

### CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has updated its advice to Dioceses and Parishes regarding the necessary measures to be taken to combat the spread of the Coronavirus, as follows:

- If you are vulnerable, i.e. elderly, have a weakened immune system, a long term condition such as cancer, diabetes or heart disease, you are recommended to refrain from large parish gatherings.
- If you or members of your family have cold or 'flu symptoms, you are asked not to attend the church or parish functions.
- Hand cleansers will be available at the church entrances, when supplies are obtainable. In the meantime, you are asked to use your own.
- Holy Water stoops have been emptied.
- A limited number of Mass sheets will be supplied for single use and the newsletter will be published but you are asked to take your copies home and not leave them in the church.
- Holy Communion will only be given in the form of the host and on the hand. Ministers will have washed and sanitised their hands and will avoid hand to hand contact.
- There will be no sign of peace.
- Hymn books will be not be used to avoid cross contamination.
- Collection baskets will not be passed round. Buckets for the collection will be placed at the inner church entrances.
- To avoid cross-contamination, catering (teas, coffees, etc) has been suspended and the parish kitchen is locked.
- The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus.
  - ◆ Catch it—sneeze into a tissue
  - ◆ Bin it—bin the tissue
  - ◆ Kill it—wash your hands with soap and water
  - ◆ Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands

### TEACHING VACANCIES AT ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Details of these vacancies can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church.

### 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.

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## NEWSLETTER

15 March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent (A)



<b>Tue, Thu &amp; Fri</b>	Mass is at <u>9.30am</u> (for a trial period)
<b>Fri 20 Mar</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> after 9.30am Mass
<b>Sat 21 Mar</b>	<b>Lent Writing Workshop</b> 10.30am-12.30pm in the hall <b>Saturday Social Circle</b> 2.30pm National Trust Café, Morden Hall Park First Holy Communion Class 3 4.15pm
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45—11.15am (term time)
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b>

*As a result of the current Coronavirus situation, the following activities have been suspended for the time being:*

**Refreshments** in the hall after Mass & all catering (the kitchen is closed)

**Craft Circle** meetings

<b>15 March 2020</b>		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b>
Sat	14 1800	Patrick & Lillian Kieran & Family
Sun	15 0830	People of the Parish
	1000	Winifred Brennan RIP (Teresa Hobbs & Family)
	1200	Brenda O'Brien RIP Anniversary (Patrick O'Brien)
Mon	16 1000	Gerard Kerr RIP (Geraldine Kerr)
Tue	17 <b>0930</b>	<b>Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Feast</b> Patrick Kirwan RIP Anniversary (Mary Kirwan & Family)
Wed	18	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	19 <b>0930</b>	<b>SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity</b> Maria Teresa Smith RIP Anniversary (Joanne Smith)
Fri	20 <b>0930</b>	Jerome Mendes (80th Birthday)
	1000	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat	21 1030-1100 )	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	1700-1730 )	

<b>22 March 2020</b>		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b>
Sat	21 1800	John O'Neil RIP Anniversary (Mary Jurkiewicz)
Sun	22 0830	Pat Joyce RIP (J & N Slattery)
	1000	Chitral Stambo RIP (Rohini & Udani Stambo)
	1200	People of the Parish

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	500
	Plate	<b>£ 406.43</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 607.90</b>
		<b>£ 1,014.33</b> <i>Thank you for your offerings.</i>

#### NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

Please collect your new box of Gift Aid envelopes from the back of the church. Even if you contribute by standing order, please take your box of envelopes for use in second and special collections.

#### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Our parish raised a fantastic **£840.30** for CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Your support will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need to flourish. Thank you for fasting in solidarity, and please keep our sisters and brothers in your prayers throughout Lent.

**Please note** that the **CAFOD Lent lunch** (due to be held on Friday 20 March) has been **cancelled**.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Archbishop Peter Smith who died peacefully last weekend.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Gill Atkin, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Jim Carbery, Basil Cousins, Carmel Curtis, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Evelyn Frost, Hilda Gill, Sean Healy, John Hickey, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Emilia Pell, Leslie Pinto, Pat Quinn, Catherine Thompson, Denis Vaughan, Christopher Vaughan and Nickii Wright.

#### 'RED BOX' THANK YOU AND APPEAL

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Paul Mooney MHM to give the five-yearly Red Box Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission—Missio—and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** meets on **Monday 16 March**, 8.00-9.00pm, at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton. Contact Matthew David 07920 788949 for more information.

#### WRITING THE LENTEN PATH—SATURDAY 21 MARCH, 10.30am—12.30pm

Why not carve out a little time and space to explore some Lenten themes through different kinds of writing? No expertise is needed as you write for yourself, sharing only if you wish to, in this creative, reflective and supportive environment. If you are interested, please contact Violet De Souza (violet.de@blueyonder.co.uk).

#### ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION—CANCELLED

Following the published advice regarding the Coronavirus, the Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection due to take place on Saturday 21 March has been cancelled. It is hoped to reschedule this event at a later date.

#### SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) is on **Saturday 21 March** at 2.30pm. Meet in the National Trust Café at Morden Hall Park.

#### NOTRE DAME SOUTHWARK REUNION—SUNDAY 29 MARCH, 10.00am—4.15pm

Notre Dame old girls (Southwark & Battersea) are welcome to this reunion with Mass and lunch. To come please email Patricia White (pw@spaceff.com).

**THE RESTART A HEART** event on Monday was well supported and another demonstration session may be organised later in the year. Donations for St John Ambulance Brigade amounting to £60 were much appreciated; further contributions would be welcome and may be handed into the parish office.