



NEWSLETTER

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TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Tony Deversan RIP (Harris)

Sunday 15th October Twenty-Eight Sunday (A) Mt 22:1-4

8am Lawrence Moles (Sealt Moles)

9:30am Lucy and Alf McKay (McKay Family)

Baptism of Elena and Luisa Crisanti

11am Deceased members of the Nichols Family (Nichols)

6pm People of the Parish

Monday 16th October - St Margaret Mary Alacoque V.

Lk 11:29-32

7.30am Michael & Mary Picozzi -RIP

12 noon Mary Fleming - RIP (Nichols)

7-9pm Eucharistic Adoration

7pm Charismatic Prayer - Upper Room

Tuesday 17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch BM.

Lk 11:37-41

12 noon Margaret Cross - RIP

7.30pm RCIA - in Presbytery

Wednesday 18th October - St Luke Evangelist Lk 10:1-9

7.30am Fr Gerry Coates - RIP

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Deceased members of Cookson Family (Nichols)

7-8.30pm Eucharistic Adoration in Church

Thursday 19th October - Ss Isaac Jogues & John de Brébeuf Mm.

Lk 11:47-54

7.30am Nemesia Gonzalo - RIP (M.Oligo)

12 noon William & Hannah Phelan - RIP (King)

Scripture Group after Mass

5pm Confirmation 7.45pm Prayer & Pub

Friday 20th October - St Paul of the Cross P. Lk12:1-7

12 noon Deceased brothers & sisters (King)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass and Benediction 1.30pm

7.30pm Deceased members of McGonagle Family (Nichols)

Eucharistic Adoration after Mass 'til 9pm

Saturday 21st October - 28th Week Ordinary Time Lk12:8-12

10.30 - 11.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Mary Fleming - RIP

4.30 - 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Daniel)

6pm (Vigil) Thanksgiving (Velho Family)

Sunday 22nd October Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) Mt 22:15-21

8am People of the Parish

9:30am Maureen Handley - RIP (C.Handley)

11am Margaret Ward - RIP (Strien)

Baptism of Gracie May Miller

2.30pm Syro-Malabar Community

No Mass - Rosary in the Hall

6pm Kenneth Staynor - RIP (1st Anniv) (M.Gray)

2nd
Collection
today is for
World Mission
Sunday -
Missio (red
boxes!)

From Fr Anthony ...

This Sunday afternoon I am representing the Archbishop, Peter Smith in the Luther Quincentenary Choral Evensong being held in Canterbury Cathedral. The last day of October is the 500th anniversary of the occasion when Martin Luther, a German Augustinian monk wrote to the Archbishop of Mainz, Albert of Magdeburg. He criticised the way the St Peter's indulgence was being promoted and preached. Pope Julian II began to rebuild St Peter's basilica in Rome and he announced an indulgence to help finance the costly project. Luther enclosed with his letter a copy of the 95 Theses which he offered as a way of clarifying the teaching on indulgences and other theological questions that he regarded as doubtful. As Holmes and Bickers wrote in their book "A Short History of the Catholic Church". "These theses, written in a polemic and provocative way, touching on questions and grievances long felt, became the symbol, and Luther, the spokesman, of all those who were disillusioned with the present state of the contemporary Church. The historical importance of this whole episode lies in the Church's failure to respond because of both the inability or unwillingness to accept the seriousness of Luther's complaint, and to recognise the number of those who supported him."

What began as a justified reaction to corruption in the Church spiralled into schism and division and destruction. I strongly agree that, at the time of Luther, reform was vital but obviously do not agree or condone the change and rejection of Catholic teaching that followed. Much dialogue and progress has been made since those days of the 16th Century especially in the last fifty years. In 1999 a joint declaration on the Doctrine of Justification was agreed between the Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation. Last October the Pope travelled to Lund cathedral to commemorate the Reformation with Bishop Munib Younan and in our own Cathedral of St George, Southwark there was a joint commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation hosted by our Archbishop, Peter Smith. Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household, said, referring to this commemoration, "It is vital for the whole Church that this opportunity is not wasted by people remaining prisoners of the past, trying to establish each other's rights and wrongs. Rather, let us take a qualitative leap forward, like what happens when the sluice gates of a river or a canal open to enable ships to navigate at a higher water level. The situation has changed dramatically since then. We need to start again with the person of Jesus, humbly helping our contemporaries to experience a personal encounter with Him. Justification by faith, for example, ought to be preached by the whole Church – and with more vigour than ever. Not in opposition to good works – the issue is already settled – but rather in opposition to the claim of people today that they can save themselves thanks to their science, technology or man-made spirituality, without the need for a redeemer coming from outside humanity."

