

## DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at **Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent** on **Saturday 6 April 2024 from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm**. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

## AN INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY

A service will be held on **Sunday 7 April at 2.00 pm** at St Margaret of Scotland, Fir Tree Grove, Carshalton. Further details can be found on church notice boards.

## 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 from 7.00—9.00 pm by prominent speakers helping the participants to be ignited with the power of the Holy Spirit. Please see the poster on church notice boards for further information

**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 14 APRIL AT 10.00AM

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

**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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Parish Website:

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Deanery Website:

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Diocesan Website:

[www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)



# NEWSLETTER

**24 March 2024**

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

MON 25 MAR	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION MASS	9.00 AM 10.00 AM
TUE 26 MAR	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION MASS	9.00 AM 10.00 AM
THU 28 MAR	MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>FOLLOWED BY WATCHING (1 HOUR)</i>	7.30 PM
FRI 29 MAR	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.30 AM 3.00 PM
Sat 30 Mar	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	10.30—11.00 AM 7.30 PM
SUN 31 MAR	EASTER SUNDAY MASSES	10.00 AM & 12.00 NOON

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<u>USUAL MASS TIMES:</u>	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	10.30—11.00 AM & 5.00—5.45 PM
	WEEKDAYS	BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	9.00 AM

**24 March 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)**

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
Mon	25	10.00 am	Florence Ryan—Wellbeing
Tue	26	10.00 am	Sean Kennedy RIP
Thu	28		<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
		7.30 pm	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER <i>followed by Watching (1 hour)</i>
Fri	29		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
		9.30 am	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN
		3.00 pm	CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Sat	30	7.30 pm	<b>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b> People of the Parish

**31 March 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)**

Sun	31	10.00 am	John Francis Summers RIP
		12.00 noon	Patrick Eggs RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Stanley Ling** and remember his wife Sabina and their family in your prayers at this time. His funeral will be held at St John's, Belmont on 15 April at 12.00 noon.

**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.

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

**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](http://www.stchristopherscheam.com) and select Info—Financial Support. Information about the GIFT Aid scheme is available from the Parish Office.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE**

The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

**EASTER OFFERING** envelopes are available from the church and may be placed in the collection bucket in the church next weekend.

Donors who wish to make an Easter offering by bank transfer should please add the payment reference 'Easter' when completing the transfer. Gift Aid donors are asked to use their numbered scheme envelopes marked 'Easter Offering'. Cheques from Gift Aid donors should be made payable to 'St Christopher's Church' and placed in the scheme envelopes. All Easter offerings, including cheques made payable to 'St Christopher's Church' are paid over to Father Antony.

**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.

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS 29 MARCH 10—11AM**

**Churches Together in Sutton and Cheam**

Gathering outside ASDA (Sutton) at 10.00 am and walking together slowly and in silence up to Trinity Square, where all are welcome to join in an open-air service, led by Hope Church.

**THANK YOU FROM SUTTON FOODBANK**

Thank you to everyone who donated food items to the Sutton Foodbank collection. Together we managed to raise over 85kgs of food, which has been taken to the community shop at St Nicholas Centre in Sutton and distributed to those in need. There will be another collection for Foodbank in mid June.

**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.