

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST is a weekend retreat from **22—24 March** at Aylesford Priory in Kent, for those who have been bereaved. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £230 for a single, £210 for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: 01622 717 272.

Laleham Lea, a Catholic Independent School in Purley, is looking for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to start as soon as possible. For more information and application forms please visit our school website - www.lalehamlea.co.uk or call 0208 660 3351.

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES TO FATIMA & ITALY

Further information on A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at www.adaywithmary.org or email adwmary.uk@gmail.com

HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

An HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes is unlike any other and can bring healing to those who are troubled, and great reward to those who provide the practical, physical, and social help needed to support the care needs of the Group.

Fr Luke's 2024 HCPT Group will be travelling on the **13–20 September** this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. We need able bodied helpers, both male and female, to give a week of their time to assist us with the Group, and there are many different positions to be filled. It is a great opportunity to find out the role that the disabled can play, in showing us the way to Christ. We would especially like to hear from any nurses if they are able to assist us. The Pilgrimage week is very special and always leaves us feeling inspired, and uplifted. Please see your church notice board for further information or go to the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk and look for Summer Pilgrimages. To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768080537), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265), or Fr Luke (020 8642 3863).

SAFEGUARDING: *It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. Further safeguarding information can be found on the parish website. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are: Kim O'Brien (07711 757399) & Angela Pitcher (07818 516321).*

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N E W S L E T T E R



10 March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

MASS TIMES:	SATURDAY (VIGIL MASS)	6.00 PM
	SUNDAY	10.00 AM & 12.00 NOON
	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	10.00 AM
SYRO-MALABAR EASTERN RITE LITURGICAL SERVICE:	SUNDAY	2.00 PM—7.00 PM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	SATURDAY WEEKDAYS	10.30—11.00 AM & 5.00—5.45 PM BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	9.00 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS DURING LENT AFTER 10.00 AM MASS		

PARISH DIARY DATES:

Weekend of 9/10 March FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Tuesday 12 March - no 10am Mass. 1230 Requiem Mass.

Friday 22 March - Basic Life Support and Defib awareness 730pm Church Hall

10 March 2024 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Sat	9	6.00 pm	Eileen Pugh RIP
Sun	10	10.00 am	For All Mothers
		12.00 noon	People of the Parish
Mon	11	10.00 am	Mary Brookes's Intentions
Tue	12	12.30 pm	Requiem Mass: Apolinario Victor De Menezes RIP
Thu	14	10.00 am	Tawfiq Nadir RIP and Clementine Nasser RIP
Fri	15	10.00 am	Stephen Slattery RIP Anniversary
		10.30 am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

17 March 2024 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Sat	16	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	17	10.00 am	Margaret McGrath RIP Anniversary
		12.00 noon	Mini Chandra RIP Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Apolinario (Victor) De Menezes, whose Requiem Mass is at St Christopher's on Tuesday 12 March at 12.30 pm. Please remember especially in your prayers his wife Maria and their family at this time.

Steve Lobo, whose funeral will be held at St John the Evangelist Church in Tadworth on Tuesday 19th March at 11am. Please remember in your prayers his wife Jean and their family at this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH and remember their carers in your prayers.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

This year's Mission Appeal will be given at all Masses this weekend by Fr Godwin Alkali, CSSp on behalf of The Spiritans (also known as The Congregation of the Holy Spirit).

10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:

The choir will be leading the singing this morning. Choir rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. New singers and musicians very welcome.

No children's liturgy today.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass today. All welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support the parish through the collections, standing orders, Gift Aid and online donations.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER VIGIL

Would Eucharistic Ministers, readers and altar servers please sign up on the list, in the sacristy, to help on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil.

12 volunteers are required for the 'Washing of the feet' on Maundy Thursday. Please give your name to Fr Antony or sign up on the list in the sacristy.

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

The new boxes of Gift Aid envelopes are available for collection from the back of the church. Please take your box even if you donate by standing order or bank transfer so that you can use the envelopes provided for Diocesan collections, Christmas and Easter offerings.

POOR PARISHES COLLECTION takes place next weekend which enables the Diocese to make grants to some of the smaller parishes.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND DEFIB AWARENESS

Less than 40% of people having a cardiac arrest outside of hospital in the UK receive bystander Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation - CPR. If a defibrillator is used within the first minute of a person having a Cardiac Arrest they can increase their chance of survival by 90%. So why is this training and equipment not more widely available?

If you would like to find out more about this very important life saving skill please come along to the parish hall on **Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm** when Don Howden, a parishioner, First Aid trainer with over 25 years emergency services experience will enlighten us. Refreshments available afterwards.

FOODBANK COLLECTION—HELP ERADICATE FOOD POVERTY IN SUTTON

Once again this weekend donations of food may be left in the box provided in the church. Sutton Foodbank also welcomes cash donations which can be made via their website: <https://localgiving.org/charity/suttonfoodbank/> or, if you prefer, you can leave an envelope with your donation in the parish office.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WELCOME TEAM

We are seeking volunteers to welcome parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass. Could you give 15 minutes of your time to greet people as they come into church, hand out Mass leaflets, newsletters and hymn books? If you would like to join a team to welcome people to Mass, or find out more about what is involved, then please contact Karen Jordan on 07922 147682.