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Sunday 12th March 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 12th March –

Second Sunday of Lent

6.15pm (Saturday 11th March)

Salamao & Maria Rebello RIP

8.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Welfare of Eugene Shaughnessy

4.00pm Stations of the Cross

and Benediction

5.00pm John Durkin RIP

Second Week in Lent:

Monday 13th March

7.30am Welfare of Joe O'Neill

10.00am Funeral of Gladys Laskey

Tuesday 14th March

7.30am Rosita Ugoh RIP (anniversary)

10.00am Thanksgiving – Patrick Addison

Wednesday 15th March

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of Roger Coombes

Thursday 16th March

7.30am Thanksgiving and special
intention – Muoghalu family

10.00am Anthony Agius RIP

Friday 17th March

St Patrick, Patron of Ireland - feast

7.30am Holy Souls

10.00am Welfare of Angela Cortes

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

led by the Legion of Mary

Saturday 18th March

10.00am Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

Next Sunday 19th March

Third Sunday in Lent

Gift Aid Sunday – speaker at all Masses

6.15pm (Saturday 18th March)

Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Welfare of Riccardo

D'Souza - Garabello

11.30am Thanksgiving –

Curran De Bragança

(Plainchant choir singing)

**4.00pm Stations of the Cross
and Benediction**

5.00pm Patrick O'Hara 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 the 10am Mass, until 11am;
then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,
and at call whenever a priest is available.**

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Thank you for your continuous generosity:

Last weekend's collection came to **£1873.00**
(£1275.00 -Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

Rachel Menezes thanks all who supported her fundraising Coffee Morning last Sunday, raising **£200.50**. See the poster in the porch about a major event on Saturday 25th March.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION

Please hand in your CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelope at the second collection TODAY.

Once again, you are asked to consider our brothers and sisters in developing countries, that they might benefit from your generosity both financially and in prayer this Lent. Help is greatly needed to enable families not only to support themselves on a daily basis, but also to give their children a good chance in life. The many things which we all take for granted are all too often just a dream for those who have next to nothing. You may also Gift Aid your contribution, in which case please complete the relevant details on the envelope. You can also use the envelopes to sign up to receive information from CAFOD, and to give regularly, should you wish to do so.

Please note however, that those of you who Gift Aid your weekly offering, should NOT use a regular envelope from your boxes. Any funds in ordinary envelopes will not qualify for Gift Aid. ONLY the special CAFOD envelopes may be used. CAFOD will collect the Gift Aid themselves.

Coffee Morning after

ALL morning Masses today, with the Youth Club. Come along hungry, and enjoy a whole host of activities. Full breakfast only £4, cooked by professional caterers.

We welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Kadenia-Kay Kayembe** who was Baptised here last Sunday.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Please advise the Parish Office in respect of the special Rota covering Palm Sunday (8th & 9th April) and Holy Week through to the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday (15th & 16th April). Please avoid the "traditional" last minute rush!

In the coming week:

Monday 13th March

UCM meet in the hall from 2pm to 4pm, including Stations of the Cross.

Friday 17th March

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm led by the Legion of Mary.

Saturday 18th March

First Holy Communion Session 8:

"Fruit of the Vine" in the Upper Hall from 10am – 11.30am.

Please ensure that children arrive in time and are collected promptly.

Sunday 19th March

This is to be our Gift Aid Sunday. John Byrne will speak briefly at each Mass that weekend. There are some important changes coming, and it is essential that all those who Gift Aid their weekly offering get to know what is going on.

Also, if anybody would like to join the Gift Aid scheme, this would be an excellent time to sign up. If you are a taxpayer, the Church can claim back from HMRC tax you have already paid. All you need to do is sign a simple form! This weekend's newsletter contains an attachment regarding Gift Aid. Please ensure that you take it home with you and read it carefully. New boxes of Gift aid envelopes will be issued shortly. Year End Letters will be issued at a later date.

THE PILGRIM: – please take your free copy of the March edition.

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaella Forte, Rob Foster, Dennis Franklin, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Eugene Shaughnessy, Kathy Spicer, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 4: Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Juliet Mensah, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith, Victoria Okonko.

Please could you help clean the church?

THE REPOSITORY: Easter stock has arrived. Don't forget your cards and gifts for St Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day.

CTS: LARGE PRINT versions of the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary books are now available.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Would ALL PARISH GROUP LEADERS please send in dates of all their meetings and events planned from now until January 2018, at least insofar as this is possible. Please email the Parish Office, or submit in writing if you have no internet access.

Only two parish groups have responded to this request so far.

ST CHAD'S SCHOOL, SOUTH NORWOOD: Headteacher required for September 2017. Details in the yellow folder in the porch, or www.stchadsprimaryschool.com.

