

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## A LIFETIME OF LOVING—A CELEBRATION OF YOUR MARRIAGE

A day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married will be held on **Saturday 9 March** at St Teresa's Church Hall, Maidstone Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TX, 9.45am—4.30pm. Booking is essential: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or 07983 524 727.

## GOODBYE TO CAFOD'S CONNECT2 PROJECT AND WELCOME TO HANDS ON

CAFOD would like to thank us for supporting the community of Sebeya through their project Connect2:Ethiopia over the last three years. Whilst their work in Ethiopia goes on, CAFOD has invited us to start a new journey with young people in Colombia. *Hands On* is a programme that will take our parish on a peace building mission in Colombia. Our donations will be used to support people from the Magdalena Medio region by promoting a culture of peace and reconciliation. Over the next three years, CAFOD will be working with 34 secondary schools and also with local youth and women's groups to reach young people who are not in school. Students will be taught how to respond to conflict situations with words rather than physical violence and they will be shown how to pass on what they have learned, in school, at home and in their wider community.

Please continue to place your donations in the CAFOD box at the back of the church which will be sent off to *Hands On: Magdalena Medio*.

## YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes at St Christopher's will continue throughout the year; they are proving to be an enjoyable setting for healthy exercise and socialising amongst many. Please see the flyer in the hall, or contact Iole ([iole.beattie@yahoo.com](mailto:iole.beattie@yahoo.com)) if you are interested. Two additional yoga classes are now advertised.

## DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

An office administrator is sought to join the Diocesan Safeguarding team in SE1. Further details can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church. If you would like to apply for this job please email your CV to [sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk) by 22 February 2019.

## 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.

# NEWSLETTER

10 February 2019

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

- Fri 15 Feb** St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm  
in the parish hall
- Sat 16 Feb** Saturday Social Circle 3.30—5.30pm in the parish hall
- Wed 20 Feb** St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm  
in the parish hall
- Fri 1 Mar** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
**Annual Service** 10.30am at The Salvation Army Hall,  
45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD
- 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

**10 February 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Sat	9	1800	Mary & Martin Canavan RIP (Sarah Ball)
Sun	10	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary (Joan Twohig)
		1200	Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary (Celia Hansberry)
Mon	11	1000	Laurence & Kathleen Goodman RIP
Tue	12	0900	Intentions of Danny, Della and Haydon Brennan (Eileen Mullarkey)
Wed	13		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	14	0900	<b>Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, patrons of Europe, Feast</b> Fr Gordon Albion RIP
Fri	15	0900	Fr Philip McGuinness RIP
Sat	16	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

**17 February 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Sat	16	1800	Nancy O’Gorman RIP (Le-Boeuf Family)
Sun	17	0830	John & Anastasia Egan RIP (Gielty Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Hannah O’Donnell RIP (Margaret Lynch)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	559
	Plate	<b>£ 537.85</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 548.12</b>
		<b><u>£1,085.97</u></b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Alex Tague, who died suddenly (aged 36) on Wednesday and remember in your prayers at this time his family, especially Gerry and Celeste.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Gill Atkin, Peter Barry, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Jim Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Hilda and Patrick Gill, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Larry Keany, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Christopher Vaughan, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

17 February marks Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we are all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is Dignity of Work, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

**ALTAR SERVERS** are kindly reminded to collect a copy of the new rota, which starts on the weekend of 23/24 February, from the sacristy.

**SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE**

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) will be on **Saturday 16 February, 3.30—5.30pm**, when we are going to have a practical demonstration, with participation, of making icing flowers.

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM STATUE: VISIT TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Slipper Chapel will soon visit St George's Cathedral in Southwark as part of her ongoing Dowry Tour of visitations to the Catholic Cathedrals of England. The visit will take place between **21—23 February**. There is an extensive programme (see [www.dowrytour.org.uk](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk)) and Archbishop Peter will be presiding at the closing Mass on Saturday 23 February at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019—FRIDAY 1 MARCH**

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic, and they share the hopes they have for the future. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.

**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 on Friday 1 March. Refreshments will be served after the service.

An evening service will be held at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church of The Good Shepherd, Sandy Lane N, Bandonhill, Wallington.