

DIVINE MERCY 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

MAKING A NEW START

Beginning Experience is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. The next programme will be on **April 12-14**. For details phone 0208 647 4760 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

FAREWELL MASS for Vivienne on **Sunday 14 April at 10.00am**. For 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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www.rcsouthwark.co.uk



NEWSLETTER

31 March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY (B)

SAT 30 MARCH	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	7.30 PM
SUN 31 MARCH	EASTER SUNDAY MASSES	10.00 AM & 12.00 NOON
	
<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
<u>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</u>	SATURDAY	10.30—11.00 AM & 5.00—5.45 PM
	WEEKDAYS	BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS
<u>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</u>	MON, TUE, THU & FRI	9.00 AM

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

Sat	30	7.30 pm	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT People of the Parish
Sun	31	10.00 am	John Francis Summers RIP
		12.00 noon	Patrick Eggs RIP
Mon	1	10.00 am	Francis & Bridget McCormack—Wellbeing
Tue	2	10.00 am	Elizabeth Smith RIP 1st Anniversary (Saturday Social Circle)
Thu	4	10.00 am	Hazel Simpson RIP
Fri	5	10.00 am	Carmel Ryan—Wellbeing

7 April 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Sat	6	6.00 pm	John & Roz Dwyer—Wedding Anniversary
Sun	7	10.00 am	Helga Satgunasingam RIP Anniversary
		12.00 noon	People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS 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.

Mark Sagrott, and remember especially in your prayers his wife Carmel, their children and all their family and friends at this time.

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

10.00 AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:

The Choir is leading the singing 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.

There will be no refreshments after Mass today as the coffee helpers are taking an Easter break.

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 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.

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) will be held on **Saturday 20 April at 2.00 pm** in the parish hall. The group will be holding a Beetle Drive.

EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS TO BE CHERISHED

An important Pastoral Message from Archbishop John Wilson on the question of Assisted Suicide can be found on the Southwark Diocesan website: [Archbishop John: "Every human life is to be cherished.": Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](http://Archbishop John:)

There are various individuals and groups calling for legislation to enable assisted suicide through changes in legislation. Please write to your MP to ask them to oppose this dangerous threat to the dignity and value of human life.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS RALLY—MONDAY 6 MAY 2024

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6 May at The Friars, Aylesford Priory. Further details will be displayed on church notice boards.

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.