

CHURCH CLEANING

Once again we are short of helpers to clean the church. If you would be willing to join a small team for an hour or so after the 9.00am Mass on a Thursday or Friday morning once every six weeks, or would like to know more about what is involved, then please speak to or email Vivienne in the parish office.

THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL AND WIMBLEDON COLLEGE SIXTH FORM
Open Evening is on **Thursday 4 October, 5.00—8.00pm.** Visit www.ursulinesixthform.com for further information.

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

The school's **Year 7 Open Evening** is on **Thursday 4 October** at 6.00pm and the **Sixth Form Open Evening** is on **Wednesday 17 October** (external students at 6.15pm and Richard Challoner students at 7.00pm). Further details can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church.

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholic singles.org.uk or telephone 0161 941 3498.

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS, including the UK's two Catholic newspapers, The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times, and the Diocesan newspaper, The Pilgrim, are on sale in the front porch of the church. Please place correct money in the 'Newspapers' box.

PARKING FOR PARISHIONERS who attend Mass is available in our own car park and, at the weekend, in Tabor Gardens. We ask parishioners to avoid blocking cars in, parking in spaces reserved for disabled badge holders and across the entrance to the church. Parishioners are also reminded not to park on the red or double yellow lines in Dallas Road and Tabor Gardens.

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.

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.

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NEWSLETTER

30 September 2018

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Parish Diary:

- Mon 1 Oct** Introduction to Yoga 7.30pm in the parish hall
- Wed 3 Oct** St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm
- Fri 5 Oct** CAFOD Family Fast Day
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
for one hour after 9.00am Mass
- Mon 8 Oct** Parish Office Closed
- Fri 12 Oct** St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm
BINGO NIGHT 8.00pm in the parish hall
- Fri 19 Oct** CAFOD Frugal Lunch 12.30pm in the parish hall
- Weekly Wed** Toddler Group 9.45—11.15am (term time)
- Fri** Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass
- Sun** 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy
Refreshments in the hall after Mass

30 September 2018 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| Sat | 29 | 1800 | Rose Kelly RIP (W & M Joyce) |
| Sun | 30 | 0830 | People of the Parish |
| | | 1000 | Martin McGrath RIP (Joe & Margaret McGrath & Family) |
| | | 1200 | Rob Lynch RIP (Gielty Family) |
| | | 1400 | BAPTISM: Thomas Nicoletta |
| | | 1700 | CHALDEAN CATHOLIC RITE MASS (Iraqi Community) |
| Mon | 1 | 1000 | Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial Deceased Relatives of Mrs Mills |
| Tue | 2 | 0900 | The Holy Guardian Angels, Memorial Ivan Pedropillai's Intentions (E & I Louis) |
| Wed | 3 | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Thu | 4 | 0900 | Saint Francis of Assisi, Memorial Ellie Browne |
| Fri | 5 | 0900 | Ultan Tighe RIP (Bronagh Taggart) |
| | | 0930-1030 | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT |
| Sat | 6 | 1030-1100) | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| | | 1700-1730) | |

7 October 2018 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| Sat | 6 | 1800 | Deceased Members of the Hunter & Griffin Family |
| Sun | 7 | 0830 | People of the Parish |
| | | 1000 | Pat & Jim O'Brien RIP (Kim O'Brien) |
| | | 1200 | Frank Burke's Intention (Mark & Phil Kitsz) |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Jill Atkin, Peter Barry, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Patrick Gill, Sean Healy, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Peter Millard, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and one other parishioner.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This weekend is the second of four weekends when everyone who is in attendance, including young children, babies and altar servers, is counted. This is an opportunity to thank the parishioners who take up the collections every weekend and do the head count.

SEX-SELECTIVE ABORTION - ASK YOUR MP TO TAKE ACTION

A BBC investigation has revealed evidence that new NIPT pre-natal tests are being used on a widespread basis to determine the sex of babies early in pregnancy and women are coming under intense pressure to undergo sex-selective abortions. This has led to renewed calls for the Government to take action on sex-selective abortion. The Stop Gendercide campaign has launched a tool on their website <https://stopgendercide.org> which you can use to contact your MP to let them know that you are deeply concerned about the evidence revealed in the BBC investigation and urge them to ask the Government to take action.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT— AN INTRODUCTION TO YOGA

There has been a great response to the 'Introduction to Yoga' session which is to be held in the parish hall this **Monday 1 October** at 7.30pm. As there is limited space in the hall, if you are thinking of coming along and have not given your name to Iole Beattie, the Yoga instructor, please be sure to contact her by email at iole.beattie@yahoo.com before you come.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this weekend and return it with your offering next weekend. Parish Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'CAFOD Fast Day' on the front.

If you would like to join with others, we will be sharing a simple lunch on **Friday 19 October** at 12.30pm in the parish hall to raise money for CAFOD.

We welcome CAFOD speaker, Paul Sherlock, this weekend who is updating us on the work of CAFOD.

CAFOD would love you to join their volunteer team, speaking in churches or schools, campaigning to your MP or involving others. Please talk to Paul Sherlock after Mass or contact the local CAFOD centre on southwark@cafod.org.uk or 020 8466 9901 for further details about how you can help.