

CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Families of boys with musical potential in Years 2, 3 or 4, are invited to explore the idea of joining a thriving choir school on a brief Zoom call. The next Zoom sessions, each lasting 30 minutes are at 6.30 pm on **Wednesday 31 January** and **Wednesday 13 March**. For a link, contact Lucy Auger: lauger@choirschool.com

SAVING MARRIAGES is what Retrouvaille is all about: helping couples having major marital difficulties. Their next programme begins with an online weekend event from **Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 February 2024**. The next face-to-face event is on 14—16 June. For more details please visit: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20S & 30S), 16-18 FEBRUARY 2024

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, come along and stay for the weekend or just for the day on Saturday, with the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in Liverpool. For more information, visit www.fcjsisters.org or contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com

THE MEDJUGORJE APOSTOLATE ANNUAL RETREAT will take place from **Friday 23 to Sunday 25 February 2024** at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London. For more information and to book please contact Paul Spencer at pilgrimsofmary@hotmail.com or on 07710567183.

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK & CO MAYO—3 MARCH 2024

£899.00 pps (single supplement on enquiry), includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, lunch on 3 days, all entertainment, excursions and transport. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

For details of the *A Day With Mary* pilgrimage to Fatima in June this year, please see church notice boards or visit <https://www.adaywithmary.org/>

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full-time Administration Assistant (35 hours pw). The position will be based at SPUC's Kennington office (SE11). For a full job description and application form, please contact Lucille McQuade at lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk or on 020 7091 7091.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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Parish Website:

www.stchristopherscheam.com

Deanery Website:

www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

Diocesan Website:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

28 January 2024—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

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
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

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 30 January **Parish Office Closed** (NB new phone no: **020 3649 5994**)

Wednesday 14 February **ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm Lent Talk** to be given by Canon Gerard Bradley followed by **Mass at 8.00 pm**

Friday 1 March **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 10.30 am Service** to be held at The Salvation Army Church, 45 Benhill Avenue, Sutton SM1 4DD **Everyone** is welcome

Sunday 14 April **A Big Thank You** to Vivienne Rozmanowski **10.00 am Mass followed by refreshments in the hall**
We would love for you all to join us at a farewell/retirement Mass for Vivienne who as you know has been the parish secretary and unsung hero for over 25 years. We will announce further details in due course.
Violet (07855 856155) James (07866 872554)

28 January 2024 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Sat	27	6.00 pm	John & Harriet Albion RIP
Sun	28	10.00 am	Kathleen Higgins RIP
		12.00 noon	People of the Parish
Mon	29	10.00 am	Maya Knauer (10th Birthday)
Tue	30	10.00 am	Edmund Louis—In Thanksgiving
Thu	1	10.00 am	Angeline Louis RIP Anniversary
Fri	2	10.00 am	The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, Feast Eileen Mullarkey RIP

4 February 2024 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Sat	3	6.00 pm	Eugene Farrell RIP
Sun	4	10.00 am	People of the Parish
		12.00 noon	Michael Cleary & Deceased Members of the Cleary and Healy Families

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Joseph Blanc, who died recently, and remember especially in your prayers at this time his wife Juliana, daughter Deborah and all the family.

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 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).

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—28 JANUARY 2024

Racial Justice Sunday is the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme this year is ‘Seeing one another in the life of the Church.’ At the recent seminar on Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion, participants recognised one another as children of God regardless of race. This year’s Racial Justice Mass theme addresses this from a slightly different angle: recognising the saints of every race and culture who have revealed Christ to us.

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 to the hall for their own Liturgy of the Word today.

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

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

The service held on Tuesday 23 January was well attended. There were more than 50 people present including 2 members of the Cheam Parish Team from St Dunstan’s C of E, Quakers, and a member of the United Reformed Church of St Andrews. It was a very joyful occasion based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. It was followed by a reception in the hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Registration forms for children in Primary School Year 3 (or above) are available from the sacristy and from the parish website <https://www.stchristopherscheam.com/sacraments>

Classes starting in March will be held on Saturday afternoons. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the weekend of 22/23 June 2024.

Please note that the closing date for registration is 31 January 2024.

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking to recruit volunteers to join them in their mission. Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with southwark@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

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).*