

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS – MEGA YOUTH POLL

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> . If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: [synod2018@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:synod2018@cbcew.org.uk) .

**EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION** are holding their next dance at the Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington KT9 1BA (tel: 020 8397 2683) **Friday 31 March**. Dancing from 8.30—11.30pm, featuring Walter Kennedy, with local parking, a raffle and licensed bar. Tickets £5.00 on the door. The Association supports various local charities including The Children's Trust, Air Ambulance, Guide Dogs.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION'S First Annual Retreat/Conference** is taking place on **26/27 April 2017** in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght in Dublin. This is designed especially to help Grandparents and Families who are anxious to pass on the Catholic Faith and who are challenged by this. All welcome, early booking essential. Further information from Connie on 00 353 98 24877 or email: [catholicgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:catholicgrandparents@gmail.com)

## URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL—CELEBRATING 125 YEARS: 1882-2017 ALUMNAE EVENT 13 JULY 2017

If you are a former student of the Ursuline High School, Wimbledon, or know someone who is, and would be interested to learn more, please register your interest and email [Alumnae@uhsw.com](mailto:Alumnae@uhsw.com) . Many thanks.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN CROYDON** is establishing an association of former students. If you would like to know more please email [alumni@st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk) or telephone 020 8688 3837.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER** required at Laleham Lea School, Purley. For details please see the notice board in the front porch of the church or visit the school's website: [www.lalehamlea.co.uk](http://www.lalehamlea.co.uk)

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## NEWSLETTER

**26 March 2017**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

### Parish Diary:

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| Tue 28 Mar     | Parish Office Closed   |
| Fri 31 Mar     | <b>Stations of the Cross</b> after 9.00am Mass<br><b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sun 2 Apr      | <b>10am Mass with children's &amp; young people's participation</b>                                    |
| Mon 3 Apr      | Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm  |
| Wed 5 Apr      | <b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 7.00—9.00pm   |
| Fri 7 Apr      | <b>Stations of the Cross</b> after 9.00am Mass   |
| <i>Weekly:</i> |  |
| Wed            | <b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45-11.15am (term time)  |
| Fri            | Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass   |
| Sun            | <b>Children's Liturgy</b> at 10.00am Mass<br>Refreshments in the hall after 10.00am Mass               |

**26 March 2017**      **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Sat	25	1800	Sean Kennedy RIP (Anne Kennedy & Family)
Sun	26	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Gavin D'Souza RIP Anniversary (Helen & Dan D'Souza)
		1200	Bridget Naughton RIP (Kisz Family)
Mon	27	<b>1045</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Maureen Marguerite Berkerey RIP
Tue	28	<b>1000</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Vivienne Carol Smith RIP
Wed	29		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	30	0900	Charlie Stephens RIP Anniversary (Mary Kirwan, John, Nicki, Stephen, Rachel, Caron, Robert, Paul & Mick Duffy)
Fri	31	0900	Mary Langan & Patrick Langan RIP (Wedding Anniversary)
		0930	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sat	1	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

**2 April 2017**      **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

Sat	1	1800	Catherine O'Donnell RIP (Fionnula & Chris Lovelock)
Sun	2	0830	Mary Dixon RIP (Granat Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Gary McHugh RIP (R & M Lynch)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	572
	Plate	<b>£ 582.19</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 556.12</b>
		<b>£ 1,138.31</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

**Maureen Berkerey**, whose Requiem Mass is on Monday 27 March at 10.45am.

**Vivienne Smith**, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 28 March at 10.00am.

Please remember their families and friends in your prayers at this time.

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

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Next week the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need ([www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org)) will be appealing at all Masses for support for their work around the world with Christians who are persecuted, suffering or in pastoral need.

There will be a retiring collection for Aid to the Church in Need. Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Aid to the Church in Need' or 'ACN' clearly on the front.

**NOTICE FOR GIFT AID DONORS**

The new boxes of Gift Aid envelopes are available for collection again this weekend. If you haven't done so already, please collect your box from the back of the church. If you contribute by standing order, please take your box of envelopes for use in second and special collections. Thank you.

**MISSIO RED BOXES**

Thank you to the parishioners who support the overseas missions through the Red Boxes. Last year your generous donations amounted to **£1,349.00**.

Please bring your boxes for emptying to the parish office this month. Kindly ensure your name is on the underside of the box. Boxes will be returned to the front porch of the church for collection as usual.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS?**

Thank you to those of you who came to the recent open sessions to see what is involved in being a reader at Mass. We look forward to hearing you in the future.

Reading at Mass is an important ministry that brings the Word of God to everyone. We are still in need of more readers for all Masses but especially for the 8.30am and 10.00am Masses. The more readers we have the better it is for covering absences such as holidays and work commitments and illness, etc.

If you feel you could read at Mass please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office and we will be in touch with you to arrange a mutual time to practise and assess whether you would like to read.

**A TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE** will be held on **Friday 31 March** at 8.00pm at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton. It is particularly to pray for peace. 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.