

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

On **Saturday 10 February**, the Vigil of the Feast Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.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/>

HCPT PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

An HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes is unlike any other and can bring healing to those who are troubled, and great reward to those who provide the practical, physical, and social help needed to support the care needs of the Group.

Fr Luke's 2024 HCPT Group will be travelling on the **13–20 September** this year, staying in Hosanna House, which is fully equipped to meet the needs of the disabled. We need able bodied helpers, both male and female, to give a week of their time to assist us with the Group, and there are many different positions to be filled. It is a great opportunity to find out the role that the disabled can play, in showing us the way to Christ. We would especially like to hear from any nurses if they are able to assist us. The Pilgrimage week is very special and always leaves us feeling inspired, and uplifted. Please see your church notice board for further information or go to the HCPT website www.hcpt.org.uk and look for Summer Pilgrimages.

To find out more, please contact the Group leaders: Sandra Allen (07768080537), Manus Finnerty (020 8669 5265), or Fr Luke (020 8642 3863).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

wishes to recruit a full-time Administration Assistant (35 hours pw), based in the Kennington office (SE11). For a full job description and an application form, please contact Lucille McQuade: lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk or 020 7091 7091.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR REQUIRED

Laleham Lea Catholic Independent School is looking to appoint a Governor to join their dedicated Governing body. (Please note, this is an unpaid voluntary position.) Please email secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk or phone 020 8660 3351 for further details.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST CHRISTOPHER

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Parish Priest: Fr Antony James

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Opening hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

St Helier Hospital Chaplain:

Fr Philip Pak 07591 596656



Parish Website:

www.stchristopherscheam.com

Deanery Website:

www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

Diocesan Website:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

4 February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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| 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 WEEKDAYS | 10.30—11.00 AM & 5.00—5.45 PM BEFORE 10.00 AM MASS |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: | MON, TUE, THU & FRI | 9.00 AM |

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 14 February **ASH WEDNESDAY 7.00 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

Wednesday 6 March Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers **7.00 pm** in the Parish Hall

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

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| 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 |
| Mon | 5 | 10.00 am | Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial Pat Moyles RIP |
| Tue | 6 | 10.00 am | Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial Simon Burke's Intention |
| Thu | 8 | 10.00 am | Pat Taggart RIP Anniversary |
| Fri | 9 | 10.00 am | Luke Foley RIP |

11 February 2024 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

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| Sat | 10 | 6.00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun | 11 | 10.00 am | Edward Twohig RIP Anniversary |
| | | 12.00 noon | Frank Hansberry RIP Anniversary |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Joseph Blanc, and remember especially in your prayers his wife Juliana, daughter Deborah and all the family. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Christopher's on Thursday 22 February at 12.30 pm.

Patricia Lindsell, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 8 March at 12.00 noon. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

Apolinario (Victor) De Menezes, a parishioner of long-standing, and please remember especially in your prayers his wife Maria and their family and friends.

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.

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.

No Children's Liturgy today.

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

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).

SATURDAY SOCIAL CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Circle (for those who live alone) will be held on **Saturday 17 February at 2.00 pm** in the parish hall. They will be holding a Whist Drive.

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.

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

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).