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OPEN BETHLEHEM is a fierce, poignant film by Palestinian director Leila Sensor about her family and her hometown of Bethlehem. It will be screened at Sutton Quaker Meeting House, Cedar Road, Sutton SM2 5DA on **Wednesday 25 October**; doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Please reserve your place by email: sutton4peace@yahoo.co.uk or by text: 07740 594496.

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (tel: 020 8397 2683) on **Friday 27 October**. Dancing 8.30—11.30pm featuring Eugene Doonan with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5 on the door. All profits to charity, eg The Princess Alice and Trinity Hospices, Air Ambulance.

“CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL AT ST GEORGE’S CATHEDRAL Parishioners are invited to attend this Day of Renewal on **Saturday 4 November**, 9.45—4.45pm. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Everyone is welcome. Further information on church notice boards and from Stefanie Donovan on 01892 542245 or 07976 245685.

“EXTRAORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY SAINTS”

A conference for young Catholics in Healthcare from the Catholic Medical Association on **Saturday 4 November**, 12.00—6.00pm, at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Euston.

An inspirational one-day conference hosted by and for young Catholic healthcare workers/students. Please see flyer on church notice boards for more information. and to book email events@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

THE PASSAGE, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on **Tuesday 7 November** on the theme Russian Soul with Griff Rhys Jones as presenter. For more details visit <http://nutsconcert.com/> or call 020 7592 1856.

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR EPSOM & ST HELIER HOSPITALS

Please support the campaign to get older, long stay patients out of hospital gowns and into their own clothes in a fight against “pyjama lethargy”. Items sought are trousers, skirts, jumpers and cardigans for older patients. If you have suitable clothing in good condition, please contact Sami Young, Patient First Co-ordinator, on 07920 233204 and she will arrange collection.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Details of walks around the City and Westminster in the next couple of weeks, which may be of interest to parishioners, can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church or see catholichistorywalks.com

NEWSLETTER

22 October 2017

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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| Fri 27 Oct | St Christopher’s Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm at 152 Mulgrave Road |
| Sat 28 Oct | SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE 3.30pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall |
| Fri 3 Nov | Confirmation Rehearsal 7.30pm |
| Thu 9 Nov | CONFIRMATION MASS 7.30pm |
| 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 |

22 October 2017 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	21	1800	Pat & Mary Reilly RIP (Marie Grant & Family)
Sun	22	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Mary Quigley RIP (James & Julie McGrath & Family)
		1200	Deceased & Living Members of St Christopher's Catholic Cycling Club (Old Members Association)
Mon	23	1000	Patrick Langan RIP Anniversary (Mary Langan)
Tue	24	0900	Mary Quigley RIP (M & F O'Donovan)
Wed	25		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	26	0900	Kathleen & James Byrne RIP Anniversary (Philomena Culbert & Family)
Fri	27	0900	Wellbeing of Patrick Gill (Hilda Gill & Family)
Sat	28	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	
		1530	SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE

29 October 2017 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	28	1800	Anthony Kelly RIP Anniversary
Sun	29	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	John Patrick Carey RIP Anniversary (Evelyn B Carey)
		1200	Dr Lawrence John Lobo RIP Anniversary & Sophia Lobo RIP Anniversary (Jude John Lobo)
		1400	BAPTISMS: Chloe Sophia Mendes
		1500	Ayveen Mary Merrigan Shay Emillie Mary Baverstock

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	603	
	Plate	£ 554.03	
	Gift Aid	£ 578.60	
		£ 1,132.63	<i>Thank you for your offerings.</i>

NATIONAL MASS COUNT

This Sunday is the fourth and final Sunday in October when everyone who is in attendance is counted for the Diocesan Annual Mass Count. Once again, we thank those parishioners who take up the collections every weekend and do the head count.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

WORLD MISSION DAY

This Sunday is World Mission Day when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Parish Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Missio' clearly on the front.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT

8.8 million abortions have taken place since the abortion act was passed in 1967. On Friday 27 October, the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, please join the Good Counsel Network in praying and fasting for the end of abortion. As well as praying and fasting wherever you are, please consider coming to an all night vigil of prayer from 7.00pm on Friday 27 October through to 7.00am Saturday 28 October, at St James' Roman Catholic Church, George Street, London W1U 3QY. For further information please see www.goodcounselnetwork.com

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CRAFT CIRCLE

The Craft Circle will meet on **Friday 27 October** from 10.30am to 12.30pm as usual but at 152 Mulgrave Road and **not in the hall**.

The Craft Circle will be selling their range of knitted and crocheted Poppies after all Masses over the next two weekends 28/29 of October and 4/5 November. Poppies are available for a minimum donation of £2 but feel free to give more. All proceeds will be shared equally between The Royal British Legion and St Raphael's Hospice.

SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE—SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

The Bereavement Group warmly invites all parishioners next Saturday at 3.30pm to a Service of Reflection and Remembrance for family and friends who have died. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.