

NEWSLETTER

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Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm for all parish business
(Closed for lunch between 12.30 - 1.00pm)



PARISH MATTERS



Baptism Preparation: To all parents wishing to have their children Baptised...our next preparation meeting will be **Saturday, 16th February 2019, at 9.00 am** in the Presbytery. Places are limited so please call the office to book. Please fill in a Registration Form in advance (from Office).



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:

Sessions in the Hall as per the schedule

CONFIRMATION 2019: Sessions in the Hall every Sunday at 4.00pm

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Sessions at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery as per published schedule



PARISH MEETINGS 2019:

Wed, 13th Feb: Liturgy Committee: 8pm in Presbytery
Sunday, 17th March: Parish AGM in the Hall at 12h15



PILGRIMAGES: Please see the notice in the Narthex for information on up-coming Pilgrimages to The Holy Land, Ireland, Poland and Lourdes

Do you have a copy of Pope St John XXIII's 'Diary of a Soul' that I might borrow for a fortnight to help my research on his war-time work for Jewish refugees with Archbishop Arthur Hughes? I'd be most grateful. I can be contacted via maurice.billingsley1@btopenworld.com or tel. 01227 458027. Many thanks, Maurice Billingsley.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers have organised a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday, 16 February 2019; 11 am - 4 pm at St Francis de Sales Church, 729 High Road, Tottenham, N17 8AG. More info: **Divine Mercy Apostolate - Marian Fathers**, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY, phone: 020 89980925; email: info@divinemercury.org.uk or www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Safeguarding Office Administrator: Full time, 12 month fixed term based in SE1; Salary £23k - £25k. Email your CV to sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date 22 Feb 2019. More details on Poster in the Narthex.

LIFETIME OF LOVING

Dear married couple! You can give each other a wonderful Valentine's gift by spending a day exploring your relationship more deeply to gain valuable insights into your communication. Couples who have attended the course noted the positive changes it made to their marriage. There is no group sharing and this is not marriage counselling or guidance but a chance to make your marriage even better. This marriage-enrichment day, for couples with average-to-good marriages, is scheduled for **Saturday March 9 in Ashford, Kent**. For more information contact: Carole - Tel: 07983524727 - email: mfikent@rcaos.org.uk

40 Days for Life London Launch Event. Come and see how you can help save lives in London, hear Alina's remarkable story and join us for a buffet and beverages at 7.30pm-9pm Wednesday 20th February St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London, W1D 4NR. Contact Sarah 07776 256838 or email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com www.40daysforlife.com/London

Please remember in your prayers:

Gloria Soar, Suzy Drayson, Agnes Daly, Theresa Punnett, Lorna Feeney, Toni-Lee D'Amiral, David Tully, Winifred May, Mary Wallace, Marie Strong, Pat Gill, Angelina Frizell, Mary Gillette, Christopher Browne, Erlinda Rogers, David Bull, Alan Skeet, Louisa Ward, Mary Donellan, Janette Hughes, Vlasta Cerna, Amanda Watts, Maurice Crossland, Barbara Brett, Hannelore Hall, Mary Dittrich, June Carver, Sean Maple, Kathleen Hutchinson, Rosa Maria Santos, Lucy Purbrick, Josie Price, Mrs Cleary, Barbara Markham, A. Charles Ryan, Pat Gibson, James Hayes, Stephen Rogers, Phyllis Stirton, Lisa Hood, Mary Connolly, Gemma Macey, Joan Meakin, Margaret Mason, Fr Louie Kitt, Pauline Ryan, Michael Murphy, Alex Grogan and John O'Driscoll

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Phyllis Higenbottam, Kevin Hackman, D'arcy Campbell, Celia Welch, Sarafin Arevalo, Henriette Soar and Tony Ashman

Thank you! Collections for weekend 02/03 February 2019:
Offertory: £1004.58 loose & £718.29 Gift Aided -Total **£1722.87**
2nd Collection: there was no second collection this weekend

From Fr Anthony ...

Over twenty years ago I was involved in helping a friend of mine, Margaret Rizza, write a small book entitled "Proclaiming God's word". After being published by our Diocesan Liturgy Commission it was expanded and published commercially. This was a guide for readers and we realised that the service of the ministry of Reader was vital in the celebration of Mass.

