

GREAT WALL OF CHINA TREK IN AID OF ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE

I would like to thank my wonderful supporters for allowing me to have such a fantastic experience and more importantly raising the huge total of **£3,717.80**—vital funds that are needed to keep our local hospice going. There are some photos at the back of the church from my adventure for you to look at. *Michelle Stepney*

LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. For further details please visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 7 April** at 7.00pm at The Gourmet Burger Kitchen, Waterloo, SE1 8UL.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (with the Catholic Association) takes place this year on **Friday 24 – Friday 31 August** and is being led by Archbishop Peter Smith. For up to date information, please visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com/CA or call 01732 886 666 or 0800 917 257.

HOME HELP SERVICE

I am a parishioner offering a Home Help service for other parishioners and their families. Duties include, but not limited to: ironing, shopping, light housework, taking to/waiting with at medical appointments or companionship for a few hours, as required. Unfortunately no nursing or personal care. I have an up to date DBS check which was carried out in January 2018. I am a driver with a clean driving licence, my own car and insured to drive Home Help clients.

Please call me in confidence to discuss your individual requirements and the likely charge for the service you require.

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DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER, Laleham Lea School, Purley required from September 2018. Contact Mrs Strachan for an application pack and further details: sbm@lalehamlea.co.uk or 020 8660 3351.

THE PASSAGE, working with homeless people in London, is raising funds through The Big Give until 12.00pm **Thursday 29 March**. Please visit www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage to double your donation.

BEGINNER IRISH DANCING CLASSES for children aged 4+ commencing in Cheam with the Ní Cholmaín Academy of Irish Dance. Please contact Monica on 07929 237 102 or mon_coleman@hotmail.com

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NEWSLETTER

25 March 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

- Sun 25 Mar **PALM SUNDAY** 10.00am Mass: Children assembling in the hall before Mass to process into church
- Thu 29 Mar **MAUNDY THURSDAY** (*no 9.00am Mass*)
Church brassware cleaning in the hall 9.30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm followed by
Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm
- Fri 30 Mar **GOOD FRIDAY**
Stations of the Cross for Children 10.00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00—11.30am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
- Sat 31 Mar **EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER** 7.30pm
followed by refreshments in the hall
- Sun 1 Apr **EASTER SUNDAY** Masses: 8.30am, 10.00am, 12.00pm
- 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

25 March 2018		<u>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)</u>	
Sat	24	1800	Sean Kennedy RIP (Anne Kennedy & Family)
Sun	25	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Rosemary Millard RIP Anniversary
		1200	Brenda O'Brien RIP Anniversary
Mon	26	1000	Philip Kelly RIP (Erika Hodgson)
Tue	27	0900	Charlie Stephens RIP Anniversary (Mary Kirwan & Family)
Wed	28		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	29		<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>
		2000	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER followed by watching until 2200
Fri	30		<u>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</u>
		1000	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN
		1100-1130	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1500	CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Sat	31		<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>
		1030-1100	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1930	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT People of the Parish

1 April 2018		<u>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)</u>	
Sun	1	0830	John O'Shea RIP (Martin Ryan)
		1000	Elizabeth & Sean & Family
		1200	Private Intention (Marie-Claire Calvet)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	481	Lepra (Appeal 11.03.18)
	Plate	£ 437.45	Plate £ 913.97
	Gift Aid	£ 470.26	Gift Aid £ 254.24
		£ 907.71	£ 1,168.21

Gift Aid by standing order—February **£2,069.16**

Thank you for your offerings and for your generous response to the Lepra Appeal.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Would Gift Aid donors please use their numbered scheme envelopes marked "Easter Offering". Cheques from Gift Aid donors should be made payable to "St Christopher's Church" and placed in the scheme envelopes.

Would other donors please take an envelope from the church and place their offering in the envelope in the plate at one of the Easter Masses.

All Easter offerings including cheques made payable to "St Christopher's Church" are paid over the Father Bernard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Anne Kellet, who died peacefully at Orchard House Nursing Home, and remember in your prayers her daughter Sarah. Her funeral will take place at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green on Thursday 5 April at 11.00am.

Michael Ayres, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Monday 16 April at 10.15am. Please remember especially in your prayers his wife Mary and their family at this time.

Stella Paxton, a member of our parish for over 60 years. Please also remember in your prayers her three sons. Her Requiem Mass will be held here on Wednesday 18 April at 12.30pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Peter Barry, Marie Jeanne Bheemul, Michael Burke, Ellen Cahill, 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.

CHURCH BRASSWARE CLEANING

If you can spare an hour or so on **Maundy Thursday, 29 March** to help clean the church brassware for Easter—and enjoy a cup of coffee and a hot cross bun—please come along to the hall at 9.30am.

THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area. Gift Aid donors are asked to place their contributions in one of the spare envelopes supplied, writing 'Holy Places' on the front.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUTTON & CHEAM GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Participants are invited to meet at 9.30am for a 9.45am start outside ASDA in Sutton High Street, finishing at Waterstones. All are then welcome to attend the united Good Friday service at Trinity Church, starting at 10.30 am.

THE EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER is at 7.30pm on Holy Saturday and will be followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

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.