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Sunday 18th January 2015

Peace Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 18th January 2015

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (*Saturday eve, 17th January*)

Tracey Lawrence RIP

8:30 Hugo Daley RIP

10:00 Helen Maduka, for success in ACE studies. (Family Choir singing)

11:30 Sheila Donohoe RIP

5:00 Welfare of Elizabeth McDermott

Monday 19th January

7:30 Welfare of Margaret Smith

10:00 Abraham Ghandi RIP

Tuesday 20th January

7:30 Welfare of Dolores Rizzoli

10:00 Welfare of Dominic Akaadom

Wednesday 21st January

St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 Kathleen Linehan RIP

10:00 John Joseph Murphy RIP

Thursday 22nd January

7:30 Leslie & Florence Bickers RIP

10:00 Welfare of the Ileomoh Family

Friday 23rd January

7:30 Michael Kane RIP

10:00 Millie Fallon RIP

Saturday 24th January

St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

10:00 Anne Twomey RIP

Next Sunday 25th January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve) Sharon Bergin RIP

8:30 Ethel Shoulder RIP

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

11:30 Mary Beatrice Ayoola RIP

5:00 Denis & Sheila O'Donoghue RIP

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Monday - Saturday 9:15am;

Adoration: Mon – Sat 9:30am;

Mass: Mon - Sat 10:00am.

Rosary: Mon – Sat 10:30am –

All are welcome to take part.

Confessions: Saturday, after 10am

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

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

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A Thought

On the *First Sunday of Advent*, we celebrated a *Liturgical New Year*, then, on *1st January*, we celebrated a *New Calendar Year*. It seems to be traditional to make *New Year Resolutions*, involving negative and/or positive changes which, presumably, will enhance our lives. All too often, we end up breaking those resolutions fairly quickly.

What form, for Catholics, should these resolutions take if they are to rise above the run-of-the-mill and make a difference not only to our physical but also to our Spiritual Life? Do we see in them opportunities to help not only ourselves and our Families but also the many people, of Faith or unbelieving, who, knowing that we are Catholics, look to us, consciously or not, for a lead?

The Family, the core unit of Society, must be the starting point; resolutions provide many opportunities in the ongoing Religious formation of both Parents and Children.

A good starting point is Prayer in the Home. Do we encourage our Children to say their morning and night Prayers and Grace before and after meals? Do they have the example of this from Mum and Dad? Do we ever pray as a Family? Do we discuss our wonderful Faith? Are resolutions called for here?

How often do we and our Children go to Confession? How about Mass? Of course there are Sundays and Holy-Days of Obligation but how often, hectic as life can be, do we consider going as a Family to Adoration/Mass on Saturday mornings during the year and also on weekdays during school-holidays *in addition* to the days we are obliged to attend.

Practice can do far more than words! Could this spiritual 'extra' be the subject for a resolution? What did you resolve to do for 2015? Have you stuck to it?

This Sunday:

Coffee Morning: None this week
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.

This Week:

There will NOT be a practice for the Family Choir this Tuesday

Thank You:

For the amazing amount of **£6044.10** as your gift to Father Deo and Father Paul.

God bless you all for your generosity and kindness.

The collection for January 4th was **£1912.96** (£1268.76 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The collection for January 11th was **£1747.11** (£1102.91 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The Polyphony Choir thanks everyone who attended their Christmas Carol Concert for buying the programmes and tickets that raised £254 for their new music funds. In addition our parish SVP Conference will benefit from the £221.70 donated in the retiring collection and a further £65 raised from a collection among Choir members. The Choir welcomes new members at this time of year - 8pm in the gallery on a Tuesday evening is a great place to start!

First Holy Communion, May 2015:
Please be sure to check your date on the list in the church porch

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Mary Ellen Fox; Edna Graham, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Bridget Keogh, 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; Desta (mother of Betania Cranwell).

Moving On: **Charlie Banbrook** is leaving the area after 50 years in this parish, to be near his daughter in Kent. He wishes God's blessings on his many friends here.

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:
Philip Charles Tinkler of Abercairn Road, who died on 15th December 2014. His funeral took place here on Friday January 9th 2015;
Anthony David Evans, who used to live opposite the presbytery, and tended the presbytery garden. He died on 3rd December 2014. His funeral took place here on Thursday 15th January 2015;
Cecelia Wellington, late of Aberfoyle Road, died on 31st December 2014. Her funeral will take place at Streatham Park Cemetery Chapel, Rowan Road, this coming Wednesday, January 21st 2015 at 12:15.
Margaret Smith, sister of Jeannette Da Silva, died in Ireland on 14th January 2015.
Renee Paterson, formerly of Woodmansterne Road, died in Rosslare Strand, Ireland, on 28th November 2014.
Louis Lalande, late of Kensington Avenue, died on 9th January 2015. His funeral will take place here on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 10:00.
Our sympathy to all the families.

Wednesday 21st at 8:00pm

Baptism Course – in the Parish Room behind the Sacristy. The second session will be held at the same time on Wednesday 28th. Apologies for the misprint in the previous newsletter, which stated Saturday. All those involved have been informed.

From March 2015, and then every **alternate** month, **Baptism courses** will be scheduled across two sessions, on weekday evenings. 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. For second and subsequent children, they are required where 3 years or more have passed between births.

Parish Website: We hope to have the website restored in the next few weeks. 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 6 – Sat @ 11.30
Juliette Blake, Islay Cowlin, Jeannette Da Silva, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Shirley Osei-Owusu.

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 provide copies for collection from the same place.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: If you have not already done so, please kindly provide your current e-mail addresses to the parish office, stating whether you are a reader or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or both. This is because the list is out of date.

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 Deo may arrange the first meeting of the PPC as soon as possible. Please ask Fr Deo for more information.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Pat: This takes place from **Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th, 2015.** Please make a note of this in your diaries.

Parish Mission: Monday March 23rd to Sunday 29th 2015. This will be given by **Canon Frank O'Sullivan**, and is already taking shape. Full details will be published in due course. Please reserve these dates in your diaries.

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 are now looking for a new CAFOD Representative for this Parish. If you would be interested, please speak to Father Deo as soon as possible, so that you may join the forthcoming Training Workshop. For further information, please contact CAFOD directly as shown above.

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 might like it. We must keep the porch clear for important health & safety reasons.

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

Job Vacancies: Please see notices in the porch, where there are jobs advertised for various Catholic Schools attended by students from this parish.

Parish Trip To Tanzania: Father Deo would like to meet with all those who have signed up for this trip. A meeting is to be held on Saturday 31st January 2015 as soon as possible after the 6:15 Mass, in the upper hall. Full details of the itinerary will be made available at that time.