

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.

ONE DAY RETREAT 4TH MAY 2024 11AM—430PM

Held at Our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory Warwick Street Piccadilly W1F 9JR. This will be a day of quiet reflection including Scripture talks, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy and Healing Prayers. For more information visit: www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com

ANNUAL MASS—LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS 6th May 2024 1230PM

Held in honour of St Joseph the worker this will be held at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR. The Mass is hosted by the three London Catholic Diocese, supported by the Justice and Peace Commission and Ethnic Chaplancies, Caritas Brentwood and London Citizens UK in celebration of all the people who live, work and contribute to life across our city.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE - 13th JULY 2024

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 3pm on 13th July. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John please contact: www.mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with your details – Name, address phone number, anniversary to be celebrated and parish. **Deadline is 31st May.**

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.stchristopherscheam.com

Deanery Website:

www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

Diocesan Website:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk



NEWSLETTER

28 April 2024

FIFTH 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—5.00 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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SATURDAY 4TH MAY The Marriage of Kyle and Megan 1pm

MONDAY 29TH APRIL

MONDAY 6TH MAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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
Mon 29	10.00 am	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe Nayna Patel RIP Anniversary
Tue 30	10.00 am	McArthur De Piedade Pereira RIP –1st Anniversary
Thu 02	10.00 am	Bheemul Family RIP
Fri 03	10.00 am	Saints Philip and James, Apostles Margaret Leonard RIP

5 May 2024**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

Sat 04	6.00 pm	Olive O'Reilly RIP
Sun 28	10.00 am	People of the Parish
	12.00 noon	Kathleen O'Halloran RIP Anniversary

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

10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:

No sung mass today. 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'S LONDON MARATHON FOR STARLIGHT UK—UPDATE

Many thanks for supporting Cori with his marathon run. Not just by your donations, which amounted to around £380, perhaps more if donated anonymously, but also through your prayers. He has managed to raise £2577 so far, with donations still coming through and the Starlight Children's foundation raised £120k and counting with just 56 runners, a great achievement for a relatively small charity. Despite stopping twice with leg cramps and getting a massage from the London Ambulance Team, he managed to complete his run in 4hr48mins, a remarkable time. Thank you all again, Deborah & Cori-Matthew.

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

The Diocesan second collection in support of St George's Cathedral will take place this weekend. 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 remain open. Your support helps the Cathedral to open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. To donate online please visit:

www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral

MASS FOR THOSE SITTING EXAMS —4TH MAY 2024

As we are approaching exam time and at Mass on Saturday 4th May we will remember in a special way those sitting GCSEs and A Levels along with University exams, SATS and other assessments. Sitting exams can be a very challenging time for students and their families—we invite you to take some time to disconnect from preparations and study by coming to Mass and praying for yourself and others. The whole Parish will be joining you in prayer and support.

PRAYER FOR EXAM TIME

Lord, be with me as I begin my exams, help me to think clearly, to be calm and to express my answers accurately. Help me realise that you are with me throughout my life and with your Spirit to guide me so I may reach my full potential. **Amen.**