

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2024

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group (ANCCG) invites parishioners to the 'Life in the Spirit Seminar' weekly programme from **Sunday 7 April until Sunday 2 June** at **St Andrews Catholic Church, Thornton Heath, Croydon**. The programme will consist of talks on various topics every Sunday 7.00—9.00 pm by prominent speakers helping participants to be ignited with the power of the Holy Spirit. Please see the poster on church notice boards for further information.

THANK YOU FROM VIVIENNE

It was wonderful to see and speak with so many of you at my farewell last Sunday. I was quite overwhelmed with the fabulous gifts presented to me, which included an inscribed silver St Christopher's key ring, an RHS subscription (which will inspire me to start tackling the garden), my favourite perfume (Aqua di Parma), my preferred tippie - gin— in a lovely ceramic bottle. I also received a beautiful hand painted picture of my favourite flowers, freesias, with a lovely message from you all on the back, together with a ceramic pot containing freesias. And if all that wasn't enough, a cheque for £850—which has been allocated to my holiday fund! Thank you all so much for your generosity and moreover for the thought (and detective work) that went into these wonderful gifts. With heartfelt gratitude and love to you all. Vivienne.

WELCOME TO VIRGINIA

Father Antony wishes to extend a warm welcome to Virginia who is the new Parish Administrator and started last week. With her family she has been attending mass at St Christopher's for almost 20 years and is looking forward to meeting more of you in the weeks ahead. She would like to thank everybody she has met so far in her new role for their kind wishes and prayers.

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.rcsouthwark.co.uk



NEWSLETTER

21 April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

USUAL 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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Save the Date

Saturday 27 April

**DAY OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL 10.30am-3.00pm
for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers
at St Catherine of Siena Church, Chessington**

21 April 2024**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Sat	20	6.00 pm	Padraig Colohan RIP - 1st Anniversary
Sun	21	10.00 am	People of the Parish
		12.00 noon	Christine Ann Doyle RIP
Mon	22	10.00 am	Karen Church - Wellbeing
Tue	23	10.00 am	Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England, Solemnity Padraig Colohan RIP - 1st Anniversary
Thu	25	10.00 am	Saint Mark, Evangelist Paul Cunningham RIP - 3rd Anniversary
Fri	26	10.00 am	James Dyson RIP Anniversary

28 April 2024**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Sat	27	6.00 pm	Padraig Colohan RIP - 1st Anniversary
Sun	28	10.00 am	People of the Parish
		12.00 noon	Bridget Eggs RIP

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

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. Please note that Children's Liturgy is subject to change and a poster will be displayed on the day to confirm if it is going ahead.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

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 is available from the Parish Office.

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

There is still a large number of the new Gift Aid envelopes awaiting collection from the front porch of the church. Please take yours 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.

CORI IS RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON FOR STARLIGHT UK

In 2014 Cori-Matthew was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and had long stays in hospital, where he received tremendous support from the Starlight Children's Foundation. He had a successful bone marrow transplant in the summer of 2015. The marathon is his way of raising funds to help other children going through what he experienced. If you would like to support Cori-Matthew, please visit his JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cori-matthew>

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - SUNDAY 21ST APRIL there will be the usual Diocesan second collection for the Priest Training Fund. Our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and the needy in South London, Kent and Surrey. It costs £30,000 to sponsor each seminarian a year and takes 6 years before being ordained. To donate online please visit: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

DAY OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL—SATURDAY 27 APRIL

A Day of Reflection given by Canon Gerard Bradley for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who weren't able to make the Advent event will be held on **Saturday 27 April** at St Catherine of Siena Church, Chessington. Beginning with Holy Mass at 10.30 am and ending at 3.00 pm. Lunch provided. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to attend.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL—SECOND COLLECTION —28TH APRIL

The Diocesan second collection in support of St George's Cathedral will take place, following on from St George's Day on 23rd April 2024. For over half a century the Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. The Cathedral attracts thousands of worshippers and visitors each year as well as serving a lively local parish community reflecting the diversity of South London. It is entirely reliant on the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. To donate online please visit: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral