

YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him to renew your vows and celebrate a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on **Saturday 17 June** at St George's Cathedral. Close family are welcome too. Please give your names and contact details to Vivienne in the parish office and you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop Peter. Don't delay because the cut-off date is Sunday 30 April.

HAYDN'S 'SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST'

This concert is at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 12 April** in St Joseph's Church, New Malden, KT3 3QW. This hauntingly beautiful piece has seven movements; evoking the seven last words (sentences) of Christ on the cross, framed by an introduction and final 'Earthquake' movement. Adapted for string quartet by the composer in 1787, the piece was originally commissioned for a Good Friday Service in Cadiz, Spain. Tickets: £10; Under 18s: £5. This concert is a perfect opportunity for Holy Week Meditation.

AID WORKS - WHY WE SHOULD MAINTAIN THE FOREIGN AID BUDGET

Sutton for Peace and Justice invite you to a public meeting with speakers Graham Gordon of CAFOD and Tom Brake MP on **Friday 28 April**, 7.30–9.00pm (doors open at 7.00pm), at Sutton Quaker Meeting Hall, Cedar Road, Sutton SM2 5DA. Please reserve your place by email to sutton4peace@yahoo.co.uk or by text message to 07740 594496.

ALTAR SERVERS RALLY

The Southwark Altar Servers Rally is on May Day Bank Holiday **Monday 1 May** from 10.00am at the Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Mass begins at 11.30am. All servers, families and friends are welcome. For further details, please see church notice boards or email: john.bonnici@btopenworld.com

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – MEGA YOUTH POLL

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. A Youth Poll has been created for your response that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

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9 April 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

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| Sun | 9 | Apr | PALM SUNDAY 10.00am Mass: Children to assemble in the hall before Mass to process into church |
| Thu | 13 | Apr | MAUNDY THURSDAY (no 9.00am Mass)
Church brassware cleaning in the hall 9.30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm followed by
Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm |
| Fri | 14 | Apr | GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross for Children 10.00am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3.00pm |
| Sat | 15 | Apr | EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER 7.30pm
<i>followed by refreshments in the hall</i> |
| Sun | 16 | Apr | EASTER SUNDAY |
| Fri | 28 | Apr | St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.30am—12.30pm |
| Weekly: | | | <i>Wed</i> Toddler Group 9.45-11.15am (term time)
<i>Fri</i> <i>Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass</i>
<i>Sun</i> 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy
<i>Refreshments in the hall after Mass</i> |

9 April 2017		<u>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)</u>	
Sat	8	1800	John & Kate Carolan RIP (O'Donnell Family)
Sun	9	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Diane Toner RIP (Tom McFadden)
		1200	Walter Malins RIP Anniversary (Elaine Malins)
Mon	10	1000	Private Intention
Tue	11	0900	Maura & Bernadette Byrne RIP Anniversary (Philomena)
Wed	12		<i>No Mass</i> Culbert)
Thu	13		<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>
		2000	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
			Watching until 2200
Fri	14		<u>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</u>
		1000	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN
		1100-1130	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1500	CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Sat	15		<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>
		1030-1100)	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		1700-1730)	
		1930	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
			People of the Parish

16 April 2017		<u>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)</u>	
Sun	16	0830	Maureen Berkerey RIP (Christine Scriven)
		1000	Rena Taggart RIP Anniversary (Bronagh Taggart)
		1200	Norah Josephine Golden RIP (Eileen Quirke)

LAST SUNDAY	Attendance	543	Aid to the Church in Need
	Plate	£ 442.98	Plate
	Gift Aid	£ 615.40	Gift Aid
		<u>£1,058.38</u>	<u>£1,622.13</u>

Thank you for your offerings and for your generous response to the appeal by Aid to the Church in Need.

MARSDEN MARCH

Rebecca and Lucy Holding and Veronica Mouat would like to thank all the parishioners who supported them on the recent Marsden March. They raised over £950 for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity.

PLEASE TAKE AN EASTER SERVICES CARD which gives details of the liturgies during Holy Week and Easter from the back of the church or the side porch.

A MASS FOR FATHER BARRY ANGUS RIP will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, Sutton Green on **Tuesday 16 May** at 7.00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Patrick Allen, Michael Burke, Daisy Bushnell, Pat Carbery, Carmel Curtis, Richard Dancy, Marie Deans, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Francis Ellis, Bob Green, Sean Healy, Anne Kellett, Patrick Kennedy, Pauli Koskimies, Michael McKenna, Pearl McLeod, Michael Moores, Stella Paxton, Leslie Pinto, Maria Tobin, Denis Vaughan, Nan Waldron, Ghyllaine Lebentz Walter, Nickii Wright and a parishioner.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Would Gift Aid donors please use their numbered scheme envelopes marked "Easter Offering". Cheques from Gift Aid donors should be made payable to "St Christopher's Church" and placed in the scheme envelopes.

Would other donors please take an envelope from the church and place their offering in the envelope in the plate at one of the Easter Masses.

All Easter offerings including cheques made payable to "St Christopher's Church" are paid over to Father Bernard.

CHURCH BRASSWARE CLEANING is on **Maundy Thursday, 13 April**. If you can spare an hour or so to help, please come along to the hall at 9.30am.

THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES is used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. It also helps the work of the Church in the Holy Land and neighbouring countries by the relief of poverty and suffering. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres there rely very much on assistance from the Collection, especially at this difficult time. **Gift Aid Donors** are asked to place their contribution in one of the spare (blue) envelopes supplied (writing 'Holy Places' on the front) thereby boosting their donation by an additional 25% tax relief.

THE EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER is at 7.30pm on Holy Saturday and will be followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

NEW BOXES OF GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still a number of boxes awaiting collection from the back of the church. If you contribute by standing order, please take your box of envelopes for use in second and special collections. Thank you.

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.