

AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)

The Sutton Deanery Pastoral Council has organised a talk on the Papal document, Amoris Laetitia, to take place on **Thursday 28 September** at 7.30pm in St Matthias Church Hall, Worcester Park and all parishioners are warmly invited. The talk will be led by Sister Pat Madden FC (Daughters of the Cross) who speaks meaningfully on the subject and there will be opportunity for discussion.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SUPPORTING HEALTHY MARRIAGES?

Catholic Marriage Care’s centre for Croydon and the surrounding area is looking for enthusiastic volunteer **Presenter/Facilitators** to run marriage preparation courses (training is provided), **Qualified Relationship Counsellors** (who hold a recognised couples counselling qualification) and **Chaperone/Receptionists** to meet and greet clients who come for counselling. For more information or to apply, please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

The CCRS is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found on the CCRS website: www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or via the Centre for Catholic Formation, SW17 8BS www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

ST PHILOMENA’S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS—OPEN MORNINGS

Open Mornings (for Year 6 only) regarding transfer to secondary school in 2018 will be held at the school on **Monday 25—Friday 29 September**. One session per day by appointment only. Telephone the Admissions Manager on 020 8642 2025 ext 266 or email: admissions@stphils.org.uk

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Come and enjoy discovering the history of the Church in Britain. Details of forthcoming guided walking tours through the streets of London can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church.

FREE PIANO, SUTTON

Upright piano free to collector. Contact Marcus on 07887 868867.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Newcomers to the parish are always very welcome and are invited to take an ‘Are you new to our parish?’ leaflet from the front porch of the church and complete and return the enclosed form.

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NEWSLETTER

3 September 2017

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

- Sun 3 Sep** **Pamela’s Peru Trek Challenge Tea Afternoon**
2.00—4.00pm The Orangery Café, St Raphael’s Hospice
- Wed 6 Sep** **St Christopher’s Craft Circle** 7.00—9.00pm
- Sat 9 Sep** **Knights of St Columba Annual Sponsored Walk** in aid of St Raphael’s Hospice, Nonsuch Park, 2.00pm
- Tue 12 Sep** **Bereavement Group Planning Meeting** 8.00pm in the church
- Sat 16 Sep** **Saturday Social Circle** (for those who live alone)
3.30pm in the Parish Hall
- Weekly** **Wed Toddler Group** 9.45-11.15am (term time)
- Fri** Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass
- Sun** Refreshments in the hall after 10.00am Mass

3 September 2017 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	2	1800	Mike Brown RIP Anniversary (Joyce Brown)
Sun	3	0830	Donald Hallett RIP (Granat Family)
		1000	Deceased Members of the Brady & Nash Family
		1200	People of the Parish
Mon	4	1000	Intentions of Joe McGrath
Tue	5	0900	Maria Rodrigues RIP (Manuel, Agnes & Family)
Wed	6		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	7	0900	Wellbeing of Shamie & Anne Mitchell & Family
Fri	8	0900	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast Vera & Pierre Pablot RIP Anniversary
Sat	9	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

10 September 2017 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat	9	1800	Wellbeing of John & Edith Hickey (W & M Joyce)
Sun	10	0830	Wellbeing of Gill & Peter Millard (S & G Kavanagh)
		1000	Mary Quigley RIP (Joyce Brown)
		1200	People of the Parish

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance	507
Plate	£ 556.54
Gift Aid	£ 594.21
	£ 1,150.75

Gift Aid by standing order—July **£ 2,244.16**

Thank you for your offerings.

JOHN DOYLE RIP

Parishioners will be saddened to hear of the death of John Doyle. He and Geraldine have been very supportive parishioners for 50 years. We offer the family our condolences.

The funeral will take place in Ireland and there will be a Mass in St Christopher's for John on a date to be announced.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Daisy Bushnell, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Pat Hanoman, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, 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 and Nickii Wright.

NEXT SUNDAY is Education Sunday and there will be a collection for the Catholic Education Service. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

PAMELA'S PERU TREK CHALLENGE

Pamela Le Lievre is going trekking in Peru for St Raphael's Hospice in March 2018. She is holding fundraising Tea Afternoons in The Orangery Café in St Raphael's Hospice, the first of which is this **Sunday 3 September, 2.00-4.00pm**. There is no charge for tea but donations would be very welcome! Pam would be delighted to have your support and would love to see you there.

ALTAR SERVERS: If you haven't done so already, please collect a copy of the new rota, which starts next weekend, from the church.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

A member of the Knights, Don Rupasinghe, will be outside the church after Mass today seeking sponsors for this year's sponsored walk in aid of St Raphael's Hospice which will be held in Nonsuch Park next Saturday 9 September from 2.00pm. Sponsorship forms will also be available in both church porches or you can donate on line at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/steve-lobo> Your usual kind support would be much appreciated.

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE (for those living alone)

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 16 September** at 3.30pm in the Parish Hall. Our topic will be medicine safety and Sophie Bromley the Lead Pharmacist-Medicine at the Royal Surrey County Hospital has agreed to come along and answer your questions. If you would prefer to submit your question in writing, Sadie McGarry can give you Sophie's contact details.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS—SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

The annual Day for Catechists will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 6HR, from 11.00am, finishing with Mass at 4.00pm. This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Booking forms and programme details are available from the Parish Office.

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.