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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

The Bereavement Group invites all parishioners to a Service of Reflection and Remembrance on **Saturday 28 October** at 3.30pm.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE FAMILY

Another opportunity for the laity to explore and discuss the Pope's views on love in the family is being organised to take place on **Saturday 4 November**, 10.00am—1.00pm, in New Malden. This event is suitable for all adult parishioners and will include suggestions about how to put the Pope's message into practice. Booking is essential. Tea and coffee will be provided. Contact email: marriage2014@virginmedia.com or phone 020 8651 2477.

ST PHILOMENA'S SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls in Carshalton is holding their Sixth Form Open Evening on **Tuesday 10 October**. The evening will start at 5.30pm with Registration, followed by a presentation at 6.00pm and the opportunity to tour the school at 6.45pm

"A CHURCH FOR THE POOR" NEW RADIO SERIES

Heaven's Road Catholic Radio www.heavensroadfm.com is broadcasting a new series on Poverty covering a diversity of topics: the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, the sick and dying, prisoners, refugees, lost and parentless children, those in slavery, lack of religious freedom, lack of education, those trapped in war zones, those trapped in debt, those in sin. Programmes start on this Sunday. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now Follow @ <https://www.facebook.com/heavensroadfm> or @HeavensRoadFM

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS, including the UK's two Catholic newspapers, The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times, and the Diocesan newspaper, The Pilgrim, are on sale in the front porch of the church. Please place correct money in the 'Newspapers' box.

PARKING FOR PARISHIONERS who attend Mass is available in our own car park and, at the weekend, in Tabor Gardens. We ask parishioners to avoid blocking cars in, parking in spaces reserved for disabled badge holders and across the entrance to the church. Parishioners are also reminded not to park on the red or double yellow lines in Dallas Road and Tabor Gardens.

NEWCOMERS TO THE PARISH are always very welcome and are invited to take an 'Are you new to our parish?' leaflet from the front porch of the church and complete and return the enclosed form.

NEWSLETTER

1 October 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Wed 4 Oct | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm |
| Fri 6 Oct | CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT for one hour after the 9.00am Mass
Confirmation Session 2 7.30pm |
| Sat 7 Oct | Mass for John Doyle RIP 11.00am |
| Sat 21 Oct | TABLE TOP SALE in the hall 11.00am—3.00pm
Fundraising event for Pamela's Peru Trek Challenge in aid of St Raphael's Hospice |
| Weekly | Wed Toddler Group 9.45-11.15am (term time)
Fri Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass
Sun 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall after Mass |

1 October 2017 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	30	1800	Ivan Pedropillai's Intentions (E & I Louis)
Sun	1	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Intentions of the Wilshire Family
		1200	Matt Birmingham RIP (King Family)
Mon	2	1000	The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial Wellbeing of Ivan Pedropillai (Indra Pedropillai)
Tue	3	0900	Ellie Browne
Wed	4		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	5	0900	Niall Murnane RIP
Fri	6	0900	Bruno Sampson RIP (Veronica & Gerard Barry)
Sat	7	1100	Mass for John Doyle RIP <i>(Please note there will be no morning Confessions)</i>
		1700-1730	Sacrament of Reconciliation

8 October 2017 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	7	1800	Deceased Members of the Hunter and Griffin Family
Sun	8	0830	In Thanksgiving (Christine Scriven)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Angelo Catanio (Monica Quinn)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Pat Hanoman, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Peter Mann, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter 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.

NATIONAL MASS COUNT

This Sunday is the first of four Sundays in October when everyone who is in attendance, including young children, babies and altar servers, is counted. The attendance figures are required by the Diocese for the annual National Mass Count.

We take this opportunity to thank those parishioners who take up the collections every weekend and do the head count.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY—FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can. Parish Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'CAFOD Fast Day' on the front.

SUTTON DEANERY REFUGEE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP GROUP PLAN TO RESETTLE A SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY IN SUTTON

Pope Francis has asked every parish to take in a refugee family and he has received several families into the Vatican. Sutton Deanery Refugee Community Sponsorship Group is working with a new Government scheme to do the same. Bishop Paul Hendricks supports us and the Diocese of Southwark is backing our application to the Home Office for official approval. We are required to raise £9,000 per family and we have to find a house or a flat suitable for a family. We know our churches in Sutton will help us on this journey. Our first event is an **Afternoon Tea on Thursday 19 October** 3pm at Church of the Good Shepherd, Queen Mary's Avenue, Carshalton Beeches. There will be music, a raffle and an opportunity to find out more about community sponsorship. **Tickets are £8 each** and are available from Sandra Allan on 07768 080537 or 020 8395 5462.

St Christopher's Parish Council has pledged a donation of £1,125 from parish funds when suitable accommodation has been found.

PAMELA'S PERU TREK CHALLENGE—TABLE TOP SALE

Pam is organising another fundraising event for her trek next March which she is undertaking on behalf of St Raphael's Hospice. She is holding a **Table Top Sale** in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 21 October**, 11.00am—3.00pm. (Please note this is a change to the date previously advertised.)

There is still time to book a table at a cost of £10 and you can contact Pam on 020 8644 4022.