

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10—35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. Our next youth day for young people aged 10 to 14 will take place at Richard Challoner School, New Malden on **Saturday 9 March**. The day will include faith input, prayer, sports, games and pizza. Parents can book their children at <http://www.tinyurl.com/scysyouthday>.

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST is a weekend from **22—24 March** 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, 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.

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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www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

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www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

18 February 2024

First 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:

Friday 23 February	CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
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

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
Mon 19	10.00 am	Sister Monica McDonald's Intentions
Tue 20	10.00 am	Margaret O'Hara RIP
Thu 22	12.30 pm	REQUIEM MASS: Joseph Timothy Blanc RIP
Fri 23	10.00 am	Nina Goryn RIP
	10.30 am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

25 February 2024 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Sat 24	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 25	10.00 am	Kathleen Loughlin RIP Anniversary
	12.00 noon	Roger Deeley RIP (1st) Anniversary

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 on Thursday 22 February at 12.30 pm.

Apolinario (Victor) De Menezes, a parishioner of long-standing, whose funeral will be celebrated 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.

Patricia Lindsell, and remember her family and friends in your prayers. Please note that her Requiem Mass will not now be celebrated at St Christopher's.

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.

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

10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:

Sung Mass 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 for their own Liturgy of the Word today.

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

THIS 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY—FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please use one of the envelopes that are available in the church or give online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

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.

FOODBANK COLLECTION—HELP ERADICATE FOOD POVERTY IN SUTTON

On the weekends of 2/3 and 9/10 March there will be an opportunity for parishioners to donate items of food to help residents who are in crisis and need emergency food. These are the things that are most in need:

Pasta Sauce • Sponge Puddings/Puddings • Tinned Fruit • Long Life Juice • Tinned Vegetables • Coffee (100g Jars) • Long Life Semi Skimmed Milk

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.

HELP SUPPORT A PRO-LIFE AMENDMENT THAT WILL SAVE LIVES

Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment!