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**SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B**



How well do you know YOUR Parish Church?

A building - yet so much more!!

Following the Inaugural Mass for each year's First Holy Communicants, they are given what one might call a 'guided tour' of the church, taking a closer and more detailed look around the building to which Parents and Guardians have lovingly and faithfully brought them to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and, hopefully, when possible, also to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and weekday Masses in holiday time. Please God, over time, they (and we) will develop a greater understanding of, Love for, and familiarity with a place which is infinitely more than the materials of which it is constructed. The more we know and love Our Lord, the more effective we will be as Apostles, able to '...*Go and Teach...*' How many, perhaps of no faith even, living and working with us, might be stimulated to find out about this great Love of our life?! Will they notice, '...*how these Christians love one another*'? If they happen to accompany us to a Catholic Church one day, will our demeanour while there demonstrate the depth of our Faith, the '*Pearl beyond Price*'?

In addition to this mini journey round the church building, children and parents will continue to 'journey' together towards that Great Day when the children receive Our Blessed Lord for the very first time; hopefully, the first of many Loving Holy Communions!

In our church, there are many visual aids to help us all (Adults as well as Children) to learn and understand more of the Truths which help bring us closer to God. Indeed the building itself is there to teach us! In fact, in the days before education was widely available and people were not able to read and write as can we, many aspects of the Faith were taught through and recalled by the symbolism all around us in church. These visual aids form a valuable resource in our vital and ongoing responsibility for personal formation in our own Faith and in forming our precious children (future Catholic adults, parents, priests, religious) in the Faith. Children learn much from what they see and hear us do (or not do). Their response to God's Call (Vocation) may well be determined by the foundations we have laid in their early years. In addition to this, they will understand, appreciate and so make more use of the aids to Sanctity which, as news media clearly demonstrate daily, is actively opposed. Of course, however hard we try, in the end it is down to the children's use of their free will but we can be certain that, as the Scriptures remind us God will repay our efforts in ways beyond our understanding.

Over the next few weeks we will be 'thinking' our way round *our* Parish Church, stopping along the way to consider the significance of what we see and how this can 'point us' in the right direction, helping to make clearer what we, please God, already know from our own upbringing in the Faith.

### **Thank you for your generosity**

Collection for 14th January 2018: £1908.00 (£1263.00 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders).

The **SPUC** White Flower appeal raised **£400.00**.

Your **Crib Offerings** of **£459.00** have been sent to the **Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund**.

**Next week is Racial Justice Sunday.** There will be a **second collection** which helps to support the work of the Church in the promotion of racial justice in our schools, in our parishes and in wider society. If you make your weekly offering by Gift Aid, please use a spare blue envelope from your box. There is not a specially marked envelope for this collection. Once again, may we ask the many people who Gift Aid their offering by Standing Order, and who have still not collected their boxes and their end of year letters for the last tax year, to kindly do so. Please take away with you a special Racial Justice Prayer Card from the porch.

### **WELCOME**

We welcome back and thank Father David Standley, who will say the 10am & 11.30am Masses today. Fr Innocent returns on Wednesday 24th January.

### **OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

This special time of prayer remembering the words of Jesus Himself "that they may all be one", continues until Thursday next week. Please do spare some time to contemplate upon and pray for unity.

**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. Dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.*

### **Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:**

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Mrs Austin, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Caulfield, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patrick Raphael Concagh, late of Westwell Road Approach, father of Tony Concagh. Patrick died, fortified by the Rites of the Church, on Saturday 13th January 2018. His funeral will take place here on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 2pm.

**CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 6 please:** Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin, Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Gloria Osiobe, Carol Thompson, Julie Thompson. If you can spare an hour or two every six weeks or so, or perhaps more often, to help clean the House of God, please get in touch with the parish office, so that you may be allocated to a group. We do need more people to come forward so as to avoid the burden landing on those who clean on a regular basis.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

The second session, entitled "**Lord Have Mercy**" will take place next **Saturday 27th January 2018** at **10am** prompt in the upper hall, finishing at 11.30am. This session is for the children only. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and is collected immediately afterwards so that everybody can get away on time.

### **THE APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Following on from the decision of the Bishops of England and Wales to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration across the country, Our own Archdiocese is putting together a Diocesan Adoration Lay Team in order to promote, expand and consolidate Eucharistic Adoration across the archdiocese. You are therefore invited to attend a Special Information Meeting at the Centre for Catholic Formation at 21, Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February 2018 from 11am to 12.15pm (registration from 10am). Refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please inform the parish office by Wednesday 24th January 2018. Please see the posters in the porch which contain the necessary information regarding this splendid initiative. We are most fortunate in this parish to have daily adoration before 10am Mass, as well as a whole day each Advent and Lent, when we hold our Days of Penitence. It is hoped that such practices will spread across the archdiocese, so that the faithful might have greater access to the Real Presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, placed in the Monstrance upon the altar.

### **!!!PARISH DIARIES - AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE REPOSITORY!!!**

This year we have two different ones. The newer type has pictures of our church and also contains some well loved prayers. The diaries include adverts from local companies, some owned and run by parishioners.

### **DIVINE MERCY RETREAT AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

This takes place next Saturday 27th January 2018, from 11.30am to 4pm. Please see the poster in the porch.

