

CAFOD FRUGAL LUNCH—THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER (Please note change of date)

We will be sharing a simple lunch on Thursday at 12.30pm in the parish hall to raise money for CAFOD. Please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office as soon as possible if you would like to join us.

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) is on **Saturday 20 October, 2.30—4.30pm**, when we will be holding a quiz in the parish hall.

INTRODUCTION TO YOGA

There was a great response to the recent Yoga event organised by the Parish Social Committee and many thanks go to Iole Beattie, the Yoga instructor, for giving her time and expertise. The event was so popular that a second session was arranged to accommodate all those interested. Iole has since been inundated with requests to run Yoga classes in the parish hall on a regular basis. She is giving this serious consideration, so please watch this space if you are one of the many interested in coming to a Yoga class here.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (tel 020 8397 2683) on **Friday 26 October**. Dancing from 8.30—11.30pm, featuring Eugene Doonan, with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. We donate all monies to various charities eg The Children’s Trust, The Princess Alice Hospice, Guide Dogs and others.

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING will be held on **Wednesday 17 October** (external students at 6.15pm and Richard Challoner students at 7.00pm).

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION (CGA)

The CGA’s mission and purpose is to keep Prayer at the Heart of the Family and to pass on the Faith. For information about the CGA and the latest newsletter, please visit: www.catholicgrandparetnsassociation.org

CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE!

HOST UK offers you the opportunity to engage in an extra special Christmas-time by opening your home to an international student for whom the alternative would be marking time in lonely halls of residence, far from home and loved ones. Your guest will be keen to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture and keen to share those of their home country. Your hospitality will be a unique gift, invariably remembered and treasured. If you should like to know more, please visit www.hostuk.org

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NEWSLETTER

14 October 2018

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Parish Diary:

- Mon 15 Oct** **Deanery Prayer Group** 8.00pm St Margaret’s, Carshalton Beeches *(see inside for details)*
- Wed 17 Oct** Please note: **no Craft Circle meeting** in the hall tonight
- Thu 18 Oct** **CAFOD Frugal Lunch** 12.30pm in the parish hall *(NB change of date)*
- Sat 20 Oct** **Saturday Social Circle** (for those who live alone) **2.30—4.30pm** in the parish hall
- Fri 26 Oct** **St Christopher’s Craft Circle** 10.30am—12.30pm
- Wed 31 Oct** **St Christopher’s Craft Circle** 7.00—9.00pm
- 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 October 2018		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
Sat	13 1800	Danjoe Kiely RIP (Courtney Family)
Sun	14 0830	Stephen Slattery RIP (Margaret & Joe McGrath)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Burke Family (O'Donnell Family)
Mon	15 1000	Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
		Intentions of Ann Creaney & Family (Mary Kirwan & Family)
Tue	16 0900	Special Intention (W & M Joyce)
Wed	17	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	18 0900	Saint Luke, Evangelist, Feast
		Janet & Dave Pinfield (Golden Wedding)
Fri	19 0900	Eileen & John O'Callaghan RIP (Tricia O'Callaghan)
Sat	20 1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	1700-1730)	

21 October 2018		TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
Sat	20 1800	James Hawker RIP Anniversary (Hawker Family)
Sun	21 0830	Philip Dyson RIP Anniversary (Jim & Kitty Dyson)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Deceased & Living Members of St Christopher's Catholic Cycling Club (Old Members Association)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	564
	Plate	£ 481.26
	Gift Aid	£ 550.82
		£ 1,032.08 <i>Thank you for your offerings.</i>

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Our parish raised **£1,310.87** which will mean more families around the world have what they need to survive and thrive, now and into the future. Thank you to everyone for your generosity which will change lives.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: This weekend is the fourth and final weekend when everyone who is in attendance, including young children, babies and altar servers, is counted. Once again, we thank the parishioners who take up the collections every weekend and do the head count.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Pasquale Divito, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday 25 October at 12.30pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Jill Atkin, Peter Barry, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Patrick Gill, Sean Healy, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghyllaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Sr Adelina of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit is making the Annual Mission Appeal at all Masses this weekend. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Missionary Sisters. Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Annual Mission Appeal' on the front.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION DAY when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. This collection goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Parish Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Missio' clearly on the front.

DEANERY PRAYER GROUP

This group comprising people from different parishes in the deanery has been meeting on a monthly basis, generally on a Monday, for a number of years and will be meeting at St Christopher's in April next year. Their prayer format follows Lectio Divina and includes intercessions for the needs of the deanery and the particular parish in which they meet. The next meeting of the Deanery Prayer Group will be held this **Monday 15 October** at St Margaret's, Carshalton Beeches at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THE ABORTION BILL

The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children has produced postcards, which are available from the back of the church, so that you can send a message to your MP urging them to vote against this dangerous bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on **Tuesday 23 October 2018**.