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Sunday 15th February 2015

Day for the Unemployed

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 (*Saturday eve, 14th February*)

Good health of Julie Sullivan
(Linda & Teresa Corless Int.)

8:30 Desta Meherat-Selassie RIP

10:00 Angela Mackintosh RIP

(Family Choir singing)

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

(4:00 Benediction)

5:00 Welfare of Mrs Patsy Hopkins

Monday 16th February

7:30 Jim Miller (Birthday)

10:00 Deceased Members, Over 55's

Tuesday 17th February

7:30 Thanksgiving & Welfare of
The Robinson Family

10:00 Birgit Bern RIP

Wednesday 18th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

**This is the first day of Lent, and
is a day of fasting and abstinence.**

**Ashes will be distributed at all
Masses. Please note the extra**

evening Mass at 8:00pm.

7:30 Jerome B Persaud RIP

10:00 Hervé Yoo Foo RIP

8:00 People of the Parish

Thursday 19th February

7:30 Edna Graham RIP

10:00 Zofia Sommerfeld RIP

Friday 20th February

7:30 Thanksgiving

10:00 Deceased members of the
Tambirasa Family (Foundation Mass)

(8:00pm Stations of the Cross)

Saturday 21st February

10:00 Edna Graham RIP

Next Sunday 22nd February

First Sunday of Lent

6:15 (Sat eve) Len Phillips RIP

8:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 Welfare Linda Lu & Family
(Hymn Choir singing)

(4:00pm Stations of the Cross)

5:00 Jim Doyle RIP

A Thought

Time flies! Christmas is over and Lent is upon us! Jesus warned people about the shortness of earthly life, and eternal destiny, urging constant preparation for our coming before God, death coming "...like a thief in the night...you know not the day nor the hour..." The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday reminds us that "... *you are dust, and to dust you will return.*" Sadly this world, sees wealth, celebrity and power as signs of a fulfilled life, though these can separate us from God. The world can be very unforgiving, but Christ, knowing our fallen Nature, gives us a period of the year dedicated especially to examination of conscience, trying to see ourselves as God sees us. Of course, Lent must, *not* be our sole spiritual 'MOT' for the year. The Good Shepherd, is always calling us home, welcoming our return, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, available daily, if needed, in addition to scheduled times. It takes courage and humility to go to Confession. Sadly we often falsely attribute our sometimes unforgiving nature to Christ. The Scriptures are full of accounts of Jesus forgiving people, e.g.: the woman taken in adultery and the "good" thief at Calvary. Jesus' many physical cures point towards His ability, as God, to heal our spiritual ills, i.e. sins. He never turns penitents away. Forgiveness requires sorrow, and a resolve not to sin again. How often do we hear Christ say: "*Go and sin no more*"? Why not plan to make a good Confession, and thereafter regular Confessions in 2015, just as we have regular medical check-ups, rather than await a major, possibly fatal illness. Remember, Confession is *NOT* just for Mortal Sins. Every Confession brings Grace, strengthening our closeness to God. Our priests can answer our questions, however 'silly' we might think them; nothing shocks them; they are glad to continue the work for which they were ordained. There are many books on the subject: "*Confession, A little Book for the Reluctant*" by Mgr. LG de Ségur, (TAN), answers many of the groundless fears that many, sadly, have of this Sacrament.

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.

Confessions may be heard outside of these times, by arrangement, and when there is a priest available.

Readings in Parish Mass Book:

This Sunday 15th February – p 137

Ash Wednesday 18th February – p 148

Next Sunday 22nd February – p 152

This Sunday:

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Peter Smith, will be read at all Masses, to mark the start of Lent. Please take home a copy with you.

There will be a second collection today for the Poor Parishes of our Diocese which provides help to those parishes which are less well-off.

Gift Aiders, please use a spare envelope for this collection.

We welcome into the Church, through Baptism, Kaion Johnson.

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

Coffee Morning: None planned

Thank You: The collection for February 8th was **£2005.54:** (£1361.34 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

You contributed the amazing sum of **£1159.11** to the **St Patrick's Missionary Appeal.**

During the season of Lent, the Gloria will be neither said nor sung except on certain Feast days.

Next week:-

Coffee Morning for HCPT. Please support this charity which enables children with disabilities to go to Lourdes.

Sick and Housebound:

Jessica Anane, Mary Aroganampillai, Juliette Blake, Frances Carter, Stefan Czarnecki, Mary Downey, Fr Andrew Fernandes, 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:

Peter Bentley of Crown Lane died on 6th February 2015. His Requiem Mass will be held here on Thursday 26th February at 10:00.

Elisabeth Davies of Barrow Road died on 10th February 2015. Her Requiem Mass will be held here on Wednesday 25th February at 11:30.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to 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: Tuesdays 17th & 24th March 2015; Further sessions will be on Wednesdays 20th & 27th May 2015. All held at 8:00pm in the room behind the sacristy.

Parish Website: We are pleased to announce that the Parish Website is now up and running as promised. We shall be developing the site over the coming weeks. Our grateful thanks to the Polyphony Choir, who have been hosting the Newsletter on their website for so long.

Church Cleaning This Week: Group 4:

Agnes Campbell, Anna Howard, Sharon Leonidas, Judith Mbagwu, Juliet Mensah, Josephine Ofili, Renata Serrao, Sophia Smith. If anybody is no longer able to come, please let the Parish Office know.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We currently have a great need for people to join our church cleaning groups. Naturally many volunteers have ceased working over time, so that in some cases there are only one or two people to cope alone. If you are able to offer your services for this important work for the Church, please contact one of the priests, 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 share this important task as soon as possible. Please consider whether you might be able to serve God in this way.

Parish Pastoral Council 2015: Father Deo has now received sufficient names from which he will shortly be inviting parishioners to become members of the new PPC.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch. Please provide contact details in case of need.

Confirmation Photographs: Copies of photographs are still available for you to order from John Taylor.

Lost Property: Found in the hall last December, a handbag with house keys. Please contact the Parish Office

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: The next rota, for the period 14th/15th February to 22nd/23rd March 2015, has now been published. Printed copies are available in the porch.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: 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.

Parish Mission:

Given by Canon Frank O'Sullivan and his team.

This will commence with the 6:15pm Mass on Saturday 21st March, followed by the first session, also in the church, from 7:30pm -9:30pm.

The timetable of events will then be as follows: There will be a session every evening from Sunday 22nd March until Friday 27th March, in the lower hall, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm each evening.

The closing session will be all day Saturday 28th from 9:30am until 4:30pm in the church, to include the usual Saturday Mass and Confessions. Please save these dates in your diaries, and we hope to see as many of you as possible throughout the Mission, during which we also expect to hold an anointing service for the sick.

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.

CTS With Lent fast approaching, the CTS rack now contains some excellent booklets which will help you to make the most of your preparation for Easter. Once you have made your selection, please put money for these into the CTS slot in the wall of the church porch.

CAFOD FAST DAY 2015. This is scheduled for Friday 27th February. This provides an excellent opportunity for us all to support those of our overseas neighbours who live in abject poverty, and in circumstances which we could only imagine prior to the advent of Television News. Not only can you Gift Aid your contributions, but the government has pledged to match the first £3.5 Million in contributions made. Please pick up a special CAFOD envelope from the porch and give whatever you can afford, and hand in yours when you come to Mass on the Second Sunday of Lent.

The Children's Liturgy Group are looking for volunteers to read (secondary children) and role play (reception -year 6) for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12noon. Rehearsal on Maundy Thursday at 2:30pm. Email Marion Brown: mh.brown@virgin.net;

Job Vacancies: Please see posters in the porch:- St Philomena's, in Carshalton, seek a Teacher of English. They are also looking for Examination Invigilators. John Fisher, Purley, are seeking teachers of Mathematics, Science and English. They also wish to take on a Cover Supervisor for times of temporary absence of teachers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This beautiful remembrance of Christ's journey to his Crucifixion on Calvary will take place every Sunday at 4:00pm and every Friday at 8:00pm, throughout Lent, right up until Palm Sunday, **except during the Mission.**