

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS?

Thank you to those of you who came to the open sessions last week to see what is involved in being a reader at Mass. We look forward to hearing you in the future.

Reading at Mass is an important ministry that brings the Word of God to everyone. We are still in need of more readers for all Masses but especially the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses. The more readers we have the better it is for covering absences such as holidays and work commitments and illness etc. If you feel you could read at Mass please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office and we will be in touch with you to arrange a mutual time to practise and assess whether you would like to read.

A TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE will be held on **Friday 31 March** at 8.00pm at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton. It is particularly to pray for peace. All welcome.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (tel: 020 8397 2683) **Friday 31 March**. Dancing from 8.30—11.30pm, featuring Walter Kennedy, with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door. The Association supports various local charities including The Children's Trust, Air Ambulance, Guide Dogs.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION'S First Annual Retreat/Conference is taking place on **26/27 April 2017** in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght in Dublin. This is designed especially to help Grandparents and Families who are anxious to pass on the Catholic Faith and who are challenged by this. All welcome, early booking essential. Further information from Connie on 00 353 98 24877 or email: catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL—CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1882-2017 ALUMNAE EVENT 13 JULY 2017
If you are a former student of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon, or know someone who is, and would be interested to learn more, please register your interest and email Alumnae@uhsw.com. Many thanks.

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL, PURLEY is currently looking to employ a **Site Assistant** and a **Cover Supervisor**. Further details are on the notice board in the front porch of the church or: www.johnfisherschool.org/page/vacancies

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN CROYDON is establishing an association of former students. If you would like to know more please email alumni@st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk or telephone 020 8688 3837

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NEWSLETTER

19 March 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Parish Diary:

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| Wed 22 Mar | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm |
| Fri 24 Mar | Stations of the Cross after 9.00am Mass
CAFOD Lent Lunch 12.30pm in the hall |
| Sat 25 Mar | First Holy Communion Class 3 4.15pm |
| Fri 31 Mar | Stations of the Cross after 9.00am Mass
St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sun 2 Apr | 10am Mass with children's & young people's participation |

Weekly:

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| Wed | Toddler Group 9.45-11.15am (term time) |
| Fri | Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass |
| Sun | Children's Liturgy at 10.00am Mass
Refreshments in the hall after 10.00am Mass |

19 March 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sat	18	1800	People of the Parish
Sun	19	0830	Brenda O'Brien RIP Anniversary (Pat O'Brien)
		1000	Rosemary Millard RIP Anniversary (David Millard)
		1200	Paddy Clare RIP Anniversary (Mike Clare)
Mon	20	1000	SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity Gladys Hogg RIP
Tue	21	0900	SCCF
Wed	22		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	23	0900	Nell Ryan RIP (Norah Godman)
Fri	24	0900	Alan Paxton RIP & Wellbeing of Stella Paxton
		0930	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat	25	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

26 March 2017 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Sat	25	1800	Sean Kennedy RIP (Anne Kennedy & Family)
Sun	26	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Gavin D'Souza RIP Anniversary (Helen & Dan D'Souza)
		1200	Bridget Naughton RIP (Kisz Family)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	548
	Plate	£ 512.18
	Gift Aid	£ 585.70
		<u>£ 1,097.88</u>

Thank you for your offerings.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Fr Barry Angus, who died on 11 March. Fr Barry was parish priest at Holy Family, Sutton Green and subsequently at St Margaret's, Carshalton Beeches until his retirement last year.

Maureen Berkerey, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Monday 27 March at 10.45am.

Viviene Smith, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 28 March at 10.00am.

Please remember their families and friends in your prayers at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Daisy Bushnell, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Richard Dancy, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Peter Mann, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and a parishioner.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This Lent Fast Day our parish raised **£735.67** for CAFOD. Thank you for your support. This incredible amount will help more hardworking people like Florence in Zambia to turn something as small as a tiny fish into something amazing, like an education for her children.

A CAFOD LENT LUNCH will be held on **Friday 24 March** at 12.30pm in the hall. Please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office as soon as possible if you would like to come.

NOTICE FOR GIFT AID DONORS

The new boxes of Gift Aid envelopes are available for collection again this weekend. If you haven't done so already, please collect your box from the back of the church. If you contribute by standing order, please take your box of envelopes for use in second and special collections. Thank you.

MARSDEN MARCH SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2017

This Sunday a young parishioner, Rebecca Holding, is walking the 14 mile Marsden March with Lucy Holding and Veronica Mouat to say thank you for her successful Leukaemia treatment. If you would like to sponsor them for this local charity, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Small-Steps2017>

MISSIO RED BOXES

Thank you to the parishioners who support the overseas missions through the Red Boxes. Last year your generous donations amounted to **£1,349.00**. Please bring your boxes for emptying to the parish office this month. Kindly ensure your name is on the underside of the box. Boxes will be returned to the front porch of the church for collection as usual.

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.