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Sunday 22nd February 2015

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Mass Times and Intentions

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6:15 (Saturday eve, 21st February)

Len Phillips RIP

8:30 John Joseph Murphy RIP

10:00 People of the Parish

11:30 Welfare of Linda Lu & family

(4:00 Stations of the Cross)

5:00 Jim Doyle RIP

Monday 23rd February

7:30 Welfare of John Bergin

10:00 Simon & Doreen Menezes RIP

Tuesday 24th February

7:30 Ellis Foundation Mass

10:00 Requiem for Edna Graham

Wednesday 25th February

7:30 Welfare of the Ileomoh family

10:00 Mary & Vic Simmons RIP

11:30 Requiem for Elisabeth Davies

Thursday 26th February

7:30 Helen Maduka (ACE studies)

10:00 Requiem for Peter Bentley

Friday 27th February

LENT FAST DAY

7:30 Jo & Mary Vassallo

50th Wedding Anniversary

10:00 John Buckley RIP

(8:00pm Stations of the Cross)

Saturday 28th February

10:00 People of the Parish

12:00 Vietnamese Mass

Next Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

6:15 (Sat eve) Veronica Mahon RIP

8:30 Stanislaus Cieslewicz RIP

10:00 Simon Bekit RIP

11:30 Thomas Corr RIP

(4:00pm Stations of the Cross)

5:00 Welfare of James Carrol

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

We welcome into the Church, through Baptism, **Amara Mmachi Uzoma** who was baptised here last weekend.

A Thought

Jesus commanded His Apostles to, "Go and teach all nations..., Baptising... teaching all that I have commanded you". Pope Francis, Successor of Peter, called by Christ to lead the Church, published, in 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), outlining ways in which Parishes can share in spreading the Good News, with each of us, Priests, Religious and Lay, having roles. He wrote "*The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach...*". He issued a challenge: "*We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.*"

"Where do I start?" we may say. Saint Pope John Paul II, wrote, in his *Letter to Families* (1994), "*During this year may the prayer of the Church, the prayer of families as "domestic churches", constantly rise up!*" Within the Family Children begin to grow in Faith; through Prayer, word and example, our children, *the Church of the Future*, are prepared to interact with the world. Parents first teach children about the Mass and bring them to take part every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. Within Families are often sown the seeds of future Vocations. President Kennedy, at his inauguration, challenged Americans to be active citizens of their Country; we may paraphrase his words as, "*ask not what your Parish can do for you...ask what you can do for your parish.*" Each of us needs to begin with a solid grounding in the Faith and its Practice; we can then help others to see the Joy of the Gospel which us Catholics preach!

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:

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This Sunday:

Stations of the Cross 4:00pm today.

Coffee Morning: HCPT, helping handicapped children go to Lourdes.

Thank You: The collection for February 15th was **£1957.16:**

(£1312.96 in baskets & £644.20 in standing orders).

The Poor Parishes collection: **£726.77**

Next week:-

Coffee Morning with the **St Anne's Group.** To help raise funds for the water tank at the Kahangi Community Maternity Clinic in Uganda.

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, James McDonald, Ajitha Mahatantila, Peter Mendonca, Edgar Ming, Mary Patmore, Idy Rastrick, Frederic Saint-Rose, Elizabeth & Alice Scott, John Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Ethelda Williams, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:

Patrick Kerwick, the father of Bridget Mahatantila, died on Monday 16th February. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

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; Then 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 5: Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Emma Morrone, Livia Pappano, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli.

If you can no longer come, please advise the Parish Office.

Could you possibly help keep our Church clean?

We are currently desperately short of 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 has now retired. 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 will be writing to invite some parishioners to become members of the new PPC. The first meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Thursday 5th March in the Priests' House.

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

Confirmation Photographs: Remaining copies of photographs are awaiting collection in the porch.

Pastoral visit by Bishop Patrick Lynch: from Friday March 13th to Sunday March 15th 2015.

Bishop Pat looks forward to meeting parishioners.

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, with the venue, church or hall, depending upon numbers:

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.

Could you help in bringing the sick to this event?

Please let Father Deo or the Parish Office know.

The Repository has 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.

CTS Please see the CTS rack for some excellent booklets to help you to make the most of your preparation for Easter. Having made your selection, please put your money for these into the CTS slot in the wall in the porch.

CAFOD FAST DAY 2015. This is scheduled for this coming **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, which has now increased its pledge, will now match the first £5 million in contributions made nationally. Please pick up a special CAFOD envelope from the porch and give whatever you can afford, handing it in when you come to Mass next Sunday, 1st March, which is 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;

THE 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: As part of your journey towards Easter, and in general, do remember that this Sacrament is always available to you. Whilst we have scheduled times for confession each Saturday, this may not be suitable for everybody. Therefore, if you wish to make your confession at any other time, either of our priests will be happy to help, as long as they are available.

Lent Pastoral Letter: Copies of this letter by Archbishop Peter Smith are available in the porch. You may also download it from the Parish Website.

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.

Rubbish bin: Please note that the bin in the porch is meant for paper etc. You are politely requested, for health and safety reasons, **not** to put items such as dirty nappies into this bin.

Royal Marsden Hospital Fundraiser – Brendan Shine will appear at Addiscombe Catholic Social Club on Friday 13th March 2015. Tickets £10, on: 07734 250375. Raffle and auction to raise money as part of the event.

Lost Property: Found in the hall last December, a handbag with house keys, to which an electronic "key finder" is attached. Please contact the Parish Office. These will be disposed of next week if nobody claims it.