

**SUTTON DEANERY PRAYER GROUP** is a new initiative seeking to unite us in prayer with all parishes in the Sutton Deanery. The first meeting will be held on **Monday 21 May** at St Margaret's Church, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches at 8.00pm. We aim to visit other parishes in the Deanery in turn. Future meeting will normally take place on the 3rd Monday of each month.

**EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION** are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA, phone 020 8397 2683, on **Friday 25 May**. Dancing 8.30—11.30pm featuring Country Gem. Local parking, raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. All profits go to charity.

**THE DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION** Spring Assembly, Laudato Si', responding to the call of Pope Francis, will be at St Mary's Church, Croydon on **Saturday 2 June**, 10.30am—4.00pm, preceded by Mass at 10.00am celebrated by Bishop Lynch. Speaker Ellen Teague. Free event. Everyone welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS** is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 2 June** at 7.00pm at Noor Jahan, Sutton SM2 5BQ.

#### **ST JOHN'S SEMINARY—WONERSH ..... CAN YOU HELP?**

The Seminary, near Guildford, Surrey (which has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years) is looking for some help with the cost of re-decoration and refurbishment of its bedrooms, which have received little or no upgrading for 40+ years. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets, and curtains which are close to disintegration. Some of the beds and other furniture started their life in the Junior Seminary at Mark Cross, Sussex—which closed in 1970. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget, and there are no funds available for this much-needed work, which would cost in the region of £2,000 per room. A donation of £500 has been made from parish funds, but if you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to *St John's Seminary* to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX. If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please collect a form from the parish office, or ask Vivienne to email one to you.

#### **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.

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## NEWSLETTER



**20 May 2018**

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)**

#### **Parish Diary:**

- Mon 21 May** First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting 8.00pm  
**Sutton Deanery Prayer Group** 8.00pm  
St Margaret's Church, Carshalton Beeches
- Fri 25 May** **St Christopher's Craft Circle** 10.30am—12.30pm
- Fri 1 Jun** **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** for one hour after the 9.00am Mass
- Sun 3 Jun** **10am Mass with Children's & Young People's Participation**
- Mon 4 Jun** **Parish Social Event: Musical Evening** 7.30pm
- Weekly**
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| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45-11.15am (term time)                                  |
| <b>Fri</b> | Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass   |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b><br>Refreshments in the hall after Mass |

<b>20 May 2018</b>		<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)</b>	
Sat	19 1800	Mary & Michelle Moody RIP (Moody Family)	
Sun	20 0830	Mike Gielty RIP (J & N Slattery & Family)	
		1000 People of the Parish	
		1200 Suhail Michael RIP (Nadia Michael & Family)	
Mon	21 1000	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b>	
		Albert Mills	
Tue	22 0900	SCCF	
Wed	23	<i>No Mass</i>	
Thu	24 0900	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest, Feast</b>	
		Michael Ayres RIP (Love Family)	
Fri	25 0900	Michael Saraceno RIP Anniversary (June Saraceno)	
Sat	26 1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	1700-1730)		

<b>27 May 2018</b>		<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)</b>	
Sat	26 1800	Peter Warneford RIP (Kate & Don Ward)	
Sun	27 0830	Anne Kellett RIP (Parish Right to Life Group)	
		1000 People of the Parish	
		1200 Tom Gleeson RIP Anniversary (Gleeson Family)	
		1400 BAPTISM: Aithan Nathaniel Anglo	

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>		<b>Communications</b>	
Attendance	567	Plate	<b>£ 202.01</b>
Plate	<b>£ 463.45</b>	Gift Aid	<b>£ 215.52</b>
Gift Aid	<b>£ 543.16</b>		
	<b>£ 1,006.61</b>		<b>£ 417.53</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

### **SURVIVE-MIVA (MISSIONARY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION) APPEAL**

Next weekend an appeal will be made at all Masses on behalf of Survive-Miva, a Catholic Lay Association that provides funding for essential transport for the Church's healthcare work and pastoral support in isolated rural areas. A retiring collection will be taken. Parish Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Survive-Miva' clearly on the front.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Peter Barry, Rostam Bayandor, Marie Jeanne Bheemul, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Patrick Gill, Court Guinness, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Peter Millard, Michael Moores, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)**

As you may all be aware new data protection legislation comes into force on 25 May 2018, and will impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let either me or Vivienne (the parish secretary) know if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

*Bernard Winn*

### **YEAR-END GIFT AID LETTERS**

The new data protection regulations will not allow us to leave letters with names and addresses out in the church for people to collect. If you are a Parish Gift Aid Donor and would like a letter, please let Vivienne in the parish office know and one will be posted to you.

### **♪ ♪♪ MUSICAL EVENING ♪ ♪♪**

The Social Committee is delighted to welcome back Joe Valdes for another musical evening for the entertainment of all parishioners of St Christopher's. This event will be held **on Monday 4 June at 7.30pm** in the parish hall. Joe will be performing "Stories from Liverpool", an acoustic tribute to The Beatles and other great songs from the 70's. Refreshments will be provided and all proceeds will go towards The Nomntu Project.

### **SUTTON DEANERY REFUGEE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP GROUP**

has welcomed the Syrian family of Mum, Dad and 3 little girls. We are the first group in Southwark Diocese to welcome a Syrian family. We are helping them to settle into their new surroundings. As one can imagine, everything is strange for them. We do not need any more donations of household goods or toys. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. *Jackie McLoughlin MBE Project Manager*

### **CYCLING TO SANTIAGO IN AID OF THE NOMNTU PROJECT**

Chris Devereux and a fellow Catenian are currently cycling from Le Puy en Velay in Central France to Santiago de Compostela in Western Spain, a distance of just over 1000 miles. The object is to raise necessary funds for The Nomntu Project, the charity he and Jane operate in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. To donate, please visit [www.nomntu.org](http://www.nomntu.org) or take a Nomntu envelope from the church. Parish Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Nomntu' on the front.