

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## ALTAR SERVERS

The new altar serving rota is due to be drawn up in February. Any young boy or girl who has made First Holy Communion may apply to be on the rota and will need to complete an application form, which is available from Fr Bernard.

Those who apply should realise that they will be making a commitment to turn up and should organise their activities to take account of this. They should also be willing to observe the required modes of behaviour and dress.

## £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](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com)

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS** is a social group for young Catholics which meets every month. Our next social evening is on **Saturday 3rd February** at 7.00pm at The Star of India, Cheam SM3 8SD. For further details visit our Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

## 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](mailto:office@stcecilias.school) if you wish to apply for a place or to check that your child's application is complete.

**ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS** is seeking to appoint a PA to the Headteacher and Examination Invigilators. Details of these posts are on the notice board in the front porch of the church or can be downloaded from the school website: [www.stphils.org.uk](http://www.stphils.org.uk)

## NEWSLETTER

28 January 2018

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| <b>Fri 2 Feb</b>  | <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b><br>for one hour after 9.00am Mass<br><b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 10.30am—12.30pm<br>in the parish hall                                 |
| <b>Sun 4 Feb</b>  | <b>Cake Sale</b> in the hall after all Masses<br><b>10.00am Mass with Children's &amp; Young People's Participation</b>  |
| <b>Sun 11 Feb</b> | <b>Pamela's Peru Trek Challenge Final Tea Afternoon</b><br>2.00-4.00pm The Orangery Café, St Raphael's Hospice   |
| <b>Weekly</b>     | <b>Wed Toddler Group</b> 9.45-11.15am (term time)<br><b>Fri</b> Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass<br><b>Sun 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b><br>Refreshments in the hall after Mass |

<b>28 January 2018</b>		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</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
Mon	29	1000	John & Kate Carolan RIP & Mickie Carolan RIP (Pat & Michael O'Donnell)
Tue	30	0900	Noel Clare RIP Anniversary (Mike Clare)
Wed	31		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	1	0900	Dr Janan Allos RIP (Nadia Michael & Family)
Fri	2	0900	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, Candlemas, Feast</b> For Christian Unity <b>HOLY HOUR</b> after Mass
Sat	3	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	

<b>4 February 2018</b>		<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>	
Sat	3	1800	Mary Phillips RIP (Mary Kirwan)
Sun	4	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Michael A Cleary RIP Anniversary (Anne Cleary)
		1200	Hannah O'Donnell RIP (Robert & Margaret Lynch)
		1700	CHALDEAN CATHOLIC RITE MASS (Iraqi Community)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	555	
	Plate	<b>£ 531.57</b>	
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 596.70</b>	
		<b><u>£1,128.27</u></b>	<i>Thank you for your offerings.</i>

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

This Sunday Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. A second collection will be taken to support the Church's work on racial justice issues. Please help this good work to continue by contributing to the collection and please take a prayer card from the church. 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. His body will be received into St Margaret's Church, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches SM5 4NG on **Thursday 1 February** at 8.00pm followed by Mass and his Requiem Mass is on **Friday 2 February** at 12.00 noon. Burial will take place at Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery, Garth Road, Morden at 2.00pm on **Thursday 8 February**.

**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, 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. Please see poster in the church for further details of how to attend.

#### **CAKE SALE—SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

The young people who were confirmed last November and their families are holding a cake sale after all Masses next Sunday 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.

#### **PAMELA'S PERU TREK CHALLENGE TEA AFTERNOON**

Pam is holding her final Tea Afternoon before she sets off in March on her Peru Trek Challenge, which she is undertaking on behalf of St Raphael's Hospice. Pam warmly invites parishioners to join her on **Sunday 11 February**, from 2.00 to 4.00pm in The Orangery Café in St Raphael's Hospice. There is no charge for tea but donations would be most 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.