

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) is on **Saturday 15 February** in the hall from 3.30—5.30pm. We shall be playing board games.

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

Restart a Heart Day is an annual event to teach as many people as possible the life saving skill of CPR. During October, volunteers ran free demonstration sessions for the public across the country. Attendees learned how to perform CPR and how to use a defibrillator. All St John Ambulance volunteers regularly practice CPR as part of the charity's intensive first aid training and many have used their skills to save a life.

A volunteer from the Brigade will hold a session in the parish hall on **Monday 9 March** (please note change of date) 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.

“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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND are advertising a part-time job (3 days a week, 9 month contract, £43,000 pa pro-rata, based near Waterloo station) for a Project Co-ordinator of “Climate Sunday”. On-line applications close at 9am on 10th February.

Climate Sunday will be a national event aimed to increase awareness and inspire action across the denominations in advance of the UN climate negotiations to be held in Glasgow in November.

Visit ctbi.org.uk and search for “Wanted Climate Sunday Project Coordinator”.

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.

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.

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NEWSLETTER

2 February 2020

The Presentation of The Lord (A)

Diary Dates:

- Tue, Thu & Fri** Mass is at 9.30am (for a trial period)
- Wed 5 Feb** St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm
- Mon 10—
Wed 12 Feb** Parish Office Closed
- Fri 14 Feb** St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.00am—12.00pm time tbc
- Sat 15 Feb** Saturday Social Circle 3.30—5.30pm in the hall
- Mon 9 Mar*** Restart a Heart (CPR demonstration session) 7.30pm
* Please note change of date
- Wed)** Toddler Group 9.45—11.15am (term time)
- Fri) Weekly** Coffee in the hall after 9.30am Mass
- Sun)** 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall after Mass

2 February 2020 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)

Sat	1	1800	Noel & Paddy Clare RIP (Mike Clare)
Sun	2	0830	Ivan Pedropillai's Intentions
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Michael Cleary RIP & Deceased Members of the Cleary & Healy Families (Anne Cleary)
Mon	3	1000	Carmelo, Joe & Tessi Ellul RIP (Mario & Lourdes Ellul)
Tue	4	0930 *	Nora Dolan RIP Anniversary (Mary Kirwan & Family)
Wed	5		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	6	0930 *	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial Sean Kirby RIP (Margaret Joyce & Family)
Fri	7	0930 *	William Joyce RIP (Eileen Mullarkey)
Sat	8	1030-1100)	1700-1730) Sacrament of Reconciliation

* **Please note Mass time**

9 February 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	8	1800	Allan D'Monte RIP (Tom McFadden)
Sun	9	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Deceased Members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre: John Doyle RIP, Larry Keany RIP, David Macfarlane RIP, Desmond Nugent RIP
		1200	Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary (Celia Hansberry)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	515
	Plate	£ 462.00
	Gift Aid	£ 615.40
		£ 1,077.40

Thank you for your offerings.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—9 FEBRUARY

Next weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice Sunday. The theme is "You are at the heart of the Church". It will celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. To support the Church in its work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken next weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Bob Green, whose Requiem Mass is on Monday 10 February at 11.00am, and remember especially his wife and his family in your prayers at this time.

Indra Pedropillai, and please remember her husband Ivan, their son and daughter, and all her family and friends in your prayers at this time. Indra's Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 14 February at 1.00pm.

Elizabeth Dancy, whose Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 18 February at 10.15am.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL PROJECT

I thank all who organised and came to the meeting on Monday 27 January. It was well attended (65 people) and many ideas and much enthusiasm were expressed.

There was a consensus about many things, including:

- ◆ that all Parish activities should become widely known,
- ◆ that all parishioners should be invited to join in and use their talents,
- ◆ that newcomers to the Parish should be made aware, not only of what the Parish can do for them, but also of what they can do for the Parish,
- ◆ that a sense of community should be fostered by social events,
- ◆ that members of the Parish Council should be identified so that suggestions (and criticisms) can be made.

Bernard Winn

ALTAR SERVERS

The new altar servers' rota is currently being prepared. Any young boy or girl who has made their First Holy Communion may apply to be on the rota and will need to complete an application form which is available from Fr Bernard.

FIRST FRIDAY: MASS, HEALING OF THE SICK, PRAYER, ADORATION & CONFESSION

Father Anthony Uche, OP, welcomes all to participate in the First Friday of the month programme at St Margaret's, Carshalton Beeches, commencing Friday 7 February with Mass at 9.30am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am—12 noon, Confession, 12.30pm Mass (For the Sick and Private Intentions), Anointing of the Sick.