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£1,000 TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO DUBLIN WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

On 21—26 August this year the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will take place in Dublin. Its highlight is a visit by Pope Francis.

During the WMOF, there will be a wide-ranging programme of talks and workshops for adults, events for young people and various activities for children. That's in addition to exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances plus daily Mass.

All are welcome at this important and joyful international gathering. Why not plan a visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday?

A £1,000 bursary is being offered to enable a family to do so. A condition is that after the event you would share the fruits of your experiences in Dublin with your local parish or school and other people.

The deadline is 31 January so time is of the essence. To find out more, contact Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond now on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

APPLICATIONS FOR ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NURSERY INTAKE 2018/19

The closing date for applications for Foundation 1 is 31 January 2018 for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. Please contact the school office on 020 8337 4566 or via email on office@stcecilias.school if you wish to apply for a place or to check that your child's application is complete.

SUNDAY COFFEE HELPERS ROTA

Many of you enjoy the refreshments in the hall after the 10.00am Mass which are prepared and served by a group of volunteers. More volunteers are needed to join the six weekly rota to help with these refreshments. Please consider joining the rota to ensure that this much appreciated parish activity continues. To offer your help or to find out more about what is involved contact Vivienne in the parish office by phone or email.

CHURCH CLEANING—MORE HELPERS STILL NEEDED

Would you be willing to join a small group for an hour or so after Mass on a Thursday or Friday morning just once every six weeks to dust and vacuum the church? If you would like to help or find out more about what is involved, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

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.

NEWSLETTER

14 January 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| 18 — 25 Jan | Church Unity Octave
Week of prayer for Christian Unity |
| Fri 19 Jan | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm
in the parish hall |
| Sat 20 Jan | Saturday Social Circle 3.30pm in the parish hall |
| Sun 21 Jan | Christian Unity Service at Our Lady of the Rosary,
Sutton 7.00pm |
| Sun 4 Feb | Cake Sale in the hall after all Masses |
| 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 |

14 January 2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat	13	1800	In Thanksgiving (John & Erica Hawker)
Sun	14	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Stephen Slattery RIP & Slattery Family (S & G Kavanagh & Family)
		1200	Intentions of Bridie O'Sullivan
Mon	15	1000	Catherine Waterhouse RIP (Eileen Mullarkey)
Tue	16	0900	Wellbeing of Terry McNair (Valerie Mann)
Wed	17		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	18	0900	Rita Brownrigg RIP (Kathleen Duignan)
Fri	19	0900	Chris Kelly RIP (Gielty Family)
Sat	20	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

21 January 2018 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat	20	1800	Sheila Eglington RIP (Carol Cook)
Sun	21	0830	Sylvio Bheemul RIP & Gladys Barron RIP (Jeanne Bheemul)
		1000	Mary Quigley RIP (Pereira Family)
		1200	People of the Parish

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	557
	Plate	£ 449.06
	Gift Aid	<u>£ 607.31</u>
		<u>£ 1,056.37</u>

Gift Aid by standing order—December **£ 2,198.16**

Thank you for your offerings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE (for those who live alone)

The next meeting of the Saturday Social Circle is on **Saturday 20 January** at 3.30pm in the parish hall. We will have a discussion about our programme for the year followed by a Beetle Drive.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

This year's octave of prayer for Christian Unity is from 18 until 25 January when the Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

All are warmly invited to join Sutton and Cheam Churches Together on **Sunday 21 January at 7.00pm** for a service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 2 St Barnabas Road, Sutton SM1 4NL.

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2018

All parishioners, especially those with any Goan connections, are welcome to a special Mass at 2.00pm at St John Fisher Church 207, Cannon Hill Lane SW20 9NQ to pray for the beatification of Venerable Fr Agnelo de Souza. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the hall. Do invite friends and come along with a plate of food/drink for general sharing. Contact Rita Aguiar on 020 8542 0885 for further details.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (phone 020 8397 2683) on **Friday 26 January**. Dancing from 8.30pm until 11.30pm featuring Mary & New Counties with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door. All profits go to charities eg The Princess Alice Hospice, The Children's Trust and others.

CAKE SALE—SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

The young people who were confirmed last November and their families are holding a cake sale after all Masses on Sunday 4 February to raise further funds for the two charities they supported last year. The charities are i:peace, which aims to directly support, promote and raise awareness of peace, justice, human rights and non-violence issues, and Don Bosco Ashalayam, working for the rehabilitation of street and destitute children in Kolkata.

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.