

## WRITING WORKSHOP—WRITING THE LENTEN PATH

**10.30am—12.30pm on Saturday 21 March at St Christopher's Parish Hall**

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](mailto:violet.de@blueyonder.co.uk)).

**THE ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION**, organised by Sutton Deanery, will take place on **Saturday 21 March** at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green, from 10.30am—2.00pm. This year has been declared the Year of The Word and Fr Victor Darlington BTh, SSL, STD will speak on the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome.

## “THE GOD WHO SPEAKS” – YEAR OF THE WORD 2020

To mark the special Year of the Word Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on **Saturday 27 June**. More details will be published in due course, but please save the date in your diary.

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP** is a group for Catholic adults living, working or staying in London to meet for regular social and networking events. Please contact us on our Facebook page or [londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com) For our next event we are meeting on **Sunday 1 March** for 10.30am sung Latin Mass at St James Spanish Place W1U 3QY, followed by a walk in Regent's Park and lunch afterwards at Pizza Express Baker Street at 2.00pm. We aim to visit a different parish church each month; please join us in exploring new parishes and making new friends. If attending please contact Andrew Law on 07787231798.

**EXAM INVIGILATORS** required from April 2020 at The John Fisher School, Peaks Hill, Purley. Please see church notice board for details.

**FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND**, celebrating the feast of St Patrick. Full details can be found on church notice boards. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278, 07740175557, email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7513

## 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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[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

## NEWSLETTER

**16 February 2020**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

#### Diary Dates:

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| <b>Tue, Thu &amp; Fri</b> | <b>Mass is at <u>9.30am</u></b> (for a trial period)                               |
| <b>Wed 19 Feb</b>         | <b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 7.00—9.00pm                                   |
| <b>Fri 28 Feb</b>         | <b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 10.30am—12.30pm                               |
| <b>Mon 9 Mar</b>          | <b>Restart a Heart</b> (CPR demonstration session) 7.30pm                          |
| <b>Sat 21 Mar</b>         | <b>Lent Writing Workshop</b> 10.30am—12.30pm in the Parish Hall                    |
|                           | <b>ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION</b> 10.30am—2.00pm<br>Holy Family Church, Sutton Green |
| <b>Wed )</b>              | <b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45—11.15am (term time)                                      |
| <b>Fri ) Weekly</b>       | Coffee in the hall after 9.30am Mass   |
| <b>Sun )</b>              | <b>10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b><br>Refreshments in the hall after Mass     |

**16 February 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	15	1800	Niall Murnane RIP & Deceased Family Members (Joan Murnane)
Sun	16	0830	John & Anastasia Egan RIP (Gielty Family)
		1000	Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary (Joan Twohig & Family)
		1200	People of the Parish
Mon	17	1000	Father Philip McGuinness RIP
Tue	18	<b>1015</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Mary Elizabeth Dancy RIP
Wed	19		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	20	<b>0930 *</b>	Glenna McKenna RIP Anniversary (Ann Eddleston)
Fri	21	<b>0930 *</b>	Father Gordon Albion RIP
Sat	22	1030-1100 )	
		1700-1730 )	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		*	<b>Please note Mass time</b>

**23 February 2020 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	22	1800	Kathleen Loughlin RIP Anniversary (Loughlin Family)
Sun	23	0830	William Joyce RIP (Marie Grant)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Gladys McGrath RIP Anniversary (Mulligan Family)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	474	<b>Racial Justice</b>
	Plate	<b>£ 462.52</b>	Plate
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 554.00</b>	Gift Aid
		<b>£1,016.52</b>	<b>£257.64</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Elizabeth Dancy**, whose Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 18 February at 10.15am. There will be a reception in the parish hall afterwards, to which all parishioners who knew Elizabeth are invited.

**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, Catherine Thompson, Denis Vaughan, Christopher Vaughan and Nickii Wright.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Please collect a copy of the new rota, which starts next weekend, from the Sacristy.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** will next meet on **Monday 17 February** at 8.00pm at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton, SM5 2JD. All are welcome.

**GIFT AID APPEAL**

Once a year Fr Bernard makes an appeal for more people to join the Gift Aid scheme. This is to remind everyone of its importance. All offerings made under the scheme in effect attract a 25% “bonus” from the government. All those of you who are not yet members of the Gift Aid scheme are invited to consider joining

You must be a taxpayer to join. Any taxpayer who does not take advantage of the scheme turns down a free gift from the government!

You do not need to reside in the parish to join the scheme.

You will be under no obligation to contribute and can cease doing so at any time.

If you would like to join, please ask Vivienne in the parish office for a form.

A few points to bring to the attention of existing members of the scheme:

- If you cease to be a taxpayer, you should inform the parish.
- If you use the envelopes to make your offerings and miss a week, there is no need to use that envelope. Simply put two (or more) weeks offerings in the next envelope.
- If you do make your offerings by using the envelopes, please consider changing to a standing order. This will have a significantly beneficial impact on the counting process and also on the administration of the scheme.
- If you do make your offerings by standing order, please remember that you should use your envelopes for all second and special collections including Christmas and Easter. The effect of doing this will benefit the parish by boosting these offerings by 25%.
- Also, if you are making your offerings by standing order, please do not feel embarrassed about passing on the plate. If you put a small amount of loose cash in the plate, that will accumulate to a significant sum over time, but not be subject to the additional 25% “bonus” from the government.

Many thanks to all of you who already make use of the scheme.

**RESTART A HEART—TEACHING THE LIFE SAVING SKILL OF CPR DEMONSTRATION SESSION - MONDAY 9 MARCH**

Restart a Heart Day is an annual event to teach as many people as possible the life saving skill of CPR. A volunteer from the St John Ambulance Brigade will hold a demonstration session in the parish hall on **Monday 9 March** at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome. It would be helpful to get an idea of numbers, so please email or phone the parish office if you wish to attend. If demand is high a second session will be organised at a later date.