

2019 SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

Copies of this useful directory which gives details of Catholic churches and Mass times for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation are on sale at £3 from the book rack at the back of the church. Please place the correct money in the 'Newspapers' box in the front porch of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING—MORE HELPERS NEEDED

We are really short of helpers on the church cleaning rota. Would you be willing to join a small group to dust and vacuum the church on a Thursday or Friday morning for an hour or so after Mass just once every six weeks? It is not an onerous job and keeps our church looking bright and clean. If you would like to lend a hand or find out more about what is involved, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

SUNDAY COFFEE—HELPERS NEEDED

The refreshments that are served in the hall after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday are much appreciated by all who come. More helpers are needed to join the rota to prepare and serve the refreshments with a small team. If you would be willing to help just once every six weeks, please contact Vivienne in the parish office as soon as possible.

PARKING FOR PARISHIONERS

Our car park is relatively small and we ask parishioners to park neatly in the marked bays and avoid blocking cars in, parking in the spaces reserved for disabled badge holders and across the entrance to the church. The cooperation of all is much appreciated.

APPLICATIONS FOR ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - INTAKE 2019/20

The closing date for applications for **Foundation 1** (Nursery), for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, and **Foundation 2** (Reception) for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, is 15 January 2019. To apply for a place or check that your child's application is complete contact the school office on 020 8337 4566 or email office@stcecilias.school Full details about our admissions process and how to book a guided tour of the school can be found on the school website at www.stcecilias.school

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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Diocesan Website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk



NEWSLETTER

16 December 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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| Fri 21 Dec | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sun 23 Dec | Nine Lessons and Carols 6.00pm at St Dunstan's C of E, Cheam |
| Wed 26 Dec -
Fri 28 Dec | No Mass
Parish Office Closed |
| Mon 31 Dec -
Fri 4 Jan | No Mass
Parish Office Closed |
| Weekly Wed
Fri
Sun | Toddler Group 9.45—11.15am (term time)
Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass
10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall after Mass |

16 December 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Sat	15	1800	Maureen Lukeman RIP (Sylvia Cattini)
Sun	16	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Norman Waldron RIP Anniversary (Nan Waldron & Family)
		1200	Ned & Sheila Horan RIP & Mary Jones RIP (Geraldine Doyle)
Mon	17	1000	Ian Venture RIP
Tue	18	0900	John, Stephen & Rachel Duffy (Mary Kirwan)
Wed	19		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	20	0900	Stephen Slattery RIP (W & M Joyce)
Fri	21	0900	Charlie & Kevin Hayden RIP (Nicola Humphries & Family)
Sat	22	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

23 December 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Sat	23	1800	Nora & Steve McDonagh RIP (Sarah Ball)
Sun	24	0830	Mary Quigley RIP
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Jim Cattini RIP (Sylvia Cattini)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	514
	Plate	£ 553.24
	Gift Aid	£ 516.82
		<u>£ 1,070.06</u>

Thank you for your offerings.

GIFT AID LETTERS

A significant tax return filing deadline falls on 31 January 2019. Anyone still requiring a letter setting out their Gift Aid contributions should take note it can take a week to produce such letters and that the information contained in the letters can only be sent out by mail and not by email. Please allow plenty of time when requesting such letters.

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 Luigi Marciano. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Monday 7 January at 11.00am.

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, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please take one of the Christmas Services cards, giving the times of Confessions and Masses over the Christmas period, which are available from the church.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS, ALTAR SERVERS & COLLECTORS

Please add your name to the list in the Sacristy if you are able to help at one of the Christmas Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

The closing date for registration for next year's First Holy Communion Programme is this Sunday 16 December.

If your child is in Primary School Year 3 (or above) and you would like to enrol them in next year's First Holy Communion Programme—if **you feel they are ready**—please take a Registration Form from the church and complete and hand it in this Sunday.

If your child is accepted, classes for him or her will start in March on Saturday afternoons, and First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of 15/16 June 2019.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

St Dunstan's, Cheam extend a warm invitation to parishioners to join them for their Nine Lessons and Carols service on **Sunday 23 December** at 6.00pm.

FAMILY NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

Last Sunday the Children's Liturgy Group organised a delightful Nativity play for the children of the parish, which was much enjoyed by all who came, and by all who took part. A collection was taken for Sutton Night Watch, a local charity that supports homeless people, which raised £137.49. Many thanks to the Children's Liturgy Group and to everyone for their support and generosity.