

SUTTON DEANERY DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

This Day of Reflection for all ministers and parishioners is on **Saturday 19 May** at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green, starting at 1.00pm and ending with Mass at 4.00pm. The theme is The Eucharist and Pentecost, and it will be led by Fr John Farrell OP. All are welcome.

SUTTON DEANERY PRAYER GROUP

This new initiative seeks to unite us in prayer with all parishes in the Sutton Deanery. We invite those who wish to take part in praying for the needs of our local parishes and the wider church to join us. The first meeting will be held on **Monday 21 May** at St Margaret's Church, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches at 8.00pm. We aim to visit other parishes in the Deanery in turn. Future meeting will normally take place on the 3rd Monday of each month.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA phone 020 8397 2683, on **Friday 25 May**. Dancing 8.30—11.30pm featuring Country Gem. Local parking, raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. All profits go to charity eg The Children's Trust, The Princess Alice Hospice, Guide Dogs.

SEMINARIAN ENGLISH STUDY PLACEMENTS: SUMMER 2018

The Vicar General has received a request from the Pontifical Urban College, which is seeking board and lodging for seminarians who will be attending an intensive English course this summer. It is hoped that parish families may be able to assist for a period of 3 - 5 weeks in July / August 2018. You can send an email expressing interest to rettore.urbano@org.va

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR RECRUITMENT DAY—SATURDAY 19 MAY

Young singers between 8 - 13 years are invited to audition for the Cathedral Choir. To find out more visit: www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk or email: music@stgeorges.org.uk

DONATIONS OF WOOL to make blankets for children in Syria and premature babies are much appreciated and can be left in the baskets provided in church porches.

VACANCY FOR A FINANCIAL CONTROLLER—HOVE

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton has a vacancy for a Financial Controller. The successful applicant will have budgetary, banking and payroll responsibilities and will need to be a qualified accountant with five years' post-qualification experience. Closing date: 4 June 2018. Please contact the Chief Operating Officer Sarah Kilmartin: 01273 859705, email: finance@bishops-house.co.uk

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NEWSLETTER

13 May 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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| Sat 19 May | Sutton Deanery Day of Reflection & Prayer 1.00pm
Holy Family Church, Sutton Green

FIRST RECONCILIATION 4.00—5.30pm |
| Mon 21 May | First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting 8.00pm |
| Fri 25 May | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Mon 4 Jun | Parish Social Event: Musical Evening with Joe Valdes 7.30pm |
| 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 |

13 May 2018		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
Sat	12 1800	Eileen Sullivan RIP Anniversary (Kevin Sullivan)
Sun	13 0830	Martin McGrath RIP (O'Halloran Family)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Helen Cahill RIP (Pat Quinn)
Mon	14 1000	Saint Matthias, Apostle, Feast Kathleen Bennett RIP Anniversary (Mary Kennedy)
Tue	15 0900	Madeleine Paul RIP (Charlotte Burke & Family)
Wed	16	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	17 1100	FUNERAL MASS: Edward Collins RIP
Fri	18 0900	Mary Quigley RIP (M & W Joyce & Family)
Sat	19 1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 May 2018		PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)
Sat	19 1800	Mary & Michelle Moody RIP (Moody Family)
Sun	20 0830	Mike Gielty RIP (J & N Slattery & Family)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Suhail Michael RIP (Nadia Michael & Family)

LAST SUNDAY	
Attendance	555
Plate	£ 537.72
Gift Aid	£ 658.90
	<u>£ 1,196.62</u>

Gift Aid by standing order—April **£ 2,242.16**

Thank you for your offerings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Edward Collins, and remember especially in your prayers at this time his wife Mercedes and son Christopher. His Requiem Mass is here on Thursday 17 May at 11.00am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Peter Barry, Rostam Bayandor, Marie Jeanne Bheemul, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Patrick Gill, Court Guinness, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Peter Millard, Michael Moores, 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.

COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day this Sunday, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference. Prayer cards to mark the day are available from the church.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25 May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let either me or Vivienne (the parish secretary) know if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Bernard Winn

SUTTON DEANERY REFUGEE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP GROUP have welcomed the Syrian family of Mum, Dad and 3 little girls. Their arrival was mentioned during the annual Migrants Mass at St Georges' Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday. We are the first group in Southwark Diocese to welcome a Syrian family. We are helping them to settle in to their new surroundings. As one can imagine, everything is strange for them. Many thanks for the generosity so many parishioners have shown. We do not need any more donations of household goods or toys. Thank you so much for your support.

Jackie McLoughlin MBE Project Manager

CYCLING TO SANTIAGO IN AID OF THE NOMNTU PROJECT

On 16 May Chris Devereux and a fellow Catenian will start a cycle ride from Le Puy en Velay in Central France to Santiago de Compostela in Western Spain, a distance of just over 1000 miles. The object is to raise necessary funds for the The Nomntu Project, the charity he and Jane operate in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. To donate, please visit www.nomntu.org or take a Nomntu envelope from the church. Parish Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Nomntu' on the front. Chris will be offering his prayers on this ancient pilgrimage route for those in need in South Africa and for St Christopher's parishioners.