## **ST ANNE'S FAMILY DISCO**

This will take place next Saturday, 27th January at St James the Great School Hall. All are welcome to attend. Tickets priced at £5 for adults and £2 for Children. There will be a bar, and light refreshments will be available. There will also be games, and a raffle will be held. Please see the poster in the main porch.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES 2018 AND ARRANGING BAPTISM**

If you are considering Baptism for your child, you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course. This only applies if you have not been on such a course in the three years prior to this Baptism. In the first instance, please complete a Baptism Details Form, which you will find in the main porch. Please read it carefully, complete it in full and hand it to the parish office or to one of our clergy. The next course will run across two consecutive Tuesday evenings, 17th & 24th April at 8pm. You must attend both sessions.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**

The Children's Liturgy group need some adult supporters willing to come to our sessions about once a month to help supervise the children at the 10am Mass on Sundays. We have to adhere to a strict adult/child ratio and have plenty of group leaders but simply require another adult present. Anyone wishing to sit in on a session and see what is involved should speak to Linda Harries (07770 623 230) or just come to a session and introduce yourself to the Catechist. A DBS check will be required to be carried out on every adult, so please be prepared to complete forms and provide documentation. As a reminder, all children from school nursery age up to year 2 are welcome to attend - Year 3's are expected to remain in the church to support their First Holy Communion learning.

## **YOUTH CLUB**

The club meets on Friday nights from 6.30pm until 9.30pm in the hall. Membership is open to those aged between 10 and 16 years inclusive. A small charge of £20 per term per member applies. New members are welcome, as are potential new helpers. Please contact Eddie Sanders on 020 8333 0690.

## **VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS**

All our votive candle stands have now been replaced, since they have failed after many years of service. Also, in line with Health and Safety requirements, we have now replaced the candle stand in front of the Blessed Sacrament Altar with an electric one. The buttons on the new votive light stands have proven somewhat irresistible to children. Please try to discourage them from pressing the buttons. The only wax candles you will see in use will be those on the main altar, the Blessed Sacrament altar, the Sacred Heart altar and Our Lady's altar.

The Consecration candles will still be used at particular feasts, as will the Paschal Candle and, at Easter, the candles lit during the Easter Vigil. There have been several serious fires across the nation, directly caused by candles. We have followed advice to significantly reduce the risk of fire. The candles carried by our servers use oil, thus reducing the incidence of wax being dropped onto flooring. It is just as good as the real thing.

## **A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2018**

This event is only a month away. Please look out for more details in the coming weeks. These events are popular throughout the archdiocese and indeed the whole country, and will no doubt attract interest from many devotees of Our Blessed Lady. Please mark your diaries so that you may attend if you are able to do so.

In the meantime, there will be another Day with Mary at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton, which is the parish in which Fr Paul now serves. This will take place on Saturday 3rd February 2018. Please see the poster in the main porch.

## **READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The February rota has now been issued. Please now start to prepare for the March Rota, which will run up to and including Palm Sunday, 25th March 2018. Only a few people seem to respond to requests regarding the rotas, so please be pro-active in advising of your availability. It is now also time to consider Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday itself, bearing in mind that there will be no 5pm Mass on that day. If you are interested in reading at Mass, or would like to be considered as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please see Father Deo or Father Innocent. We tend to rely on the same few people to carry out these most important ministries. We hope that others may come forward to spread the load.

## **COFFEE MORNING WITH LIFE NEXT SUNDAY**

This will take place after the 10am & 11.30am Masses next Sunday. Proceeds will go to Zoe's Place Baby Hospital in Liverpool see [www.zoes-place.org.uk](http://www.zoes-place.org.uk). Also, after all morning Masses, including 8.30am there will be goods and toys on sale by the Youth Club.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Several items remain uncollected in the porch. Please take a look and see if anything of yours is there. Somebody even left a walking stick 3 weeks ago. We shall have to dispose of uncollected items by the end of the month. If you have lost a purse, bearing an initial, please contact the parish office.



## Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses:	Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm	
	<b>Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.129</b>	
Weekday Masses:	Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am	
Morning Prayer of the Church:	Monday - Saturday 9.15am	
Adoration and Benediction:	Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm ( <i>Rosary &amp; Benediction in May &amp; October</i> ) <i>On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm</i>	
Rosary:	Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass	
Confessions:	Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm	
Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 21st January 2018		
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.15pm (Saturday 20th Jan)	Ana Pinto Carmina RIP
	8.30am	John Joseph Murphy RIP
	10am	Pietro Mobile RIP
	11.30am (Plainchant Choir)	People of the parish
<i>Benediction</i>	4pm	
	5pm	Kathleen Linehan RIP
Monday 22nd January 2018	7.30am	Welfare of Jasmine Durrant
St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr (Memorial)	10am	Maureen Lenehan RIP
Tuesday 23rd January 2018	7.30am	Rev Cyril Walmsley RIP - Parish Priest of this parish from 1938 - 1944 (Foundation Mass)
	10am	Welfare of Kenny & Farrell families
Wednesday 24th January 2018	7.30am	Welfare of Luke Strain
St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)	10am	Chris Curtis RIP
Thursday 25th January 2018	7.30am	Welfare of Lily Evans
The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle (Feast)	10am	Thanksgiving and for the welfare of Sushila & family
	2pm	Funeral for Patrick Raphael Concagh
Friday 26th January 2018	7.30am	Kathleen Connick RIP
Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops (Memorial)	10am	UCM intention
Saturday 27th January 2018	10am	Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
St Angela Merici, Virgin, Foundress of the Ursulines (Memorial)		
Next Sunday 28th January 2018		
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.15pm (Saturday 27th Jan)	Carmen & Sauveur Vella RIP
	8.30am	Holy Souls
	10am	People of the parish
	11.30am (Hymn choir)	Welfare of Joyce Ippoliti & family
<i>Benediction</i>	4pm	
	5pm	Confirmation candidates - Mass of Enrolment