Baptism Preparation Course:

The next course will take place at 8pm on **both Wednesdays 22nd & 29th March 2017 at 8pm, in the room behind the sacristy.** Those wishing to take part should take a Baptism Details Form from the porch. Please read it carefully, as there are important questions to answer, as well as documentation to produce. Kindly return the form to the parish office as soon as possible. You are required to attend such a course if you are looking to have your first child Baptised, or if it is three years or more since you last had a child Baptised. Baptisms are normally carried out most Sundays at 1pm.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Our Uniformed Groups are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain camping equipment. They have greatly benefited from these in the past, so once again we ask that you kindly donate your vouchers to them. Please accept or ask for the vouchers when shopping, and bring them with you to Mass. You will find boxes, kindly produced by the Scouts, in the porch and in the lower hall in which you may put your vouchers. Thank you.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign

The weekend of 25th/26th March after every Mass, there will be a short talk from a member of our parish team about the needs of our sick and retired priests. Please join us directly afterwards in the upper hall, where the film will be shown, which features priests who have served in this area of our diocese. There is a lift available if you cannot manage the stairs. The screening will be followed by a brief presentation about how you can help our sick and retired priests, if you would like to do so, by lending your support to the campaign through a gift in accordance with your means. All are most welcome to attend. Please join us if you can. The Feedback and response from those who attended the formal presentations has been very positive, so we should like to ensure everyone has the opportunity to see the film.

NOTICE FOR ALTAR SERVERS REGARDING PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

Palm Sunday: Please sign up on the notice in the Sacristy.

Palm Sunday falls on April 9th 2017. The **11.30am Mass ONLY** will start with a procession from the Hall. A short practice for this Mass will take place on Sunday April 2nd from 6.00pm until 6.30pm

Easter: please sign up for Holy Week

If you are able to serve any, or all, of the Easter services please sign the notice in the Sacristy. Practices last 45 – 60 minutes as follows:-

Maundy Thursday, 13th April (This Mass starts at 8pm)

Practice for this Mass is on Wednesday April 12th @ 7.30pm.

Good Friday, 14th April (This service starts at 3pm)

Practice for this service is on Good Friday morning @ 10:30am

Easter Vigil, Sat 15th April (This Mass starts at 8.30pm)

Practice Holy Saturday morning @ 10.30am.

Please also consider serving on Easter Sunday itself, though please note that there will NOT be a Mass at 5pm.

It's always great to see so many of our servers participating – especially our older servers - please serve if you possibly can, as we always need as many servers as possible.

LENTEN MASSES: – Each Monday at 12.00 Noon at Croydon University Hospital Chapel (Nearest entry – Woodcroft Road).

LENTEN TALKS: – At St Andrew's, Thornton Heath every Thursday, from 7.30pm to 9pm right through to April 6th. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

On Good Friday, 14th April 2017 at 12.00 Noon, some of our young people will take part in a special Stations of the Cross. We are now seeking volunteers to help us re-live the passion and death of Our Lord in this special way. Children are needed to carry banners, to read for each station and to perform roles. Those from nursery up to secondary school age are invited to take part, with parental permission. Please contact Linda Harries at: l.harries@gmail.com or call her on 07770 623230. Please register your interest by Friday 7th April 2017.

NB: There will be a rehearsal in the church on Maundy Thursday 13th April at 4pm.

CALLING ALL LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

The Southwark Comitium ACIES will take place on Saturday 25th March 2017 at Holy Rosary, Brixton Road, Brixton, London SW9 0TQ. The ACIES is a beautiful and profound function of the Legion of Mary, renewing and expressing publicly our Consecration to Our Lady. Our auxiliary members, all of whom play a vital part in our work, are invited to attend along with full members. If you would like to attend, please contact Victoria Onwuekwe on 07479 969689.

GIFT AID 2017/2018

“Money Sunday” – 18th / 19th March 2017

This is a very important message for all those who make their weekly offering to the Church by Gift Aid.

We shall be issuing new boxes of Gift Aid envelopes from next weekend, 18th / 19th March 2017, which will come into use on 8th / 9th April 2017, which is the first weekend of the new Financial Year. This is so that we come into alignment with the Diocesan accounting system.

Therefore, from 8th / 9th April it is essential that you **destroy all remaining old envelopes from previous years**, including the “salmon” pink ones issued to you last May. Under HMRC rules, only the new envelopes may be used. The new main collection envelopes are pink, whilst those for second collections are blue. Only these envelopes will be accepted by HMRC in order to be eligible for Gift Aid. This means that any other envelopes used after this date, **except for the larger sized “emergency” envelopes**, will not qualify, and their contents will go into the non - Gift Aided monies in the collection.

IMPORTANT: If your current envelope number is between 326 and 410 inclusive, you will be allocated a new number. This is to help us reduce the number of boxes of envelopes required, and reduce costs. If you fall within this range of numbers, and you make your offering by Standing Order, your current envelope number may show in your Standing Order Instructions to your bank. However, you will not need to advise your bank, as we can handle the conversion process ourselves.

NB: Gift Aid envelopes are specific to the person who has signed the declaration form. The envelopes are not transferrable – even to other members of the same family.