

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

Box holders are kindly asked to bring their boxes to the parish office in the next week. Emptied boxes will be returned for collection from the front porch of the church. Please ensure your name is on the underside of the box.

In the last year, Red Box holders in our parish have raised a fantastic **£1,374.19**. If you don't already have a Red Box at home, and would like one, please speak to Vivienne in the parish office.

SUTTON DEANERY DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

This Day of Reflection for all ministers and parishioners will now take place on **Saturday 19 May** at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green, starting at 1.00pm and ending with Mass at 4.00pm. The theme is The Eucharist and Pentecost, and it will be led by Fr John Farrell OP. All are welcome.

SUTTON DEANERY PRAYER GROUP

This new initiative seeks to unite us in prayer with all parishes in the Sutton Deanery. We invite those who wish to take part in praying for the needs of our local parishes and the wider church to join us.

The first meeting of the Prayer Group will be held on **Monday 21 May** at St Margaret's Church, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton Beeches at 8.00pm. We aim to visit other parishes in the Deanery in turn. Future meeting will normally take place on the 3rd Monday of each month.

SEMINARIAN ENGLISH STUDY PLACEMENTS: SUMMER 2018

The Vicar General has received a request from the Pontifical Urban College, which is seeking board and lodging for seminarians who will be attending an intensive English course this summer. It is hoped that parish families may be able to assist for a period of 3 - 5 weeks in July / August 2018. You can send an email expressing interest to rettore.urbano@org.va

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR RECRUITMENT DAY—SATURDAY 19 MAY

Young singers between 8 - 13 years are invited to audition for the Cathedral Choir. To find out more visit: www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk or email: music@stgeorges.org.uk

DONATIONS OF WOOL to make blankets for children in Syria and premature babies would be much appreciated and can be left in the basket in the front porch of 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.

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NEWSLETTER

6 May 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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| Sun 6 May | 10.00am Mass with Children's & Young People's Participation |
| Thu 10 May | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity, Holy day of obligation Masses at 9.00am & 8.00pm |
| Fri 11 May | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Sat 12 May | Saturday Social Circle 10.30am meeting in the hall
First Holy Communion Class 6 4.15—5.30pm |
| Sat 19 May | Sutton Deanery Day of Reflection & Prayer 1.00pm
Holy Family Church, Sutton Green |
| 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 |

6 May 2018		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)	
Sat	5	1800	Kathleen Persaud RIP Anniversary
Sun	6	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Rose McFadden RIP (Tom McFadden)
		1200	Mary Letheren RIP Anniversary (Letheren Family)
Mon	7		<i>No Mass</i>
Tue	8	0900	Mary Quigley RIP Anniversary (Quigley Family)
Wed	9		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	10		THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity, Holy Day of
		0900	Maurice & Phyllis Tabard RIP Obligation
		2000	People of the Parish
Fri	11	0900	Fr William Dinan RIP
Sat	12	1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

13 May 2018		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)	
Sat	12	1800	Eileen Sullivan RIP Anniversary (Kevin Sullivan)
Sun	13	0830	Martin McGrath RIP (O'Halloran Family)
		1000	People of the Parish
		1200	Helen Cahill RIP (Pat Quinn)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	572	St George's Cathedral
	Plate	£ 516.52	Plate £ 164.34
	Gift Aid	£ 615.84	Gift Aid £ 269.68
		£ 1,132.36	£ 434.02

Thank you for your offerings.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 13 May, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Edward Collins, and remember especially in your prayers at this time his wife Mercedes and son Christopher. His Requiem Mass is here on Thursday 17 May at 11.00am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Peter Barry, Rostam Bayandor, Marie Jeanne Bheemul, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Patrick Gill, Court Guinness, Sean Healy, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Peter Millard, Michael Moores, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghylaine Lebentz Walter and Nickii Wright.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25 May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let either me or Vivienne (the parish secretary) know if this applies to you so that we can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. *Bernard Winn*

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA—TICKETS FOR FISH & CHIP SUPPER ON SALE TODAY

Don Rupasinghe, one of the Brothers of the local Council of the Knights of St Columba, is selling tickets (Adult £10, Child £5) after Mass today for a Fish & Chips or Chicken supper. It will be held at St Bede's Conference Centre, St Raphael's Hospice, on **Saturday 2 June** at 7.30pm for 8.00pm, followed by Bingo, Raffle and a Quiz. It's always a very enjoyable evening. So do please come along and help raise funds for the Knights' Charities and for aged brothers in the Council, (one of whom will be 100 on the same day!).

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Saturday Social Circle (for those who live alone) is on **12 May** at **10.30am**. After a short discussion meeting we will visit the Cheam Charter Fair. In the afternoon we will visit The Circle Garden in New Malden by bus. (Packed lunch and bus pass needed.)

CYCLING TO SANTIAGO IN AID OF THE NOMNTU PROJECT

On 16 May Chris Devereux and a fellow Catenian will start a cycle ride from Le Puy en Velay in Central France to Santiago de Compostela in Western Spain, a distance of just over 1000 miles. The object is to raise necessary funds for the The Nomntu Project, the charity he and Jane operate in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa. Donations, including Gift Aid, can be made on the charity website (www.nomntu.org). There are also Nomntu envelopes in the church, with the option to Gift Aid, which can then be handed in to the parish office. Parish Gift Aid donors may prefer to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'Nomntu' clearly on the front.

As the route Chris is riding is an ancient pilgrimage route he will be offering his prayers not only for those in need in South Africa, but also for St Christopher's congregation.