

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

If your child is in Primary School Year 3 (or above) and you would like to enrol them in next year's First Holy Communion Programme - if you feel they are ready - please take a Registration Form from the church.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of 16/17 June 2018 and classes will be held on Saturday afternoons starting in March.

The closing date for registration is Sunday 17 December.

CAN YOU OFFER A PARISHIONER A LIFT TO SUNDAY MASS?

A parishioner who lives in Grove Road is recovering from a hip replacement operation and would much appreciate a lift to one of the Sunday Masses (8.30am, 10.00am or 12.00 noon) for the next few weeks. Please speak to Bernard Winn or to Vivienne in the parish office if you can help.

THE PASSAGE is raising funds to support its work with homeless people this winter through The Big Give website so that every £1 given between now and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5 December can result in the charity receiving £2. <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/27756>

CHRISTMAS CAROLS—SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER

You are invited to a festive evening of Carols led by a brass band at Barfield Farm, Horley RH6 0EP. Doors open at 4.00pm, with Carols (from 5.00pm), food and drink and a raffle. Tickets: £5.00 per adult (children free), glass of mulled wine and a mince pie included. RSVP: Bernie.arlove@hotmail.co.uk All proceeds will go to MERU, a local charity that designs and makes life-changing disability products for children and young people with disabilities.

CHURCH CLEANING—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still very short of helpers on the church cleaning rota. Would you be willing to join a small group to dust and vacuum the church on a Thursday or Friday morning for an hour or so after Mass just once every six weeks? If you would like to help keep our church looking bright and clean or find out more about what is involved, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

SUNDAY COFFEE HELPERS ROTA

Would you be willing to help prepare and serve refreshments with a small team after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday once every six weeks? If so, or if you would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Vivienne.

2018 PARISH DIARIES are available from the front porch of the church.

email: stchristopher@rccheam.co.uk
Parish Website: www.stchristopherscheam.com
Diocesan Website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk



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| Sun 3 Dec | 10am Mass with children's & young people's participation |
| Mon 11 Dec | Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch 1.00pm in the hall
Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm |
| Wed 13 Dec | St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm |
| Sun 17 Dec | FAMILY CAROL SERVICE 3.00pm |
| Sun 24 Dec | 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass Times:
6.00pm (Sat) Vigil Mass
9.00am Sunday Mass
11.00am Sunday Mass |
| | CHRISTMAS EVE Mass Times:
6.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
9.00pm Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols) |
| Mon 25 Dec | CHRISTMAS DAY Mass Times:
9.00am Mass at dawn
10.30am Mass during the day |
| 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 |

3 December 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Sat	2	1800	Mary Reilly RIP Anniversary (Reilly Family)
Sun	3	0830	Charles & Mary Dancy RIP (Richard & Elizabeth Dancy)
		1000	Geraldo de Bastos RIP & Regina de Bastos RIP (Elaine Bastos Wooldridge)
		1200	People of the Parish
Mon	4	1000	Myrtle & Gordon Bell RIP Anniversary (Margaret & Lyonel Bell)
Tue	5	1000	FUNERAL MASS: Mary Phillips RIP
Wed	6		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	7	1130	FUNERAL MASS: Sheila Eglington RIP
Fri	8	1030	FUNERAL MASS: Maura Gleeson RIP
Sat	9	1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	
		1400	MARRIAGE: Claire du Preez & Colm Abbott

10 December 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Sat	9	1800	Peter Jablonski RIP Anniversary (Jablonski Family)
Sun	10	0830	Ethel & Tony Knight RIP & Patricia Spooner RIP (Gwen Docherty)
		1000	Margaret McGrath RIP (Slattery Family)
		1200	People of the Parish

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	494	CATHOLIC YOUTH WORK	
	Plate	£ 507.28	Plate	£ 173.99
	Gift Aid	£ 530.36	Gift Aid	£ 193.74
		£ 1,037.64		£ 367.73

Thank you for your offerings.

CONGRATULATIONS to Adriana Bachué Nugent and Emma Lynda Ogilvie Telfer who were baptized here last Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Please take a Christmas Services card from the church.

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 REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Mary Phillips, whose Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 5 December at 10.00am.

Sheila Eglington, whose Requiem Mass is on Thursday 7 December at 11.30am.

Maura Gleeson, whose Requiem Mass is on Friday 8 December at 10.30am.

Kathleen & Peter Mann, who died within a few days of each other. Their Requiem Mass will be on Friday 15 December at 10.00am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Patrick Allen, Peter Barry, 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, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Senior Citizens of the parish are warmly invited to a Christmas lunch which will be held on Monday 11 December at 1.00pm in the parish hall. If you would like to come, **please give your name to Vivienne in the parish office by this Monday 4 December at the latest.**

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Committee would like to thank Doug Berry for his entertaining skills in compering the Christmas Quiz last Monday and Father Bernard on an excellent job serving the mince pies and keeping the mulled wine flowing. It was great to see many new, as well as regular, faces and we look forward to seeing you all at the next quiz. Congratulations to the winning team - an all female table!

SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.