!!!!

Recently deceased:

The funeral of **Reverend Canon John Naughton**, former Parish Priest of St Andrew's, Thornton Heath, who died on Thursday 18th June 2015, will take place at **12:00 Noon** on **Tuesday 7th July** at the parish of **Christ the King, The Crescent, Wimbledon Park, London SW19 8AJ**. His Requiem Mass will take place on the evening of Monday 6th July at 7:00pm. Both Masses are expected to be extremely busy. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to use public transport, due to limited local parking. The Parish phone number is 020 8946 2091. Canon Naughton will be buried in Ireland.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Mary Ellen Fox, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, Jeannette Storace-Rutter, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams & Georgette Yoo Foo.

Please inform us if you know of anybody else who would like to be added to the list of sick and housebound, and if they require a priest to visit.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 6:

Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Jeannette Da Silva, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Shirley Osei-Owusu

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We are desperately short of cleaners. If you can help, please contact either of the clergy, or the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions: July is filling up. Please note that throughout August and in the first week of September, there will only be one Mass said each day, at 10:00am.

Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Please advise the parish office of any dates on which you will not be available up until 12th/13th September 2015.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please note that the first batch of pictures is now available for collection and payment. Photographs are available for viewing in an album, on the right hand shelf of the main porch. Instructions for placing orders are provided. We thank John Taylor once again for making this possible. Those photos ready for collection may be found in an adjacent tray.

Baptism Course: Please note that our next course will take place on **Saturday 18th July 2015 at 3:00pm**. This will comprise of **two sessions in one**. Please take a Baptism Details Form from the porch in order to apply. Kindly complete it in full, and either hand it to one of the clergy or bring it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

LAUDATO SI' (Praise be to you) – **Pope Francis'** first **Encyclical Letter** has now been published. We have some copies available in the CTS rack. See: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_ enciclica-laudato-si.html
There are many pamphlets to choose from in the CTS rack, which are a great aid to understanding our faith. We can order any pamphlet you wish, should you not find what you want. Please pay at the CTS & Newspaper slot.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2015:

Confirmations this year will take place on Sunday 15th November 2015 at 12:00 noon.

Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES AND END OF YEAR STATEMENTS: We have now sent out End of Year statements and spare envelopes to all those who Gift Aid using Standing Orders. A number of boxes and letters still remain for collection.

New Altar Server Training starts next Sunday:

Would you like to become an Altar Server? And have you made your First Holy Communion? If the answer to both these questions is "yes", we have a training course for new servers coming soon. It will take place at **6:00pm on both Sunday 12th July and Sunday 19th July**. Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour**. Please request an **application form** from Father Deo, and return it **as soon as possible**.

MISSIO: Promoters and Box holders are kindly advised that collection is due during this month of July. With thanks, Cynthia Jouan, Missio Organiser.

CAFOD JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Community Participation Co-ordinators– 1 x permanent full time post and 1 x permanent post part time (14 hours per week) working with volunteers in parish and school communities, helping to inspire and resource Catholics to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice overseas, in partnership with CAFOD.

Closing date 10th July 2015. Please see also:

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC>

Employment opportunities in our Catholic Schools:

Please see the notice board in the porch for all job advertisements, of which there are often many. Added this week: St Philomena's, in Carshalton, are seeking a Learning Support Assistant.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

Baptismal Certificates: We have many of these, and other items, awaiting collection in the presbytery.

THE PILGRIM: The July 2015 edition of Our Diocesan newspaper is now available in the various porches. Whilst this bears a cover charge of 50p, you are invited to take a copy without charge. If you would like to make an offering, please put it in the CTS & Newspaper slot in the main porch at the back of the church.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES: There is a constant need to maintain and repair our various buildings, as part of a rolling programme. You will notice that the porch to the retro chapel now has a new door. Please use it with care, and remember to close it behind you each time. Repairs have been made to the roof above the side entrance to the church. The rear door to the hall kitchen has also been replaced. Additionally, work has been carried out on the brickwork to the Ellison Road side of the hall, to prevent damp from getting in. Further work across our premises will be announced as and when it is carried out.