

## THE LIFE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

LIFE is a charitable organisation that focuses its efforts on providing support to expectant mothers who may be alone, in need of someone to talk to (including counselling), or needing support of any other nature as a proactive alternative to termination of the pregnancy.

LIFE will be holding its annual garden party on **Saturday 15 July**, 12.00—5.00pm at 81 Foxley Lane, Purley, CR8 3HP. This is our one major fundraising event of the year and is an opportunity to spend an afternoon in pleasant garden surroundings with a Ploughman's lunch, strawberries and cream and afternoon tea and cakes. Music is provided and there will be an array of homemade products for sale and a variety of other stalls. Entrance is £8 per adult, £5 per child (under 13), or £20 per family.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FACILITATORS URGENTLY NEEDED

Are you looking to volunteer in a friendly and supportive environment and to make a difference in one of the most foundational areas of society – marriage? Then Marriage Care has the opportunity you are looking for.

Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation that draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad, providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services for couples across England and Wales.

Our Wimbledon centre which covers South West London is in urgent need of: a **Head of Centre** to lead and support the team, **Marriage Preparation Facilitators** to present and facilitate marriage preparation days (training is provided); **Qualified Relationship Counsellors** with a recognised couples-counselling qualification and a **Parish Liaison Officer** to help promote services and volunteering. For more information or to apply, please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

## ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK, 8—11 AUGUST, WOLDINGHAM, SURREY

This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10—15. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, swimming. For more details visit: [www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com) or contact Fr Stephen Boyle, tel: 01322 220075, email: [stanselm01@googlemail.com](mailto:stanselm01@googlemail.com)

## DONHEAD PREPARATORY SCHOOL: APPOINTMENT OF LAY CHAPLAIN

Part-time (3 days a week) Lay Chaplain required for September 2017. Full details at [www.donhead.org.uk](http://www.donhead.org.uk) or contact Mr Chris McGrath on 020 8946 7000 (Ext 1).

**MIDDAY SUPERVISOR** required at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls. Details on church notice board or school website: [recruitment@stphils.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stphils.org.uk)

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## NEWSLETTER

**9 July 2017**

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> Refreshments in the hall after Mass - last before summer break
Mon 10 Jul	<b>PARISH MEETING</b> 8.00pm in the hall
Wed 12 Jul	<b>St Christopher's Craft Circle</b> 7.00—9.00pm (last meeting before summer break)
Sat 15 Jul	<b>Saturday Social Circle</b> (for those who live alone) 3.30—5.30pm in the hall
Sun 16 Jul	<b>10.00am Mass:</b> The Choir & the Children's Liturgy Group will be taking a summer break after this Sunday
<i>Weekly:</i>	<i>Wed <b>Toddler Group</b> 9.45-11.15am (term time)</i>
	<i>Fri <b>Coffee in the hall after 9.00am Mass</b></i>
	<i>Sun <b>10.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy</b> Refreshments in the hall after Mass</i>

<b>9 July 2017</b>		<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
Sat	8 1800	Paraic Keady RIP Anniversary (Keady Family)
Sun	9 0830	Mary Quigley RIP (Margaret & Joe McGrath)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Mary McGorry RIP Anniversary (Patrick McGorry)
Mon	10 1000	Wellbeing of Mrs D Cullen (O'Sullivan Family)
Tue	11 0900	<b>Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe, Feast</b> William Brown RIP
Wed	12	<i>No Mass</i>
Thu	13 0900	Vera Maher RIP (Philomena Culbert)
Fri	14 0900	Mary Doyle RIP (De Brida Family)
Sat	15 1030-1100) 1700-1730)	Sacrament of Reconciliation

<b>16 July 2017</b>		<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
Sat	15 1800	Susan Maher RIP (Pat Le-Boeuf & Family)
Sun	16 0830	Poppy Squires RIP (Knight Family)
	1000	People of the Parish
	1200	Sally McGuigan RIP (Gielty Family)

<b>LAST SUNDAY</b>	Attendance 546	<b>Peter's Pence</b>
	Plate <b>£ 495.58</b>	Plate <b>£ 195.74</b>
	Gift Aid <b>£ 581.65</b>	Gift Aid <b>£ 148.00</b>
	<b>£ 1,077.23</b>	<b>£ 343.74</b>

*Thank you for your offerings.*

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

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. Apostleship of the Sea Gift Aid envelopes can be found on the table at the back of the church. Gift Aid donors may wish to use one of their spare envelopes, writing 'AoS' on the front.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS** are invited to collect a copy of the new rota, which starts on the weekend of 22/23 July, from the church.

#### **PARISH MEETING—MONDAY 10 JULY, 8.00pm**

A meeting will be held at which parishioners can discuss the qualities they think to be appropriate in the successor to Archbishop Peter Smith. The present Archbishop is due to retire in 2018.

A summary of the opinions expressed will be forwarded by the Secretary of the Deanery Council of Priests to the Cathedral Canons who are responsible for forwarding three names to Rome.

The meeting can then proceed to discuss what advice it would like to give to the new Archbishop about how to staff with clergy the 180 parishes of the Diocese, bearing in mind that vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese are in sharp decline, and the average age of present clergy is very high.

#### **SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE (FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE)**

The next meeting of the Circle is on **Saturday 15 July**, 3.30—5.30pm. A discussion about our autumn programme will be followed by either a Beetle Drive or board games.

#### **CONFIRMATION—9 NOVEMBER 2017**

An invitation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is extended to adults and young people of the parish who will be in Year 8, or above, in September. Young people should consider carefully the advice offered by their parents; however, the decision to be Confirmed must be made by the person concerned. If you wish to be Confirmed, please take one of the Confirmation leaflets from the back of the church and complete and return the application form to the parish office by **Sunday 30 July 2017**.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

The current rota finishes next weekend but altar servers are welcome to serve at any Mass during the summer holidays.

If you do not wish to be on the new rota or would like to serve at a different Mass in September, please inform Vivienne in the parish office as soon as possible.

If you would like to be an altar server and have received your First Communion, please ask Fr Bernard for an application 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.