

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT FOR MASS ON SUNDAY & MAJOR FEASTS

We are very fortunate to have two organists in the parish and some talented young musicians to provide accompaniment for the choir and the congregation on Sundays and major Feasts. However, there are times when neither organist is available and the young musicians are all the more appreciated. We would love to hear from you if you have any organ playing skills, or are an instrumentalist. Please contact our choir leader, Mrs Pat Oastler, either after the Sunday 10.00am Mass or via the parish office, to find out more about what is involved.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION

The Association is holding its next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (telephone: 020 8397 2683) on **Friday 24 February**. Dancing is from 8.30pm until 11.30pm, featuring Finbarr and Bernie, with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets are £5.00 on the door.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE WOOL?

Mary Casey from Save The Children charity would be very grateful for any odd balls of new knitting wool to make blankets for babies in Africa and Syria. Donations of wool can be left in one of the baskets in the front and side porches of the church. Thank you.

EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey, is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators to invigilate public examinations at the school for mid-May—June 2017. Details and an application form can be downloaded from the school website: www.stphils.org.uk or email: recruitment@stphils.org.uk or contact Marsha Adams, Personnel Officer on 020 8642 2025 ext 202.

Coloma Convent Girls' School, Upper Shirley Road, Croydon CR9 5AS, requires Exam Invigilators periodically throughout the year to invigilate public and internal examinations. Application form and job description available from the school website: www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk or via Sallie Trembath on 020 8654 6228 ext 222, or strembath@coloma.croydon.sch.uk

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

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.

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NEWSLETTER

12 February 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Parish Diary:

- Fri 17 Feb **St Christopher's Craft Circle** 10.30am—12.30pm
- Sat 18 Feb **Saturday Social Circle** (for those who live alone)
3.30—5.30pm in the hall
- Wed 22 Feb **St Christopher's Craft Circle** 7.00—9.00pm
- Fri 3 Mar **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
Service at The Salvation Army Hall (corner of Benhill Avenue and Throwley Way, Sutton) 10.30am

Weekly:

- Wed **Toddler Group** 9.45-11.15am (term time)
- Fri Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass
- Sun **Children's Liturgy** at 10.00am Mass
Refreshments in the hall after 10.00am Mass

12 February 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	11	1800	Jim & Mary Sullivan RIP (Eileen Sullivan)
Sun	12	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary (Joan Twohig)
		1200	Peggy & Bill Byrne RIP (Mary O'Halloran)
Mon	13	1000	Indra Pedropillai's Intentions (M & F O'Donovan)
Tue	14	0900	Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe, Feast
			Wellbeing of Ghyllaine Lebentz Walter (Jeanne Bheemul)
Wed	15		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	16	0900	Fr Philip McGuinness RIP
Fri	17	0900	Gary McHugh RIP (Gielty Family)
Sat	11	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

19 February 2017 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	18	1800	John & Anastasia Egan RIP (Gielty Family)
Sun	19	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Francis Joseph Carey RIP (Evelyn B Carey)
		1200	Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary (Celia Hansberry)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	610
	Plate	£ 530.07
	Gift Aid	£ 558.24
		<u>£ 1,088.31</u>

Thank you for your offerings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Patrick Allen, Maureen Berkerey, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Peter Mann, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron and Nickii Wright.

THIS SUNDAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

A second collection will be taken this weekend to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Parish Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Racial Justice' on the front. (Please ensure envelopes are clearly labelled as unmarked envelopes are allocated to the parish.)

ALTAR SERVERS

The new rota of altar serving, which starts on the weekend of 25/26 February, is available for collection from the back of the church.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Confirmation is celebrated at St Christopher's every two years, and the Archbishop will be conferring the sacrament this year on **Thursday 9 November** at 7.30pm. Application forms for young people in Year 8 or above of secondary school will be available during the summer term and classes will be held in the autumn term.

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the circle (for those who live alone) is on **Saturday 18 February**, 3.30—5.30pm, when Sadie will be presenting Part II of her American Adventure.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017—FRIDAY 3 MARCH

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a service of worship through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer. This year's service, prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines, is on the theme of Fairness. The service organised by the Sutton and Cheam Committee will be held on **Friday 3 March at 10.30am** at The Salvation Army Hall which is on the corner of Benhill Avenue and Throwley Way, Sutton. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Anyone unable to attend this morning service would be welcome to come to an evening one at 7.30pm organised by the Carshalton and Wallington group at the United Reformed Church in Stanley Park Road.

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.