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Sunday 29th January 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 29th January 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15 pm (Saturday 28th January 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Alain Chettair RIP

10am Peter Chapman RIP

11.30am Thomas O'Connor RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm Teresa Florek-Smail RIP

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 30th January 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Fr Augustine Ghado

Tuesday 31st January 2023 (Memorial)

St John Bosco, Priest

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Fr Edeghonghon John

Ehichioya RIP

Wednesday 1st February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Wendy Galea RIP

Thursday 2nd February 2023 (Feast)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Loreta Hatfield RIP

Friday 3rd February 2023 (Memorial)

Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Blessing of throats at both Masses today

First Friday

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ellis Foundation Mass

Then Adoration until Benediction at 2pm

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 4th February 2023

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Nora & Mia Moynihan RIP

Sunday 5th February 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

Second Collection for Racial Justice

6.15 pm (Saturday 4th February 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Donald Earle Rebeiro RIP

10am Intentions of Mary

Anne Christoffersen

11.30am Philip Duffy RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm Jacob Fernandes RIP

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);

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

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

*Rosary: Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,

Terry Folorunso; Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, 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, 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,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

MASS COVER

We are grateful to Fr Augustine Kinnane (pronounced "Kinnarne") and Father David Standley, who continue to help us on Sundays. Father Deo is gradually returning to saying Mass, though he must still take great care.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of former parishioner

Loreta Hatfield,

formerly of Green Lane, who died on Monday 19th December 2022.

Her funeral will take place at

St Mary's West Croydon at 10am on

Friday 3rd February 2023.

Following a private burial, there will be a wake at Mitcham Golf Club.

Our condolences and prayers, as a parish, go to the family. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

After all morning Masses, hosted by the Knights of St Columba. Our Free Coffee Mornings are certainly proving popular, and it is delightful, after what we have all experienced over the past few years, to see parishioners socialising once again. Do come over to the hall and join us.

FATHER AUGUSTINE

Father Augustine arrived safely in Nigeria, in the early hours of last Thursday morning. He extends to all his thanks for the love and support shown towards him, and sends his best wishes and prayers. He was most grateful to receive a cheque in the sum of £1621.50 which parishioners collected for him.

POLYPHONY CHOIR

Our Polyphony Choir has been in existence for 54 years, the envy of many parishes across the country, at several of which they have sung. After the upheaval of the COVID years, they are now seeking new members to help ensure that the future of our unique choir may be assured. A member of the choir will speak briefly at the end of all Masses this weekend. The speaker will be available in the porch after Mass, should you be interested in joining and have any questions. There is also a social side, and much fun is had in preparing their performances. The Polyphony Choir also will be singing at the 11.30am Mass next Sunday.

THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and
become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to
all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond
wholeheartedly to become the person you created them
to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of
your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we
may love you more deeply and serve you more
faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son,
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

FREE COPIES OF THE CATHOLIC POST

Please take a copy of this Catholic newspaper from the main
porch. You are invited to make a donation to our parish,
using the wall box marked 'CTS & Papers' in the porch.

Please see: www.CatholicPost.co.uk/subscribe

RETRouvaille – HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to
register for the next programme commencing with a Face to
Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February
2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text
07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or

email [retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com/](mailto:retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com)

or visit www.retrovaille.org.uk/

Please also refer to the poster in the main porch.

FLOWERS

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing
towards decorating the church with flowers.
They have, like everything else, become very much more
expensive. If you would like to help us to provide flowers,
please put your donations, however small, into the wall box
in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Our Episcopal Vicar, Canon Victor Darlington writes:

Next Sunday 5th February 2023 is Racial Justice Sunday.
Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating a special Mass that
day at 10am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

All are invited to attend, and are encouraged to do so in their
own traditional dress and costumes, and, if they wish, they may
bring the national flag of their country of origin.

This will indeed add vigour and colour to this special occasion.
Those attending are kindly requested to arrive in good time, and
to be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

The Cathedral needs an idea of numbers.

If you would like to attend, please call
Jennifer Da Silva on 07712 273024.

Otherwise, please contact the Racial Justice Commission:

Email: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

Their phone number is: 0333 188 1385.

OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old British
money, please place it in the special basket which may be found
in the main porch. The SVP can obtain
some value from such money, to help with their vital work,
which has become increasingly urgent in these hard times..

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the
presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend
to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

**Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass
Intention if they cannot to make an offering.**

CHURCH CLEANING

You will have noticed recently how much cleaner the church is
looking. This is due to a few parishioners who have now
returned to this task. We should like to get an idea of how many
people are available and when they are able to come, so that a
formal rota might be set up. Whether you are one of those people
currently cleaning, or if you would like to volunteer, please
advise the parish office of your availability and contact details.

SALESIAN SISTERS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY

The Salesian Sisters are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their
Foundation with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Trott Street,
Battersea, London SW11 3DS at 11.30am Saturday 11th March
2023. If you would like to attend, please let Sr Breda know by

email on: bredafma@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Help is needed in order to restart our Children's Liturgy group,
who lead a 20 minute fun catechetical based session for
3-7year olds during the 10am Mass each Sunday.

Any parishioner who is willing to join the current team of
catechists to help once a month or who wants to have a chat
about what it entails should contact Linda Harries on
07770 623 230 or email: l.harries@gmail.com.

No experience is necessary as full training and support will be
provided and a DBS check will be carried out on new volunteers,
the cost of which will be met by the parish

NEWS OF FATHER MICHAEL JONES

Father Michael is slowly recovering at home in Bexleyheath,
following a slight stroke a few weeks ago. He is most grateful
for all the prayers and Masses offered, and asks that you
continue to pray for his recovery in the longer term.