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Sunday 19th February 2017 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Year A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 19th February –

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 18th February)
Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10.00am Martin Wise RIP

11.30am Dessie McArdle RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm Jim Doyle RIP

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 20th February

7.30am Deceased members of the
Tambirasa family (Foundation Mass)

10.00am Funeral of Maria Sgarbini

Tuesday 21st February

7.30am Jerome B Persaud RIP

10.00am Pietro Mobile RIP

*Wednesday 22nd February – Feast of
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

7.30am Gladys Laskey RIP

10.00am Florence Abraham RIP

Thursday 23rd February

St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)

7.30am Welfare of Kathy Spicer

10.00am Anthony Agius RIP

Friday 24th February

7.30am Teresa Cho RIP

10.00am Deceased members, relatives
and friends of the UCM

Saturday 25th February

Our Lady

10.00am Tony Kamalagharan RIP

Next Sunday 26th February

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 25th February)

Holy Souls

8.30am Mary & Vic Simmons RIP

10.00am People of the parish

11.30am Welfare of Chukwudi Akunna

(Hymn Choir singing)

4.00pm Benediction

5.00pm For the welfare of our Confirmation
Candidates and their families

Confirmation Candidates and parents are reminded to be present at this Mass, and bring with them a Bible for a special Bible presentation ceremony.

Daily Mass & Prayer:

*Mass: Mon – Fri: 7.30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church

Mon - Sat 9.15am

*Adoration & Benediction.

Mon – Sat 9.30am

*Mass: Mon – Sat 10.00am

*Rosary: Mon – Sat 10.30am

*Confessions:

Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am;
then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,
and at call whenever a priest is available.

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We welcome Canon Joseph Collins to say
the 10am and 11.30am Masses today, as
Father Innocent has a prior engagement.

Thank you for your continuous generosity:
Last weekend's collection came to **£1671.00**
(£1073.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders.

Thank you also for the sum of **£571.00** you
gave for Racial Justice Sunday. A cheque is
on its way to the diocesan finance office.

Next Sunday, there will be a second
collection for the **Poor Parishes Fund**,
taken to help poorer parishes in our diocese.
(Previously called "Needs of the Diocese
collection). **Gift Aiders are kindly
requested to use the special envelope in
their boxes for this collection.**

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND CAMPAIGN

All those of you who kindly completed cards
should by now have received their invitation
to a presentation. Please return your card
ASAP. If you have NOT received one, please
kindly email to the following:
Mikeyp37@hotmail.com. We still have spare
registration cards if you wish to participate.

First Holy Communion

Going Forth Party, 28th May 2017

Parents from the 2016 group are asked to
contact Teresa Furtado on
07742 911152 as soon as possible so that
plans can be made for this year's celebration.

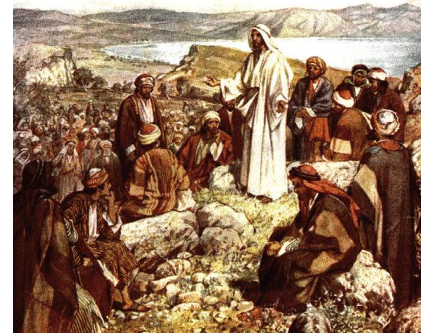
Parish Playgroup

Every Thursday during term time in the
lower hall from 10am – 11.30am.

**Helpers are needed for the playgroup.
Please call Betania Behane on 07876
785746, or pop along on a Thursday.**

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The next rota will run from
1st & 2nd April to 20th & 21st May 2017.
*However, please note that there will be a
Special Rota to cover Palm Sunday (8th &
9th April) and Holy Week through to the
Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday (15th &
16th April). Please help us to avoid a last-
minute rush by kindly providing your
availability and non availability, taking
into account the period from Palm
Sunday to Easter Day. Thankyou.*



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In the coming week:

Wednesday 22nd –

**Confirmation Group Session 4 in the
Lower hall from 7.30pm – 9pm.**

Please aim to arrive in good time,
so that all may leave on time.

NB: See also note about next Sunday.

Friday 24th – UCM Day of

Recollection. Please see the posters in
the porch areas for details.

Saturday 25th – First Holy
Communion Session 5:

"Glory to God in the Highest".

This session is for the children.
Please ensure that they arrive in good
time and arrange for their prompt
collection at the end of the session.