In the document on the Liturgy from the Second Vatican council the bishops wanted to promote a warm and living love for Scripture. God's word is the source of all life. When we refer to the use of Scripture in Mass we don't say that the Word of God is "read" but we use the word "Proclaim". The word of God is proclaimed. Through the proclamation of the living Word of God in the midst of the assembly we are enabling those assembled to consciously and deliberately take on the role of listener. As Margaret writes *"the community is called to listen. Without listeners there is no living Word. Through genuine listening - listening with the ear of the heart- we open ourselves to the life-giving Word. When we do not listen, we close ourselves to the power of the Spirit who heals us, enabling us to grow and transform our lives."*

As we hear in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Peter and the Sons of Zebedee left everything and followed Jesus to spread the Good News. Through our baptism this is what we are all called to do, to proclaim the Good News to all creation. The lay ministry of Reader enables us to do this in a special way. Pope Paul VI says: *"Let the reader be aware of the office he has undertaken and make every effort and employ suitable means to acquire that increasingly warm and living love and knowledge of scripture."* We realise that the ministry of reader is not just about getting up on Sunday or during the week and reading out aloud the scripture passages but it becomes a God-give ministry, a response to God's call which brings about our daily conversion - we come to realise that as readers we are God's instruments - God is speaking His word through us. We can say the true task of the reader is to enable the word to become alive and active in those who listen. This is why it is essential for anyone involved in the ministry to Reader to prepare for their task. First by prayer! A good practice is to look at the reading that we are going to proclaim during the week before Sunday and prayerfully read it, and reflect on it. We also need to remember *"The human voice is one of the most remarkable and beautiful instruments that we have. We need to know how to manage our voice in relation to the style of the text, the size of the church, the number of people and the microphone which we will be using."* (Margaret Rizza)

I would like to thank all those involved in this important ministry of Reader and ask all Readers to put in your diary our Readers' day on 20th March in St Thomas Hall. 10am to 1pm.

TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

6pm (Vigil) Herminio and Philo Correa - RIP (Celine Noronha)

Sunday 10th February Fifth Sunday Lk 5:1-11

8 am Imelda Uba - RIP (Sr Elizabeth)

9:30 am Daniel Edwardes - RIP (Thackray Family)

11 am Thanksgiving for Anthony Family (V Anthony)

12.15 Baptism of Ivy Howard

4.00 pm Polish Community Mass

4.00 pm Confirmation Classes in the Hall

6 pm People of the Parish

Monday 11th February Feria Mk 6:53-56

7.30am Thresimma Philip - RIP (Her Family)

12 noon Celia Welch - RIP (C Noronha)

7 - 9 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 12th February Feria Mk 7:1-13

7.30am Louis McMahon (Imelda James)

12 noon Joan Steadman (Christine Glover)

7.30pm RCIA

Wednesday 13th Feb Feria Mk 7:14-23

7.30am Good Health

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Park & Flanagan Families - RIP (Mrs Bage)

7 - 8.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8 pm Parish Liturgy Meeting

Thursday 14th February Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius Mk7:24-30

7.30 am Welfare of Barry Clifford (Fr Anthony)

12 noon Elizabeth, Arthur & Martin Kingham - RIP (Bage)

Scripture group in Upper Room

7.45pm Prayer and Pub

Friday 15th Feb Feria Mk 7:31-37

7.30 am Morning Prayer

12 noon Peter Edwards (Fr Anthony)

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Keith Purbrick - RIP (Sue Purbrick)

8 - 9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 16th February Feria Mk 8:1-10

9 am Baptism Course in the Presbytery

10.30 - 11.30 Reconciliation (Fr Sylvester)

12 noon Good Health

4.30 - 5.30 Reconciliation (Fr Anthony)

6pm (Vigil) Celia Welch - RIP (Sue Purbrick)

7.30 pm Opera Night in the Hall

Sunday 17th February Sixth Sunday Lk 6:17,27-38

8 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Gerald Flaherty - RIP (M Flaherty)

11 am D'Arcy Campbell - RIP (C & L Smith)

12.15 Baptism of Sophia Pezelet

4.00 pm Confirmation Classes in the Hall

6 pm Stella McGrotty - RIP (Lorraine)

2nd Collection
RACIAL JUSTICE