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£1,000 TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO DUBLIN WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

On 21—26 August this year the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will take place in Dublin. Its highlight is a visit by Pope Francis.

During the WMOF, there will be a wide-ranging programme of talks and workshops for adults, events for young people and various activities for children, in addition to exhibitions, cultural events, musical performances and daily Mass. All are welcome at this important and joyful international gathering. Why not plan a visit now, perhaps as your annual holiday?

A £1,000 bursary is being offered to enable a family to do so. A condition is that after the event you would share the fruits of your experiences in Dublin with your local parish or school and other people.

The deadline is 31 January so time is of the essence. To find out more, contact Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond now on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com

APPLICATIONS FOR ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NURSERY INTAKE 2018/19

The closing date for applications for Foundation 1 is 31 January 2018 for children whose dates of birth range between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015. Please contact the school office on 020 8337 4566 or via email on office@stcecilias.school if you wish to apply for a place or to check that your child's application is complete.

ADMISSIONS OFFICER, ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

For details of this post and an application form email: recruitment@stphils.org.uk or contact Marsha Adams, Personnel Officer on 020 8642 2025 ext 202, or visit the school website: www.stphils.org.uk

CHURCH FLOWERS

New helpers are sought to join the church flower arranging rota. If you enjoy the flowers in the church and would like to be part of a friendly group, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office, who will be pleased to let you know more about what is involved.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Details of forthcoming walks in London can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church or see www.catholichistorywalks.com

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.

NEWSLETTER

21 January 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| Sun 21 Jan | Christian Unity Service at Our Lady of the Rosary, Sutton 7.00pm |
| Thu 25 Jan | Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends |
| Wed 24 Jan | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm in the parish hall |
| Sun 4 Feb | Cake Sale in the hall after all Masses |
| Sun 11 Feb | Pamela's Peru Trek Challenge Final Tea Afternoon 2.00-4.00pm The Orangery Café, St Raphael's Hospice |
| 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 |

21 January 2018 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat	20	1800	Sheila Eglington RIP (Carol Cook)
Sun	21	0830	Sylvio Bheemul RIP & Gladys Barron RIP (Jeanne Bheemul)
		1000	Mary Quigley RIP (Pereira Family)
		1200	People of the Parish
Mon	22	1000	Pat & Anne Toal & Family (Letheren Family)
Tue	23	0900	Wellbeing of Margaret Doherty (Philomena Culbert)
Wed	24		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	25	0900	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle, Feast Reverend Ronan Drury RIP (Talma Noulton)
Fri	26	0900	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops, Memorial John & Harriet Albion RIP
Sat	27	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

28 January 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat	27	1800	Catherine & Michael Barrett RIP (Sarah Ball)
Sun	28	0830	Stephen Slattery RIP (Marie Grant & Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Rita Brownrigg RIP (Eileen & Vincent Cummings)
		1400	BAPTISMS: Shane William Gunawardena Peter Toby Shanaghy

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	548
	Plate	£ 516.07
	Gift Aid	£ 616.30
		<u>£ 1,132.37</u>

Crib Offerings for Iraqi Christians in Need **£ 442.47**

Thank you for your offerings.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday and a second collection will be taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

Parish Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Racial Justice' on the front. (Please ensure envelopes are clearly labelled as unmarked envelopes are allocated to the parish.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Father Kevin Pelham, who died on 20 December. There will be an 8.00pm Vigil Mass on **Thursday 1 February** preceded by the Reception of the Body and a Requiem Mass on **Friday 2 February** at 12.00 noon at St Margaret's Church, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches SM5 4NG.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Patrick Allen, Peter Barry, Michael Burke, Ellen Cahill, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Patrick Gill, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS on **Saturday 3 February** at 11.00am (finishing at 12.15pm). Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details of how to attend, or contact the Parish Office promptly.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

All are warmly invited to join Sutton and Cheam Churches Together this **Sunday 21 January at 7.00pm** for a service to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, which ends on Thursday. The service will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 2 St Barnabas Road, Sutton SM1 4NL.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (phone 8397 2683) on **Friday 26 January**. Dancing 8.30pm—11.30pm featuring Mary & New Counties with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. All profits go to charity eg The Princess Alice Hospice, The Children's Trust.

CAKE SALE—SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

The young people who were confirmed last November and their families are holding a cake sale after all Masses on Sunday 4 February to raise further funds for the two charities they supported last year. The charities are i:peace, which aims to directly support, promote and raise awareness of peace, justice, human rights and non-violence issues, and Don Bosco Ashalayam, working for the rehabilitation of street and destitute children in Kolkata.