Sunday 26th – LIFE Coffee Morning

after the 10am & 11:30am Masses,
with sale of knitted goods. All
proceeds to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.
Please see: www.zoes-place.org.uk

Sunday 26th – Confirmation

**Candidates and parents are reminded
to attend the 5pm Mass, and to bring
along with them a Bible for a special
Bible presentation ceremony.**

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. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére,
Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield,
Fr Gerald Coates, Raffaella Forte, Dennis Franklin,
Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green;
Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy,
Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny,
Elsie McCleave, James McDonald,
Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila,
George Meyern, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming,
Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson,
Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,
Elizabeth Scott, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall,
Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams,
Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Gladys Laskey**, late of Ederline Avenue, who died peacefully on Monday 13th February 2017.

Douglas Ashing, formerly of The Chase, died in Sussex on 19th January 2017 after a long illness.

Also, **Victor John Bede**, formerly of Lymington Close, who died on New Year's Day 2017.

Our prayers and sympathy as a parish go out to the families.

Church Cleaning: Group 1: Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam. *Please could you help clean the church?*

Gift Aid givers: 136; 155; 373; 379; 388.

Would the above Gift Aid Envelope holders kindly contact the Gift Aid team urgently via the Parish Office. Thank you all.

THE REPOSITORY: Easter stock has arrived. Don't forget your cards and gifts for St Patrick's Day and Mothers' Day.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Would all those parish groups wishing to lead Stations of the Cross during Lent on Friday nights at 7.30pm, kindly contact the parish office as soon as possible.

CTS: LARGE PRINT versions of the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary books are now available.

NATIVITY TABLEAU PHOTOGRAPHS:

Please return your payment promptly to the Parish Office.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

We should like to establish a calendar of main events which occur during the year, making this available on our Web Site and in print. Would ALL PARISH GROUP LEADERS please send in dates of all their meetings and events planned from now until January 2018, at least insofar as this is possible. Please email the Parish Office, or submit in writing if you have no internet access.

St Bart's Football Club Reunion:

Did you play for the parish seniors' team during the late 1970s or early 1980s? A reunion is planned for Saturday June 3rd 2017.

Please contact Dave Lea for information on 07986 076367.

A THOUGHT FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

Last Sunday we recalled the work still to be done in order to fully realise racial justice in the world, with everyone being treated as the equals we all are before God. The Gospel reminded us that what happens in the world originates in our minds, and that we must work on the root of the problem. In a life based on God, Who is Love, there is neither room nor need, for superficiality. Today the theme is continued.

The *Entrance Antiphon* speaks of God's Mercy, which gives us Hope of Salvation. In the *Opening Prayer* we ask that we be like His Son in what we do and say. The *First reading* calls on us, while necessarily correcting error, to do so with Love and Forgiveness, rejecting temptations to 'get our own back'. The *responsorial Psalm* again highlights the compassion and love of God for his fallen children. He is a Father whose Mercy and in-depth knowledge of us far outweigh the sins we commit. If we truly repent then His forgiveness is assured.

Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, draws our attention to our being 'God's Temple(s)', energised by the Holy Spirit; true wisdom is to depend totally on God and to live our lives in ways which, while they may be looked down upon, or even condemned, by those who presume to judge us by worldly criteria of right and wrong, keep us firmly on the road to Heaven. The Moral Teachings of the Church, so often under attack in these times, are a case in point. The *Alleluia Verse* makes abundantly clear that truly loving God, and not creating barriers between ourselves and Him, means following His laws; this will ensure that we continue to head for Heaven.

Our Lord, in the *Gospel*, says that not only must we *not* seek revenge for wrongs done to us but we must 'go the extra mile', treating those who bear us malice with unstinting generosity and spiritual charity in addition to works of material charity we may well be carrying out already. If we are to be like God we must, indeed, oppose wrong-doing and seek the correction of wrong-doers but also go beyond 'the minimum', repaying hate with love and seeking to extend this love beyond our 'comfort zone'. In various media reports throughout the year, we are so often given very humbling examples of people, victims, who, in spite of having been deeply wronged, have not 'hit back' but have, like our Saviour, hanging on the Cross, sought reconciliation with their attackers and, in that way, have hopefully moved criminals to repent, sparing others the agony of being victims. The challenges are immense. Just laws must certainly be upheld and wrong-doers called to account for their misdeeds, but only the Grace of God can and will overwhelm Satan!

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

Once again, **our Scout Group, the 32nd Streatham**, are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain camping equipment. Our scouts have greatly benefited from these in the past, so once again we ask that you kindly donate your vouchers to them. Please ask for the vouchers when shopping, and bring them with you to Mass. You will find boxes in the porch and in the lower hall in which to put them. Many thanks.

LENTEN MASSES AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY

HOSPITAL CHAPEL will be held as follows:

Ash Wednesday Mass at 12 Noon.

Then Mass every Monday throughout Lent at the same time.