

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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## FR LUKE'S HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

Fr Luke's HCPT Group will travel in October this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. Elderly or disabled people or children are invited to join this pilgrimage. Able bodied helpers, both male and female, are needed to assist with the Group. The pilgrimage week is very special and always leaves everyone feeling inspired and uplifted. Please see church notice boards for further information or visit the HCPT website [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk) and look for Summer Pilgrimages.

The Annual Reunion of the Group will be held at Holy Family Church, Sorrento Road, Sutton Green SM1 1QT, starting with Mass at 2.00pm on **Saturday 24 March**. Anyone who has been to Lourdes with the Group before or is interested in going to Lourdes this year is invited to come.

To find out more, please contact the Group Leaders: Peter Thompson (020 8241 4491), Michael Whale (020 8660 4071), or Father Luke (020 8642 3863).

## CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

'A Lifetime of Loving' is the title of a day in which married couples with average/good marriages can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communications skills and the call of the Church to the married. The date is **Saturday 10 March**; the time, 9.45am – 4.30pm. The venue is Holy Cross School, New Malden. Booking is essential and there is a suggested donation payable of £25. More information from Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email [philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk)

## CHURCH FLOWERS

New helpers are sought to join the church flower arranging rota. No previous experience is necessary. If you enjoy the flowers in the church and would like to be part of a friendly group, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office, who will be pleased to give you more information about what is involved.

## THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL—VACANCY

The John Fisher School, Purley has a vacancy for a Cover Supervisor. Details of this post can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church or on the school website: [www.johnfisherschool.org/page/vac](http://www.johnfisherschool.org/page/vac)

## CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Details of forthcoming walks in London, including new walks in Southwark and the West End, can be found on the notice board in the front porch of the church or see [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)

## NEWSLETTER

4 February 2018

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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| <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>Wed 7 Feb</b>  | <b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 7.00—9.00pm<br>in the parish hall   |
| <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>Wed 14 Feb</b> | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> —Mass at 9.00am & 8.00pm  |
| <b>Fri 16 Feb</b> | <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> after 9.00am Mass   |
| <b>Fri 2 Mar</b>  | <b>WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b>   |
| <b>Weekly</b>     | <b>Wed Toddler Group</b> 9.45-11.15am (term time)<br><b>Fri Coffee</b> in the hall after 9.00am Mass<br><b>Sun 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b><br>Refreshments in the hall after Mass |

**4 February 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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)
Mon	5	1000	<b>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial</b> Vincent O'Malley RIP (Arthur & Brenda Mulligan)
Tue	6	0900	<b>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial</b> Reene Jones RIP (Kavanagh Family)
Wed	7		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	8	0900	Nora Dolan RIP (Mary Kirwan & Family)
Fri	9	0900	Mary Quigley RIP (Breda McHugh)
Sat	10	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

**11 February 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Sat	10	1800	Mary & Martin Canavan RIP (Sarah Ball)
Sun	11	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary (Joan Twohig)
		1200	Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary (Celia Hansberry)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance	543	<b>Racial Justice Sunday</b>		
	Plate	<b>£ 533.69</b>		Plate	<b>£ 233.12</b>
	Gift Aid	<b>£ 533.90</b>		Gift Aid	<b>£ 185.78</b>
		<b>£ 1,067.59</b>			<b>£ 418.90</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

**NEXT SUNDAY—COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES**

Formerly the Needs of the Diocese collection, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Shane William Gunawardena and Peter Toby Shanaghy who were baptised here last Sunday.

**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, Ghyllaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

**CAKE SALE—THIS SUNDAY**

You are invited to come to the hall after the 8.30am, 10.00am and 12.00pm Masses this Sunday, where the young people who were confirmed last November and their families are holding a cake sale 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 next **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.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

The new altar serving rota is being drawn up now. 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.

**LIFE—AGM**

LIFE North and East Surrey group will hold its annual general meeting in the Ward Room of St Elphege's Parish Church in Wallington on **Saturday 24 February** starting at 7.15pm (following the 6.00pm Mass). Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Do come along, especially if you would like to learn more about the work of this caring organisation.