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Sunday 8th February 2015

Day for Victims of Trafficking

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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We welcome Fr Francis Ayogu MSP, who will appeal at all masses this weekend on behalf of

St Patrick's Missionary Society.

6:15 (Saturday eve, 7th February)

Annie Hunter-Gillespie RIP

8:30 Fred Simes & Family

(Foundation Mass)

10:00 William Rebello RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Thanksgiving (D Lawrence)

(4:00 Benediction)

5:00 Mrs Ann O'Connor RIP

Monday 9th February

7:30 Caroline Onwuenkwe Ilobi & Family RIP

10:00 Ida Wilson RIP

Tuesday 10th February

Saint Scholastica, Virgin (Mem)

7:30 Welfare of Mary Bergin

10:00 Antoine Shun RIP

Wednesday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes (Mem)

7:30 Margaret Smith RIP

10:00 Requiem for Moira Callanan

Thursday 12th February

7:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Mary Curran RIP

Friday 13th February

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Welfare of the friends of Edna

Graham (Deceased)

Saturday 14th February

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,

Bishop, Patrons of Europe (Feast)

10:00 Edna Graham RIP

Next Sunday 15th February

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (Sat eve) Good health of Julie

Sullivan (Linda & Teresa Corless)

8:30 Desta Meherat-Selassie RIP

10:00 Angela Mackintosh RIP

(Family Choir singing)

11:30 Welfare of Joyce Ippoliti & family (Plainchant Choir singing)

5:00 Welfare of Mrs Patsy Hopkins

A Thought

The media have recently been full of the dreadful acts committed by those claiming to kill in God's Name and, apparently, believing that such acts will get them to Heaven. Our Holy Father has, however, made it abundantly clear that, while murder is never an acceptable reaction, no one may set out to deliberately mock another's religious beliefs. Belonging to the One Church founded by Christ means that we have an obligation to spread the Fulness of the Truth; we must, however, like the early Christians, stand out through our love for one another, overcoming disbelief and doubt by example rather than seeking to condemn and coerce those who fail to follow God's Laws, or who reject his truth. While it is essential that we are, first of all, firm in our own Faith, it is well to understand where others are *coming from*. Should disbelief show itself in mockery, while we must defend our Faith and may legitimately protest against insults to Our Lord, His Mother and the Saints, we can never appoint ourselves Judge, Jury and Executioner. We have Christ's example; when beaten, insulted, spat upon and nailed to the Cross, He who is God Incarnate said, "**Father, forgive them...**". As '*the Pen is mightier than the Sword*', we may well defend our Faith in the letters pages of Catholic and other publications or letters to MPs, for example. Internet and Social Media make this very easy. What should those not blessed with the Gift of Faith see in us? In preparation for our forthcoming Parish Mission, why not study Pope Francis' Exhortation (encouragement), *Evangelii Gaudium*? In it, he reminds us of the joy which should characterise Believers.

Daily Mass & Prayer:

Mass: Mon – Fri 7:30am

Morning Prayer of the Church:

Mon - Sat 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.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

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This Sunday:

Please pray for all our **First Holy Communion candidates**, who have received the Sacrament of Confession for the very first time this weekend.

Today is designated as **Day for Victims of Trafficking**. With this in mind, the **Medaille Trust** have provided some information on this subject. This is available in the porch.

We welcome into the Church, through Baptism, Lewis Emmanuel Ocheido Divas-Karimanzira

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00pm today.

Coffee Morning: None planned

This week:-

Monday 9th – UCM meet in the hall.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for **Poor Parishes of our Diocese** (formerly "Needs of the Diocese") which provides help to those parishes which are less well-off.

Thank You: The collection for February 1st was **£1722.83:** (£1078.63 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The **Catholic Education Service** collection came to **£532.48.**

The **Family Choir** thank all who supported their Coffee Morning which raised **£150.00** for their funds.

Sick and Housebound:

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

Recently Deceased:

Edna Graham of Acacia Road died on 30th January. Her funeral will take place here on Tuesday 24th February at 10:00am.

Stanislaus Cieslewicz of Stanford Road died on 30th January.

Desta Meherat-Selassie, mother of Betania Berhane (Cranwell) died on 24th January, in Ethiopia. Our sympathy and prayers go out to all the families.

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 expect to be up and running again this month. For the time being, to see the newsletter online and download a copy, go to www.polychoir.co.uk and click on **Newsletter** at the top of the home page. Our grateful thanks to the Polyphony Choir for this.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 3: (After 10:00 Mass on Friday) Patricia Branch, Brigid Griffin, Joyce Ippoliti, Elfriede Kormawa.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We would welcome any adults, both men and women, who would be prepared to give up an hour or two every six weeks or so in order to spruce up the church. Some of the groups have lost members, and really need more helpers. Would all those who are listed in the existing groups kindly contact the parish office to confirm which group they are in and whether or not they are still able to attend. In the meantime, if you are able to offer your services for this important work for the Church, please contact Father Deo, Father Paul, or the parish office.

Urgent Appeal: Our Sacristan, who looks after sacristy, sacred vessels, altar linen and vestments is now retiring. Therefore we are looking for somebody to take over this important task before the end of February. Please consider whether you might be able to serve God in this way.

Parish Pastoral Council 2015: Father Deo invites each Parish Group which has not yet done so to put forward one member only to represent them on the PPC. Father would like to arrange the first meeting as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Please provide contact details in case of need. Kindly write your intention as clearly as you can, preferably using block letters, and for a deceased person, please add "RIP".

If a funeral takes place, we are obliged to move your mass to another date, and we shall do our best to inform you. Please hand your envelope to one of the priests or the parish office. There are just a few spaces left for February. Whilst it is customary to make an offering (£10 as a guide) you should **never** feel obliged if you can't afford to.

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 you to collect from the same place.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The next rota, which will cover the period **14th/15th February to 22nd/23rd March 2015**, has now been published and e-mailed to those who have kindly provided their e-mail addresses. If you have not yet done so, please contact the parish office with your details, so that an up-to-date list may be compiled.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: This will take place from **Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th 2015**. Bishop Pat looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible during his stay with us. Please put this in your diaries.

Parish Mission:

Saturday 21st March to Saturday 28th March 2015, opening and closing with the 6:15pm Mass. It will be given by **Canon Frank O'Sullivan**, who has been working on this event with his team for some time now.

NB: The start and finish dates have now changed slightly. Please amend your diaries, and keep your eye on the newsletter for full details of this event.

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

The Repository now has a new stock of religious items. There are statues, rosaries, greetings cards, prayer books, Catholic diaries, medals and many devotional items. Kindly approach Father Deo or Father Paul if you would like them to bless any items for you after purchase.

Job Vacancies: Please see posters in the porch:- John Fisher School, in Purley, is looking for an Inclusion Coordinator, and Invigilators for Public Examinations. St Philomena's, in Carshalton, seek a Teacher of English. They are also looking for Examination Invigilators.

CTS With Lent fast approaching, keep a look out for the imminent arrival of some excellent booklets which will help you to make the most of your preparation for Easter.

Lost Property: Found in the church hall round about 13th to 15th December, a handbag containing various items including a set of house keys. Could it belong to you or somebody you know? Please contact the Parish Office.