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10 March 2019

Newsletter

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Sat	9	6.00pm	Mick Ayres RIP Anniversary (Ayres Family)
Sun	10	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Winifred Brennan RIP Anniversary (Hobbs Family)
		12.00pm	Tawfiq Nadir RIP & Clementine Nasser RIP (May Nadir)
Mon	11	10.00am	James & Theresa Byrne RIP Anniversary (Philomena Culbert & Family)
Tue	12	9.00am	Stephen Slattery RIP (Slattery Family)
Wed	13		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	14	9.00am	Paul Lebentz RIP (Jeanne Bheemul)
Fri	15	9.00am	Wellbeing of Peter Larkum (Marian McCloughlin)
		9.30am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

17 March 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Sat	16	6.00pm	Padraig & Mary Colohan—Golden Wedding Anniversary (W & M Joyce)
Sun	17	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Noel & Patrick Clare RIP (Mike Clare)
		12.00pm	Patrick Kirwan RIP Anniversary (Mary Kirwan & Family)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30—11.00am & 5.00—5.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent after the 9.00am Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday

REFRESHMENTS—ALL WELCOME

After 10.00am Mass Sunday & 9.00am Mass Friday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	581	Poor Parishes
Plate	£ 601.02	£ 217.82
Gift Aid	£ 542.52	£ 259.53
	£1,143.54	£ 477.35

Gift Aid by standing order—February **£2,036.16**

Thank you for your offerings.

AFTER ADOREMUS—DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

The Deanery Pastoral Council annual day of reflection and prayer is on **Saturday 16 March** at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green, starting with Mass at 9.30am, followed by video presentations and discussion from Adoremus, the Eucharistic Congress held in Liverpool last September. It will end with Adoration, finishing at 1.00pm. All ministers and parishioners are welcome.

CAFOD
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CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—FRIDAY 15 MARCH

This weekend we welcome CAFOD speaker, Jackie McLoughlin, who will be updating us on the work of CAFOD. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from the church and eat a simple meal and give what you save to enable CAFOD to reach out to families in desperate need of help. Please return envelopes with your offerings next weekend. Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'CAFOD Fast Day' on the front.

CAFOD would love you to join their volunteer team, speaking in churches or schools, campaigning to your MP or involving others. Please talk to the speaker after Mass or contact southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901.

A CAFOD Lent Lunch will be held on **Friday 22 March** at 12.30pm in the 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 as soon as possible.



CAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY IN AID OF PARKINSON'S UK

One of our catechists, Louise Quy, is running the Brighton Marathon next month to raise funds for Parkinson's UK. She will be holding a cake sale in the hall after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday and would greatly appreciate parishioners' support.

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.

BLESSING OF GATES & DEDICATION OF THE ROMERO SHRINE

On **Saturday 23 March** Archbishop Peter will celebrate Mass in St George's Cathedral at 12.30pm during which the new gates in the Romero Shrine will be blessed and the diocesan shrine to Saint Romero dedicated. All are invited to attend.

GRIEF IN LOSS WEEKEND FOR THE BEREAVED

This residential weekend at Aylesford Priory in Kent is designed to help people who have been bereaved to come to terms with their loss. The dates are **22—24 March**. For more details, please contact Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670 880 or email mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk

FR LUKE'S HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

Elderly or disabled people or children are invited to join Fr Luke's HCPT Group in September this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. Able bodied male and female helpers are needed to assist with the Group. For further information please see church notice boards, or visit the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk, or contact the Group Leaders: Peter Thompson (020 8241 4491), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265) or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).

The Annual Reunion of the Group is on **Saturday 23 March** at Holy Family Church, Sorrento Road, Sutton Green SM1 1QT, starting with Mass at 2.00pm. Anyone interested in going to Lourdes with the group this year is invited.

ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE SHOP—VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED to help in the shop in Cheam, any morning or afternoon, except Monday, and particularly on Friday. Please contact Karen McIlroy on 020 8643 9326.



SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) is on **Saturday 16 March** at **2.30pm**. Please meet at the National Trust Café at Morden Hall Park.

MUSICAL EVENING - MONDAY 25 MARCH 7.30pm

The Social Committee is delighted to announce that Joe Valdes is once again returning to perform for the Parish.

Joe's set will be "Nashville Kings and Outlaws", a celebration of Country's greatest hits, with a short interval followed by a string of all time hits and crowd pleasers.

This musical event will be held in aid of 'The Nomntu Project' - a charity sponsored by Chris and Jane Devereux.

Please join us on **Monday 25 March** at **7.30pm** in the Parish Hall for an entertaining night of toe-tapping, hand clapping and song singing.

All proceeds will be donated directly to the The Nomntu Project.



SPRING CRAFT FAIR



St Christopher's Craft Circle is holding a Spring Craft Fair in the parish hall on **Saturday 30 March**, 11.00am—4.00pm. There will

be a wide variety of quality goods on offer at great prices, all beautifully made by members of our talented Craft Circle. Refreshments will be available in our Tea Shop and there will be cakes for sale too. Donations of cakes would be very welcome!

All proceeds will go to the local Sutton Alzheimer's Society.

