

**LALEHAM LEA SCHOOL**, 29 Peaks Hill, Purley CR8 3JJ is holding an **Open Week** from **4—8 March, 9.30—11.30 am**. To book your place, please email secretary @lalehamlea.co.uk . Limited spaces available for Year 3 entry 2024.

**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](http://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 in at <http://www.tinyurl.com/scysyouthday>

#### **GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST**

This 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.

#### **A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES TO FATIMA & ITALY**

Further information on A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or email [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com) Details can also be found on church notice boards.

#### **ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

Newcomers to the Parish are always very welcome and are invited to take an 'Are you new to our Parish?' leaflet from the front entrance of the church and complete and return the enclosed form.

#### **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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**St Helier Hospital Chaplain:**

Fr Philip Pak 07591 596656



**Parish Website:**

[www.stchristopherscheam.com](http://www.stchristopherscheam.com)

**Deanery Website:**

[www.suttondeanery.weebly.com](http://www.suttondeanery.weebly.com)

**Diocesan Website:**

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

## **N E W S L E T T E R**



**25 February 2024**

### **Second Sunday of Lent (B)**

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| <b>MASS TIMES:</b>  | <b>SATURDAY (VIGIL MASS)</b>   | <b>6.00 PM</b>  |
|   | <b>SUNDAY</b>                  | <b>10.00 AM &amp; 12.00 NOON</b>                                  |
|   | <b>MON, TUE, THU &amp; FRI</b> | <b>10.00 AM</b>   |
| SYRO-MALABAR EASTERN<br>RITE LITURGICAL SERVICE:                      | SUNDAY                         | 2.00 PM—7.00 PM   |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF<br/>RECONCILIATION:</b>                               | <b>SATURDAY<br/>WEEKDAYS</b>   | <b>10.30—11.00 AM &amp; 5.00—5.45 PM<br/>BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS</b> |
| <b>EXPOSITION OF THE<br/>BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>                       | <b>MON, TUE, THU &amp; FRI</b> | <b>9.00 AM</b>  |
| <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAYS DURING LENT AFTER 10.00 AM MASS</b> |                                |   |

#### **PARISH DIARY DATES:**

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| <b>Friday 1 March</b>    | <b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</b><br><b>10.30 am</b> Service at The Salvation Army Church,<br>45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD <b>All</b> welcome |
| <b>Wednesday 6 March</b> | <b>MEETING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS &amp; READERS</b><br><b>7.00 pm</b> in the Parish Hall   |

| <b>25 February 2024</b> |    | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b>  |
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| 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                                   |
| Mon                     | 26 | 10.00 am George Power RIP   |
| Tue                     | 27 | 10.00 am Deceased Members of the Girling Family                                 |
| Thu                     | 29 | 10.00 am Holy Souls   |
| Fri                     | 1  | 10.00 am <b>Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast</b><br>Doreen Thorp RIP |
|                         |    | 10.30 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS  |

| <b>3 March 2024</b> |   | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b>                           |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Sat                 | 2 | 6.00 pm Patrick Vaughan RIP & Deceased Relatives          |
| Sun                 | 3 | 10.00 am People of the Parish                             |
|                     |   | 12.00 noon Baby Molly Ellen Butler RIP (10th) Anniversary |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF 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.

**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.

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](http://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

#### **10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:**

**The Choir** will be leading the singing today. Choir rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. New singers and musicians very welcome.

**No Children's Liturgy** today.

**Refreshments** will be served in the hall after Mass today. Everyone is most welcome.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** was on Friday and this weekend we welcome Margaret Duignan to update us on the work of CAFOD.

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](http://cafod.org.uk) CAFOD would love you to join their volunteer team and if you have any questions or want to know more about volunteering, please do chat to Margaret after Mass or contact [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk).

#### **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**

Over the next 2 weekends, 2/3 & 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.

#### **LAUNCH OF ARCHBISHOP WILSON'S BOOK ON VATICAN II**

Archbishop John Wilson has written a book, *Pondering and Praying Vatican II*, to help people understand Vatican II and what it means for our faith. There is a book launch at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 6 March** at Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral, Southwark. There will be refreshments and a short presentation and books will be for sale on the evening. All are welcome.

#### **CARITAS 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—SATURDAY 16 MARCH**

You are warmly invited to join Caritas Archdiocese of Southwark at St George's Cathedral for a Mass of celebration at 12.30 pm and a gathering afterwards in Amigo Hall. The gathering will be an opportunity to hear from Caritas Social Action Network, the national picture as well as from parishes, schools and partner groups in our diocese.