

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from **22—24 March**, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. 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, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Tel: 01622 717 272.

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

For details of the *A Day With Mary* pilgrimage to Fatima in June this year, please see church notice boards or visit <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

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

11 February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday 14 February ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Mass

7.00 pm Lent Talk—Canon Gerard Bradley

8.00 pm Mass

Friday 1 March

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10.30 am Service at The Salvation Army Church, 45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD **All welcome**

Wednesday 6 March

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

7.00 pm in the Parish Hall

11 February 2024 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Sat 10	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 11	10.00 am	Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary
	12.00 noon	Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary
Mon 12	10.00 am	Laurence & Kathleen Goodman RIP
Tue 13	10.00 am	Peg Casey RIP
Wed 14		ASH WEDNESDAY
	10.00 am	Fr Gordon Albion RIP
	8.00 pm	People of the Parish
Thu 15	10.00 am	Helen Kerr RIP
Fri 16	10.00 am	Intentions of Edmund Louis
	10.30 am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

18 February 2024 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Sat 17	6.00 pm	James Cherry RIP
Sun 18	10.00 am	People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	Francesca Lilley RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Joseph Blanc, and remember especially in your prayers his wife Juliana, daughter Deborah and all the family. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Christopher's on Thursday 22 February at 12.30 pm.

Patricia Lindsell, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 8 March at 12.00 noon. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

Apolinario (Victor) De Menezes, a parishioner of long-standing. Please remember especially in your prayers his wife Maria and their family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH and remember their carers in your prayers. Communion is taken to the sick in the parish on request.

10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:

No Choir today. Choir rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. New singers and musicians very welcome.

The Children are invited to go out to the hall for their own Liturgy of the Word today.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support the parish through the collections, standing orders, Gift Aid and online donations. We are most grateful to all those who have switched their weekly offerings from cash to monthly standing orders or bank transfers.

For the parish bank details go to www.stchristopherscheam.com and click on Info—Financial Support, and if you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme (information is available from the parish office).

NEXT WEEKEND: CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible.

Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF You can also donate via telephone during office hours Mon-Fri on 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church.

Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

LENT begins this week on **Ash Wednesday**, a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 10.00 am and 8.00 pm Masses.

Canon Gerard Bradley will be giving a **Lenten Talk** at **7.00 pm** in the hall which will be followed by Mass at 8.00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on Fridays during Lent after the 10.00 am Mass.

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) will be held on **Saturday 17 February at 2.00 pm** in the parish hall. They will be holding a Whist Drive.

MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 6 March at 7.00 pm** in the Parish Hall for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and for those who have recently volunteered for these ministries. This will be a chance to meet each other informally as well as provide the opportunity for all to practise reading in the church.