

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

3 months' accommodation from May is sought in the Sutton area for a Catholic, English speaking, Portuguese lady. She is a non-smoker and will be working at a local hospital, specialising in Oncology. If you can help, or know of anyone who can, then please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

AID WORKS - WHY WE SHOULD MAINTAIN THE FOREIGN AID BUDGET

Sutton for Peace and Justice invite you to a public meeting with speakers Graham Gordon of CAFOD and Tom Brake MP on **Friday 28 April**, 7.30–9.00pm (doors open at 7.00), at Sutton Quaker Meeting Hall, Cedar Road, Sutton SM2 5DA. Please reserve your place by email to sutton4peace@yahoo.co.uk or by text message to 07740 594496.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – MEGA YOUTH POLL

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Newcomers to the parish are always very welcome and are invited to take an 'Are you new to our parish?' leaflet from the front porch of the church and complete and return the enclosed form.

CHURCH CLEANING

We are still short of helpers to clean the church. If you would be willing to join a small team for an hour or so after Mass on a Thursday morning once every six weeks, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office. Thank you.

HEAVEN'S ROAD CATHOLIC ONLINE RADIO www.heavensroadfm.com is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience—they also broadcast over 40 daily Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from their website too.

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LENT NEWSLETTER

2 April 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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| Sun | 2 Apr | 10am Mass with children's & young people's participation |
| Mon | 3 Apr | Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm |
| Wed | 5 Apr | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm |
| Fri | 7 Apr | Stations of the Cross after 9.00am Mass |
| Sun | 9 Apr | PALM SUNDAY 10.00am Mass: Children to assemble in the hall before Mass to process into church |
| Thu | 13 Apr | MAUNDY THURSDAY
Church brassware cleaning in the hall 9.30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm followed by Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm |
| Fri | 14 Apr | GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross for Children 10.00am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm |
| Sat | 15 Apr | EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER 7.30pm |
| Sun | 16 Apr | EASTER SUNDAY |
| 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 |

2 April 2017**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Sat	1	1800	Catherine O'Donnell RIP (Fionnula & Chris Lovelock)
Sun	2	0830	Mary Dixon RIP (Granat Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Gary McHugh RIP (R & M Lynch)
Mon	3	1000	Good Estate of Ian Wells (John Doyle)
Tue	4	0900	Peter Kelleher RIP (Diver Family)
Wed	5		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	6	0900	Claudio Fabbro RIP (Mr & Mrs Ash)
Fri	7	0900	Laurence Danby RIP (Margaret Treacy)
		0930	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat	8	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

9 April 2017**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)**

Sat	8	1800	John & Kate Carolan RIP (O'Donnell Family)
Sun	9	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Diane Toner RIP (Tom McFadden)
		1200	Walter Malins RIP Anniversary (Elaine Malins)

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	559
Plate	£ 524.63
Gift Aid	£ 552.11
	<u>£ 1,076.74</u>

Thank you for your offerings.

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES CARDS

Please take one of the cards giving details of the liturgies during Holy Week and Easter from the back of the church or the side porch.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

This weekend the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (www.acnuk.org) is appealing at all Masses for support for their work around the world with Christians who are persecuted, suffering or in pastoral need.

A retiring collection will be taken for Aid to the Church in Need. Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Aid to the Church in Need' or 'ACN' clearly on the front.

After Mass you are invited to the hall where there is a stall selling a range of items connected to the work of ACN.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY and palm crosses will be distributed and blessed at all Masses. Children attending the 10.00am Mass are invited to assemble in the hall 10 minutes before the start of Mass in order to process into the church.

CHURCH BRASSWARE CLEANING

If you can spare an hour or so to help clean the church brassware for Easter, please come along to the hall at 9.30am on **Maundy Thursday, 13 March**.

NEW BOXES OF GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection 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.

YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him to renew your vows and celebrate a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on **Saturday 17 June** at St George's Cathedral. Close family are welcome too. Please give your names and contact details to Vivienne in the parish office and you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop Peter. Don't delay because the cut-off date is Sunday 30 April.

HAYDN'S 'SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST'

This concert is at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 12 April** in St Joseph's Church, New Malden, KT3 3QW. This hauntingly beautiful piece has seven movements; evoking the seven last words (sentences) of Christ on the cross. These are framed by an introduction and final 'Earthquake' movement. Adapted for string quartet by the composer in 1787, the piece was originally commissioned for a Good Friday Service in Cadiz, Spain. Tickets: £10; Under 18s: £5. This concert is a perfect opportunity for Holy Week Meditation.