

CONFIRMATION—9 NOVEMBER 2017

An invitation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is extended to adults and young people of the parish who will be in Year 8, or above, in September. Young people should consider carefully the advice offered by their parents; however, the decision to be Confirmed must be made by the person concerned. If you wish to be Confirmed, please take one of the Confirmation leaflets from the back of the church and complete and return the application form to the parish office by **Sunday 30 July 2017**.

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NBCW) - PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Women parishioners who may be interested in representing the views of women in our parish are invited to join a group of representatives from across the diocese to meet periodically. If you wish to become involved, please give your name and contact details to Vivienne in the parish office.

THE LIFE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be on **Saturday 15 July**, 12.00—5.00pm at 81 Foxley Lane, Purley, CR8 3HP, with all the usual attractions and more: music, strawberries, Ploughman's Lunch, Afternoon Tea, stalls. Tickets at the gate: Adults all day £8 for Lunch and Tea, Children (aged 3-12) £5 all day, Family Ticket: £20 all day. For further information please contact Jennifer Dodwell on 020 8660 3117 or Jenny Hopkin on 020 8660 1157 .

ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS' OPEN EVENING for prospective Year 7 entrants in September 2018 will be held on **Tuesday 4 July 2017**, 3.30—8.00pm, at the school in Pound Street, Carshalton SM5 3PS.

THE PRISON ADVICE & CARE TRUST (Pact), the Catholic Charity for prisoners and their families is offering free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience necessary. All enquiries welcome: 020 7735 9535, email ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk, or visit: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP provides an opportunity for Catholic children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside. For enquiries and bookings: www.svpboscocamp.org.uk or email bookings@boscocamp.co.uk

ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK, 8—11 AUGUST, WOLDINGHAM, SURREY

This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10—15. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, swimming. For more details visit: www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com or contact Fr Stephen Boyle, tel: 01322 220075, email: stanselm01@googlemail.com

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NEWSLETTER

2 July 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

This Sunday	10.00am Mass: Celebration with the First Holy Communion Children
Mon 3 Jul	Parish Social Evening: Talk by Marcus Armstrong 7.30pm in the hall
Fri 7 Jul	St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm
Mon 10 Jul	PARISH MEETING 8.00pm in the hall
Wed 12 Jul	St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm
<i>Weekly:</i>	<i>Wed Toddler Group</i> 9.45-11.15am (term time)
	<i>Fri Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass</i>
	<i>Sun 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</i> <i>Refreshments in the hall after Mass</i>

2 July 2017		THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Sat	1	1800	Thomas Kellegher RIP (Catherine Dugnan)
Sun	2	0830	Wellbeing of Rose McFadden (Tom McFadden)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Wellbeing of Jadwiga Brys Josef (Kisz Family)
Mon	3	1000	Saint Thomas, Apostle, Feast Margherita Dellagiovanpaola RIP (J & G Ash)
Tue	4	0900	Richard Lung RIP (Lung Family)
Wed	5		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	6	0900	Thomas Downey RIP Anniversary (Philomena Culbert & Family)
Fri	7	0900	Private Intention (Nadia Michael)
Sat	8	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

9 July 2017		FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
Sat	8	1800	Paraic Keady RIP Anniversary (Keady Family)
Sun	9	0830	Mary Quigley RIP (Margaret & Joe McGrath)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Mary McGorry RIP Anniversary (Patrick McGorry)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	544	
	Plate	£ 585.85	
	Gift Aid	£ 573.20	
		£ 1,159.05	<i>Thank you for your offerings.</i>

CONGRATULATIONS TO Benjamin Guy Chambers and Maksymilian Gregory Dragula who were baptized here last Sunday.

THE REQUIEM MASS for the repose of the soul of Patrick O'Callaghan will be on **Friday 7 July** at 12.30pm at St Cecilia's Church, North Cheam. His body will be received into the church on Thursday 6 July at 3.30pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Daisy Bushnell, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Pat Hanoman, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Betty Steward, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

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.

PETER'S PENCE: On Thursday, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, a collection was taken for Peter's Pence, which assists Pope Francis's charitable initiatives, helping him to spread his message of mercy. If you missed this collection, it is still possible to make a donation this weekend and there is a box at the back of the church. You can also donate online (and read about the causes that Peter's Pence supports), at: www.peterspence.va

NEXT WEEK IS SEA SUNDAY, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'AoS' on the front.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENING—MONDAY 3 JULY, 7.30pm

Everyone is warmly invited to come and hear Marcus Armstrong, who is involved with CPT (Christian Peacemaker Teams), give a talk about his personal experiences on the current situation facing refugees in Iraq and about his work in Northern Iraq supporting the local people in the region whose villages have recently been liberated from IS.

PARISH MEETING—MONDAY 10 JULY, 8.00pm

A meeting will be held at which parishioners can discuss the qualities they think to be appropriate in the successor to Archbishop Peter Smith. The present Archbishop is due to retire in 2018.

A summary of the opinions expressed will be forwarded by the Secretary of the Deanery Council of Priests to the Cathedral Canons who are responsible for forwarding three names to Rome.

The meeting can then proceed to discuss what advice it would like to give to the new Archbishop about how to staff with clergy the 180 parishes of the Diocese, bearing in mind that vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese are in sharp decline, and the average age of present clergy is very high.

FAREWELL TO GILL & PETER MILLARD

Well known parishioners, Gill and Peter Millard, have recently left Cheam and moved to Cambridgeshire to be near their family. Peter, an Emeritus Professor of Geriatrics at St George's, and his wife Gill were of great support to the present Parish Priest and the parish community for many years. Peter was Chairman of the Parish Council and a reader and Gill helped in many ways, including as a member of the church cleaning team. A Mass will be celebrated for their intentions on Sunday 10 September at 8.30am.