

A LIFETIME OF LOVING—A CELEBRATION OF YOUR MARRIAGE

A day in which married couples can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married will be held on **Saturday 9 March** at St Teresa's Church Hall, Maidstone Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TX, 9.45am—4.30pm. Booking is essential: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or 07983 524 727.

GOODBYE TO CAFOD'S CONNECT2 PROJECT AND WELCOME TO HANDS ON

CAFOD would like to thank us for supporting the community of Sebeya through their project Connect2:Ethiopia over the last three years. Whilst their work in Ethiopia goes on, CAFOD has invited us to start a new journey with young people in Colombia. *Hands On* is a programme that will take our parish on a peace building mission in Colombia. Our donations will be used to support people from the Magdalena Medio region by promoting a culture of peace and reconciliation. Over the next three years, CAFOD will be working with 34 secondary schools and with local youth and women's groups. Students will be taught how to respond to conflict situations with words rather than physical violence and they will be shown how to pass on what they have learned, in school, at home and in their wider community.

Please continue to place your donations in the CAFOD box at the back of the church which will be sent off to *Hands On: Magdalena Medio*.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR is sought to join the Diocesan Safeguarding team in SE1. Further details can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church. To apply please email your CV to sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk by 22 February 2019.

NEW PILGRIM PATH WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

"New Pilgrim Path" is a website aimed at introducing parishioners to the great wealth of Christian resources on the Internet. It was inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the Internet as offering immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. Each week a "Website of the Week" is featured and the recommendation this week is:

Just 500 years or so after the death of Christ, the first monks arrived on Skellig Michael, an island 12km from Ireland's south west coast, lying at the very edge of the then known world. The monastery that they established in this inhospitable environment remains one of the most remarkable testaments to human faith on earth. The ancient history of Skellig Michael, its sacredness as a place, its influence on Christianity, and its breath-taking beauty are all explored through words and images on the featured website of the week at www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

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NEWSLETTER

17 February 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

- Wed 20 Feb** **St Christopher's Craft Circle** 7.00—9.00pm
in the parish hall
- Fri 1 Mar** **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** for one
hour after 9.00am Mass
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Annual Service 10.30am at The Salvation Army Hall,
45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD
St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm
in the parish hall
- Mon 25 Mar** **Parish Social Event:** a Musical Evening with
Joe Valdes 7.30pm
- 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

17 February 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat	16	1800	Nancy O’Gorman RIP (Le-Boeuf Family)
Sun	17	0830	John & Anastasia Egan RIP (Gielty Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Hannah O’Donnell RIP (Margaret Lynch)
Mon	18	1000	Stephen Slattery RIP (Barry Devine & Family)
Tue	19	0900	Mary Reynolds RIP (Kieran Family)
Wed	20		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	21	0900	Jean & Sylvio Bheemul RIP (Jeanne Bheemul)
Fri	22	0900	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle, Feast Nancy O’Gorman RIP (Michael O’Sullivan)
Sat	23	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

24 February 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat	23	1800	People of the Parish
Sun	24	0830	Gladys Barron RIP (Jeanne Bheemul)
		1000	Elizabeth Syron RIP (W & M Joyce)
		1200	Private Intentions of Nadia Michael

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	515
	Plate	£ 587.74
	Gift Aid	£ 549.33
		<u>£1,137.07</u>

Thank you for your offerings.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This Sunday is a day on which we are all called to pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is ‘Dignity for All Workers’, recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace.

There will be a second collection to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Parish Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing ‘Racial Justice’ clearly on the front.

You are invited to take a Racial Justice Sunday prayer card from the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Gill Atkin, Peter Barry, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Jim Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Evelyn Frost, Hilda Gill, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Larry Keany, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Christopher Vaughan, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

ALTAR SERVERS are kindly reminded, if they have not yet done so, to collect a copy of the new rota from the sacristy. The rota starts next weekend, 23/24 February.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM STATUE: VISIT TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Slipper Chapel will soon visit St George's Cathedral in Southwark as part of her ongoing Dowry Tour of visitations to the Catholic Cathedrals of England. The visit will take place between **21—23 February**. There is an extensive programme (see www.dowrytour.org.uk) and Archbishop Peter will be presiding at the closing Mass on Saturday 23 February at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019—FRIDAY 1 MARCH

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic, and they share the hopes they have for the future. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers.

All are warmly invited to a World Day of Prayer Service at The Salvation Army Hall, 45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD at 10.30am on Friday 1 March. Refreshments will be served after the service.

An evening service will be held at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church of The Good Shepherd, Sandy Lane N, Bandonhill, Wallington.

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.