

FIRST FRIDAY MASS, HEALING OF THE SICK, PRAYER, ADORATION & CONFESSION

Fr Anthony Uche welcomes all to participate in the First Friday of the month programme at St Margaret's, Carshalton Beeches. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (11.00am—12 noon); Confession followed by Benediction from 12 noon; 12.30pm Mass (For the sick and Private intentions); Anointing of the sick. This will take place on 6 March and the first Friday of every month.

WRITING WORKSHOP—WRITING THE LENTEN PATH

10.30am—12.30pm on Saturday 21 March at St Christopher's Parish Hall

Why not carve out a little time and space to explore some Lenten themes through different kinds of writing? No expertise is needed as you write for yourself, sharing only if you wish to, in this creative, reflective and supportive environment. If you are interested, please contact Violet De Souza (violet.de@blueyonder.co.uk).

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION—SATURDAY 21 MARCH

This Annual Day, organised by Sutton Deanery, is for all ministers and parishioners and will take place at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green, starting with Mass at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm. This year has been declared the Year of The Word and Fr Victor Darlington BTh, SSL, STD will speak on the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

CHURCH PEW REPAIRS

A number of the church pews and kneelers are in need of repair. Most of the repairs can be done by someone with minimal woodworking experience and reasonable DIY skills. If there is anyone in the parish who would be willing to undertake these repairs, would they please speak to Bernard Winn or to Vivienne in the parish office. Thank you.

NOTRE DAME SOUTHWARK REUNION—SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020

All Notre Dame old girls (Southwark and Battersea) are welcome to this reunion day from 10.00am—4.15pm, with Mass and lunch. Please email Patricia White (pw@spaceff.com) if you would like to come.

FR LUKE'S 2020 HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr Luke's HCPT Group will travel on 25 September—2 October, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. Elderly or disabled people or children are invited to join the group and able bodied helpers, both male and female, are needed to assist. Please see church notice boards for further information or visit www.hcpt.org.uk or contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (020 8395 5462), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265) or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).

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www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

1 March 2020

First Sunday of Lent (A)



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| Tue, Thu & Fri | Mass is at <u>9.30am</u> (for a trial period) |
| Wed 4 Mar | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm |
| Fri 6 Mar | STATIONS OF THE CROSS after 9.30am Mass
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 10.30am Service at
The Salvation Army Hall, 45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton
CAFOD Lent Fast Day |
| Sat 7 Mar | First Holy Communion Class 1 4.15pm |
| Mon 9 Mar | Restart a Heart (CPR demonstration session) 7.30pm |
| Fri 13 Mar | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sat 21 Mar | Lent Writing Workshop 10.30am-12.30pm in the hall
ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION 9.30am—2.00pm
Holy Family Church, Sutton Green |
| Wed) | Toddler Group 9.45—11.15am (term time) |
| Fri) Weekly | Coffee in the hall after 9.30am Mass |
| Sun) | 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall after Mass |

1 March 2020 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Sat	29	1800	Fredrick & James Culbert RIP (Philomena Culbert & Family)
Sun	1	0830	Ivan Pedropillai's Intentions
		1000	Winifred Brennan RIP Anniversary (Teresa Hobbs & Family)
		1200	People of the Parish
Mon	2	1000	Baby Molly Ellen Butler RIP Anniversary
Tue	3	0930	Mary Hehir RIP (Veronica & Gerald Barry)
Wed	4		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	5	0930	Rosemary Clare RIP Anniversary (Mike Clare)
Fri	6	0930	Stella Paxton RIP Anniversary
		1000	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat	7	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

8 March 2020 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Sat	7	1800	Pat Colohan & Family
Sun	8	0830	Tawfiq Nadir RIP & Clementine Nasser RIP (May Nadir)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Mick Ayres RIP Anniversary (Mary Ayres & Family)

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	434
Plate	£ 404.24
Gift Aid	£ 599.80
	£1,004.04 <i>Thank you for your offerings.</i>

COLLECTION TODAY FOR POOR PARISHES

Formerly the Needs of the Diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Gill Atkin, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Jim Carbery, Basil Cousins, Carmel Curtis, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Evelyn Frost, Hilda Gill, Sean Healy, John Hickey, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Emilia Pell, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Denis Vaughan, Christopher Vaughan and Nickii Wright.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Parents of children of two years of age and older are reminded to collect a certificate after Sunday Mass, which will provide evidence of the record of attendance when they apply for a place at a Catholic school.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020—FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

All are warmly invited to a WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE at The Salvation Army Hall, 45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD at 10.30am this **Friday 6 March.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—FRIDAY 6 MARCH

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. But we urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love.

On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? Through CAFOD's global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please collect your **Family Fast Day envelope** from church this week and give whatever you can.

A CAFOD Lent lunch will be held on **Friday 20 March at 12.30pm** in the parish hall. If you would like to join others in our parish to share a simple lunch, please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office.

RESTART A HEART—CPR DEMONSTRATION SESSION - MONDAY 9 MARCH

Restart a Heart Day is an annual event to teach as many people as possible the life saving skill of CPR. A volunteer from the St John Ambulance Brigade is holding a demonstration session in the parish hall on **Monday 9 March** at 7.30pm. A good number of parishioners have expressed an interest in attending and if anyone else is planning to come, it would be helpful if they could notify the parish office by email or phone.