

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

Firefighters from Sutton will visit local residents and give free face-to-face fire safety advice. The advice covers topics such as the dangers of smoking, kitchen fires and planning your escape route in the event of a fire. Firefighters also fit free smoke alarms. Visits will be booked in anytime between 11.30 – 16.00, 7 days a week and will last around 20 minutes. Email suttonb@london-fire.gov.uk with your name, address and contact telephone number and a member of the watch will contact you to book in your visit.

LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL (Rated Excellent in all areas by the ISI) is inviting applications for a limited number of vacancies for Year 3 entry 2024. For more information and to book your child's Taster Day please visit www.lalehamlea.co.uk

ICON PAINTING RETREAT to be held at The Kairos Retreat Centre, Roehampton 8 - 15 April 2024 led by Cari Bridgen. Tuition on techniques and use of traditional materials. Cari Bridgen trained for 3 years with a master Iconographer in Canterbury and is an experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director. This retreat is suitable for beginners and experienced icon painters. Ensuite Room £630, Standard £550. Resources charge £95.00

LEAVER'S SERVICE FOR VIVIENNE ON SUNDAY 14TH APRIL AT 10AM.

If you need any more information please contact Violet—07855856155, James—07866872554 or Jane - 07802277122.

FR LUKE'S HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 15-22 SEPTEMBER 2023

We can promise an extremely rewarding time in Lourdes with our long established, wonderfully caring HCPT Group. Able-bodied volunteer helpers and nurses to assist the group would be much appreciated.

Full details can be found on church notice boards, or please contact HCPT Group Leaders Sandra Allen (020 8395 5462), Manus Finnerty (07825 564825), or Fr Luke (020 8642 3863). Visit the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk and click on Summer Pilgrimages for further information.

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).

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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Parish Website:

www.stchristopherscheam.com

Deanery Website:

www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

Diocesan Website:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

NEWSLETTER



17 March 2024

Fifth 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
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	SATURDAY WEEKDAYS	10.30—11.00 AM & 5.00—5.45 PM BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS
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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	9.00 AM
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS DURING LENT AFTER 10.00 AM MASS

PARISH DIARY DATES:

21/22 March Parish Office closed

17/18 March Poor Parishes Collection

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

29 March Good Friday Walk of Witness Sutton

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
Mon 18	10.00 am	Vivienne Miller RIP
Tue 19	10.00 am	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Solemnity Gladys Hogg RIP
Thu 21	10.00 am	Bernard Henry Elkington RIP and Peter Barry RIP
Fri 22	10.00 am	Winifred Brennan RIP
	10.30 am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

24 March 2024**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Sat 23	6.00 pm	Mary Lucy Manuel RIP Anniversary
Sun 24	10.00 am	Gavin D'Souza RIP
	12.00 noon	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF 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.

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.

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

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER VIGIL: 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.

POOR PARISHES COLLECTION takes place this weekend. This collection enables the Diocese to make grants to some of the smaller parishes.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for all your support. Your generous contributions amounted to **£858.64** which included **£175** from the coffee donations.

THANK YOU to everyone who supports the parish through collections, standing orders, Gift Aid and online donations. We are grateful to all 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 select Info—Financial Support. Information about the GIFT Aid scheme available from the Parish Office.

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

The new Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take yours even if you donate by standing order or bank transfer to use the envelopes for Diocesan collections, Christmas and Easter offerings.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

About 60 people attended at the Salvation Army in Sutton. 13 churches were represented. There was good support from St Christopher's. The next ecumenical event is the Walk of Witness in Sutton on Good Friday.

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.