

## GIFT AID APPEAL

Once a year Fr Bernard makes an appeal for more people to join the Gift Aid scheme. This is to remind everyone of its importance. All offerings made under the scheme in effect attract a 25% "bonus" from the government. All those of you who are not yet members of the Gift Aid scheme are invited to consider joining

You must be a taxpayer to join. Any taxpayer who does not take advantage of the scheme turns down a free gift from the government!

You do not need to reside in the parish to join the scheme.

You will be under no obligation to contribute and can cease doing so at any time.

If you would like to join, please ask Vivienne in the parish office for a form.

A few points to bring to the attention of existing members of the scheme:

- If you cease to be a taxpayer, you should inform the parish.
- If you use the envelopes to make your offerings and miss a week, there is no need to use that envelope. Simply put two (or more) weeks offerings in the next envelope.
- If you do make your offerings by using the envelopes, please consider changing to a standing order. This will have a significantly beneficial impact on the counting process and also on the administration of the scheme.
- If you do make your offerings by standing order, please remember that you should use your envelopes for all second and special collections including Christmas and Easter. The effect of doing this will benefit the parish by boosting these offerings by 25%.
- Also, if you are making your offerings by standing order, please do not feel embarrassed about passing on the plate. If you put a small amount of loose cash in the plate, that will accumulate to a significant sum over time, but not be subject to the additional 25% "bonus" from the government.

Many thanks to all of you who already make use of the scheme.

## RESTART A HEART—TEACHING THE LIFE SAVING SKILL OF CPR DEMONSTRATION SESSION - MONDAY 9 MARCH

Restart a Heart Day is an annual event to teach as many people as possible the life saving skill of CPR. A volunteer from the St John Ambulance Brigade will hold a demonstration session in the parish hall on **Monday 9 March** at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome. It would be helpful to get an idea of numbers, so please email or phone the parish office if you wish to attend. If demand is high a second session will be organised at a later date.

**EXAM INVIGILATORS** required from April 2020 at The John Fisher School, Peaks Hill, Purley. Please see church notice board for details.

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## NEWSLETTER

9 February 2020

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

#### Diary Dates:

Tue, Thu & Fri Mass is at 9.30am (for a trial period)

Mon 10—

Wed 12 Feb Parish Office Closed

Fri 14 Feb St Christopher's Craft Circle 10.00am—12.00pm time tbc

Sat 15 Feb Saturday Social Circle 3.30—5.30pm in the hall

Wed 19 Feb St Christopher's Craft Circle 7.00—9.00pm

Mon 9 Mar\* Restart a Heart (CPR demonstration session) 7.30pm  
\* Please note change of date

Wed ) Toddler Group 9.45—11.15am (term time)

Fri ) Weekly Coffee in the hall after 9.30am Mass

Sun ) 10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy  
Refreshments in the hall after Mass

**9 February 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	8	1800	Allan D'Monte RIP (Tom McFadden)
Sun	9	0830	People of the Parish
		1000	Deceased Members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre: John Doyle RIP, Larry Keany RIP, David Macfarlane RIP, Desmond Nugent RIP
		1200	Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary (Celia Hansberry)
Mon	10	<b>1100</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Robert William Green RIP
Tue	11	<b>0930 *</b>	Laurence & Kathleen Goodman RIP
Wed	12		<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	13	<b>0930 *</b>	Pat Taggart RIP Anniversary (Bronagh Taggart)
Fri	14	<b>1300</b>	FUNERAL MASS: Emelda Joyce Indra Pedropillai RIP
Sat	15	1030-1100 )	
		1700-1730 )	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		*	<b>Please note Mass time</b>

**16 February 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Sat	15	1800	Niall Murnane RIP & Deceased Family Members (Joan Murnane)
Sun	16	0830	John & Anastasia Egan RIP (Gielty Family)
		1000	Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary (Joan Twohig & Family)
		1200	People of the Parish

**LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance 506

Plate **£ 392.70**

Gift Aid **£ 643.44**

**£ 1,036.14** *Thank you for your offerings.*

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

This weekend the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. The theme is "You are at the heart of the Church" and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to Racial Justice matters within the Church and wider society. A second collection will be taken to support the Church in its work with Travellers.

**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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:**

**Bob Green**, whose Requiem Mass is on Monday 10 February at 11.00am, and remember especially his wife and his family in your prayers at this time.

**Indra Pedropillai**, and please remember her husband Ivan, their son and daughter, and all her family and friends in your prayers at this time. Indra's Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 14 February at 1.00pm, followed by Committal at NE Surrey Crematorium at 2.40pm, and then a Commemoration Meal at Sacred Heart Wimbledon Upper Hall at 3.30pm. (Please visit *indrapedropillai.com* for further details.)

**Elizabeth Dancy**, whose Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 18 February at 10.15am. There will be a reception in the parish hall afterwards, to which all parishioners who knew Elizabeth are invited.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Gill Atkin, Oonagh Bulaitis, Michael Burke, Jim Carbery, Basil Cousins, Carmel Curtis, Melba De Silva, Patrick Egan, Evelyn Frost, Hilda Gill, Sean Healy, John Hickey, Umberto Inostroza, Margaret Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Indira Louis, Michael McKenna, Michael Moores, Ivan Pedropillai, Emilia Pell, Leslie Pinto, Catherine Thompson, Denis Vaughan, Christopher Vaughan and Nickii Wright.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Catalina Rodriguez-Vitelli who was baptized here on 25 January.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Please collect a copy of the new rota from the Sacristy.

**SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE** (for those who live alone) meets next on **Saturday 15 February** in the hall, 3.30—5.30pm. We shall be playing board games.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** will next meet on **Monday 17 February** at 8.00pm at Holy Cross Church, Carshalton, SM5 2JD. All are welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL PROJECT**

I thank all who organised and came to the meeting on Monday 27 January. It was well attended (65 people) and many ideas and much enthusiasm were expressed. There was a consensus about many things, including:

- ◆ that all Parish activities should become widely known,
- ◆ that all parishioners should be invited to join in and use their talents,
- ◆ that newcomers to the Parish should be made aware, not only of what the Parish can do for them, but also of what they can do for the Parish,
- ◆ that a sense of community should be fostered by social events,
- ◆ that members of the Parish Council should be identified so that suggestions (and criticisms) can be made.

*Bernard Winn*