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Sunday 27th February 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR C)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 27th February 2022

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

6.15pm (Saturday 26th February 2022)

People of the parish

8.30am All sick and retired clergy

10am Phyllis Deluse RIP

11.30am Antonio & Maria Telles RIP

5pm Marie Breen RIP

Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 28th February 2022 (Feria)

7.30am Joaquim Jacob Fernandes RIP

10am Deceased members of the Buckley family (Foundation Mass)

Tuesday 1st March 2022 (Feast)

St David, Patron of Wales

7.30am Luke Sequeira RIP (1st anniv)

10am Sebastian Joseph RIP (2nd anniv)

Wednesday 2nd March 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY (3 Masses today)

NB: DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

7.30am People of the parish

10am The people of Ukraine

8pm People of the parish

Thursday 3rd March 2022 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Frances Carter RIP

First Friday 4th March 2022 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Barry Breese

1.30pm Requiem for Patricia Gebbie RIP

Saturday 5th March 2022 (Feria)

10am Joaquim Jacob Fernandes RIP

Sunday 6th March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Coffee after all morning Masses)

6.15pm (Saturday 5th March 2022)

Joaquim Jacob Fernandes RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Intentions of Erna & Barry Breese

11.30am Mario & Edna Kumar

(recent 40th Wedding Anniversary)

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

5pm Dennis & Sheila O'Donoghue RIP

MASS SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am.

Monday – Saturday: 10am.

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass, until approx 11.30am.

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction

Mon – Sat 9.30am; Sunday 4pm.

CURRENT COVID INFORMATION

Hand sanitiser remains available.

Our sincere thanks to all our stewards.

If you feel ill, whether or not you have symptoms of COVID, please stay away.

Whilst the Sunday obligation remains suspended, we are pleased to see more of you coming back to Mass. Please continue to have consideration for your fellow parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, AND HOUSEBOUND:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza,

Arabella De Souza, Audrey Draude,

Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,

Agnes Healy, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Philomena Lopez, James McDonald,

Elenaor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin,

Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Mary O'Sullivan,

Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price,

Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,

Dorothy Sammut, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell,

Georgette Yoo Foo.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office opens on Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays between

10.30am and 3.30pm.

FR DEO RETURNS

on Thursday 3rd March 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Please apply on our parish website.

Deadline: Tuesday 1st March 2022.

GIFT AID YEAR END LETTERS

FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020-2021:

If you require a year end letter, please contact the Diocesan Gift Aid Office

email: giftaid@rcaos.org.uk

or call 020 7960 2513.

NB: letters may not give the full amount.

GIFT AID & FINANCE

If you are a tax payer, please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. We can reclaim tax you have paid, adding 25% to your offering at no extra cost to you!

You may download a Standing Order form here: <https://bit.ly/3ExB8aM>

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

Please choose from one of the following:

Saturday 5th March 2022 @ 2.30pm

Saturday 12th March 2022 @ 2.30pm

Or

Wednesday 9th March 2022 @ 8pm

Wednesday 16th March 2022 @ 8pm

These courses are for new parents, or those parents who have not attended such a course in the last three years.

You must attend both sessions, that is both Saturdays or both Wednesdays.

It will not be possible to attend on a mixture of Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Please take a Baptism Preparation Form from the porch, complete it and return it to the parish office, and you will then be contacted with a view to attending one of the two courses. Those who have already submitted forms will be considered first, and are asked to kindly contact the parish office to book courses. All sessions will last for approximately one hour.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday falls this week, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, and is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be three Masses, at which ashes will be blessed and distributed according to current COVID guidelines. We cease saying "Alleluia!", which will be replaced by different forms of words. The Gloria will not be said except on Feasts and Solemnities which occur during Lent.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND,
SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. There are various ways in which you may donate.

In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Please be generous with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you!

You may donate online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>
or use this QR code:



You may give using your credit or debit card by phone, from Monday to Friday between 9am-5pm, on **020 7960 2504**.

Alternatively, you may donate by cash or cheque, using the dedicated Clergy Support Fund Envelopes, which are available in the porch.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

The diocese currently has a vacancy for a Priests' Welfare Officer. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website – [VACANCY: Priests' Welfare Officer: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.rcaos.org.uk)
(NB: Closing date Wednesday 2nd March 2022).

MISSIO

Many thanks to all our boxholders and promoters for raising £1436.10 during the month of January 2022. If you would like to take part in this great missionary activity of the Church, please contact Miranda Forte via the parish office.

SYNOD 2021-2023

Your Parish Delegates submitted their report to the Diocese on 18th February 2022. A report will be made available for the congregation in due course, and a short summary of key findings will be delivered during forthcoming masses.

The Synodal journey in our Parish has only just begun. So, if there is something further you wish to discuss or share, please get in touch with Lee and Sonia:

norburysynod@rcaos.org.uk

THE RETURN OF COFFEE MORNINGS

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you for Cakes and Coffee next Sunday 6th March 2022.

There was a strong call for coffee mornings to start up again. We have listened, and the Parish Pastoral Council will commence this process with Cake and Coffee on Sunday 6th March 2022 in the lower Parish Hall between 9.20am and 1pm, covering all Sunday morning Masses. Please tell others you know to come and participate in this social activity, and help ensure the success of both this and future coffee mornings, which provide a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners. If you would like to host a coffee morning, whether or not you have done so in the past, please contact the PPC via the Parish Office.

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

Following the recent guidance from the Bishops of England & Wales concerning the lifting of COVID restrictions, we have put a plan in place for the gradual return of Altar Servers at Mass. Our core principle has been to ensure that we minimise the COVID risk to the Altar Servers, parishioners and clergy. We shall start with the senior Altar Servers covering each of the weekend Masses. In some cases, where servers are members of the same family, we believe this will further reduce COVID risks. We shall also be keeping in place some basic COVID precautions such as the wearing of face masks, the use of hand sanitiser and taking lateral flow tests. After Easter, having assessed the COVID situation at that point, we believe this may be an opportunity to get more Servers back onto the Sanctuary. We think that a short refresher training session would be useful for all servers, and we shall also plan new Altar Server Training for those who have made their First Holy Communion over the last 2 years. Any questions, please contact Fr Deo, Fr Augustine, Deacon Ged or Jed Murphy.

WHY HAVE MY CHEQUES NOT BEEN CASHED?

If you have been asking yourself this question, the answer is quite simply that collections were quarantined for a long period before being counted, and many have therefore become out of date. (Cheques may only be paid in within of six months of issue). We have now paid in most of the cheques which are still in date. You are advised to check your bank statements and reconcile them in order to ascertain what has not yet been debited, and about which you may have forgotten. As for the out of date cheques, we shall be contacting you in due course to advise you, so that, should your finances allow, you may wish to issue fresh cheques. Recognising that some people's finances may well have been affected by COVID, not to mention the coming price hikes for energy, please do not feel obliged if you are unable to reissue your cheques. The current total of those cheques currently stands at £1708.00, and may increase.

Please contact the parish office with any queries.

A DAY WITH MARY

The next nearest event will be on Saturday 19th March, the Feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This will be at Our Lady and St Peter, Wimbledon Common. Please see poster.