PARISH MATTERS



Your patience is requested... our office is currently only being manned by 'goodwill'! . Please be kind and patient - thank you!

CAFOD COLLECTION

Thank you so much for your generosity last week .
£637 was given.

Dates for your Diary

Curry & Quiz
Saturday 11th November
in the Hall. From 7.00pm. More details to follow.

BARN DANCE
Saturday, 18th November at St Anselm's School
in aid of HCPT Group 587

Anselm Study circle.

The first meeting will be this Sunday 15th October 2017 at 7pm - after 6pm Mass, in the Upper Room above the sacristy.

This is new group to discuss in depth theological issues based on articles published in scholarly journals.

All interested are welcome.

This Sunday we will discuss the running of the group and short discussion about the "Love in the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar"



Do you miss interacting with young people? Can you spare a few hours a week to help them learn cookery skills?

Sophia Gagliardi of the Enactus Society at the University of Kent is launching a new local project called 'EcoFeast', aimed at creating a cookery course that would be taught by a few members of the elderly community once a week to local school pupils and students. As a further benefit, the project will help reduce global food waste by using excess food sourced from local supermarkets as the ingredients for the cookery course. If you are interested, please contact her using the details below:

Sophia Gagliardi EcoFeast Project Leader - Enactus Kent MOBILE: "+44 (0)7729476144"

Journey in Faith (RCIA) - ongoing

Any adult who wants to know more about becoming a Catholic, or an adult who has been baptised as a Catholic but has not yet made their First Communion or not been Confirmed, might like to join our journey in faith group There are forms at the back of the church or talk to

Fr Anthony or Fr Daniel

Next meeting Tuesday 17th October 2017
in Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Faith, hope and love...

The Third of three evenings of exploration
Wednesday 18th October from 7.15pm to 9pm
at St. Thomas' Catholic Church Hall

Led by Christopher Chapman

Christopher Chapman is an experienced retreat leader and spiritual director. He is the former Spirituality Adviser for the Anglican Diocese of Southwark, and author of *Seeing in the Dark*, Canterbury Press 2013. Suggested donation for each evening: £10, or £20 for the three sessions. Resources to take away will be made available.



Calling all parents who are wishing to have their children Baptised... our next preparation meeting will be on

Saturday 18th November 2017 at 9.30am

Please call the office to make sure we have your name and also please fill in a Registration Form in advance (available on our website or at the back of church)

Thank you

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising the DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Saturday, 4 November 2017, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sacred Heart RC Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LU

Devotional Programme:

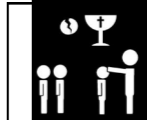
11:00 am Praise & Worship, Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus
11:30 am Talk 1
12 Noon Holy Mass
1:00 pm Lunch (please bring packed lunch)
2:15 pm Talk 2
3:00 pm Hour of Divine Mercy / Benediction / Sung Chaplet
4:00 pm Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St Faustina
4:30 pm Departure
All welcome

More info: DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE - MARIAN FATHERS
1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY
phone: 020 89980925; email: info@divinemercy.org.uk

Mission Sunday 22nd October 2017

On 22nd October the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for his Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. **Your support on World Mission**

Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of Peace in South Sudan and around the world.
Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Mission. Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Dear Parents of children who are in Year 3 from September you can now register your child for the 2018 First Communion programme - forms need to be in by November 19th. Forms are at the back of the church.

Last year we had 34 children and so far we have only received 6 forms.....

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, Charles Ryan, David Tully, Winifred May, Margaret Holman, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Katie Cobbett, Angeline Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Ewa Szczepanska, Mary Jones, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Dara Borland, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Joan Willey, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Fr Peter Madden, Joao Ferreira, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dietrich, June Carver, Francis Brown, Frank Johnson, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Franklin, Catherine Packer (Kath), Mary Fleming, Maria Rosaria Adorisio and John Sullivan, Gordon Andrews and Fr Gerry Coates

Offertory Collection weekend of 1st October was £939.47 loose and £625.92 Gift Aided - totalling £1565.39. Thank You for your generosity