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Sunday 9th February 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Yr A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

Racial Justice Day

(Parish Mass Book – Page 133)

6.15pm (Saturday 8th February 2020)

People of the parish

8.30am The Holy Souls

10am Those affected by the Coronavirus

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am **Confirmation Mass of**

Enrolment and Commitment

4pm Benediction

5pm Ronald Francis RIP

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (Yr 2)

Monday 10th February 2020

St Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)

7.30am Ellis Foundation Mass

10am James & Margaret Kearney RIP

Tuesday 11th February 2020

Our Lady of Lourdes (Memorial)

7.30am Ron Francis RIP

10am Rosie Rego

(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Wednesday 12th February 2020

7.30am Intentions of the Maduka family

Thanksgiving Novena

10am Peter Fleming RIP

Thursday 13th February 2020

7.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP

10am Len & Tina Phillips RIP

Friday 14th February 2020

Sts Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,

Bishop, Patrons of Europe (Feast)

7.30am Julian Lawrence RIP

10am Margaret Simone RIP

8pm Rev George Helsdon RIP

Assistant priest here from

1942 - 1946 (Foundation Mass)

Saturday 15th February 2020

Our Lady

10am Thanksgiving – Muoghalu family

Next Sunday 16th February 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)

(Parish Mass Book – Page 136)

6.15pm (Saturday 15th February 2020)

Intentions of Anne Reynolds

8.30am People of the parish

10am Steve Downey RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am Agnes Ambler RIP

(Plainchant Choir singing)

4pm Benediction

5pm Intentions of Thelma,

Win & Jude Chime

Daily Mass & Prayer

***Mass:** Monday – Friday @ **7.30am**

***Morning Prayer of the Church:**

Monday – Saturday @ **9.15am**

***Adoration & Benediction:**

Monday – Saturday @ **9.30am**

***Mass:** Monday – Saturday @ **10am**

***Mass:** Friday @ **8pm**

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday @ **10.30am**

***Confessions:**

Saturdays, after 10am Mass, until

11am; Then from 5pm to 6pm.

(and at call, if a priest is available.)

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Collection for last week:

Sunday 2nd February 2020 - £1997.00
(Including Standing Orders of £650.00.)

Today there is a **Second Collection** for **Racial Justice**. This is to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Pope Francis urges us in particular to celebrate the contribution made to the Church in England and Wales by the Travelling Communities. You are invited to take a flyer from the porch.

Please DO NOT use Gift Aid envelopes; This collection does not attract Gift Aid.

We will be obliged to empty Gift Aid envelopes into the loose cash.

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

after the 10am Mass in the hall.

This is organised and provided by the parish Social Committee. Why not come along and socialise with fellow parishioners before going home for lunch?

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK, UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OR ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Octaviano D'Souza; Reeda D'Souza,

Audrey Draude, Delphine Fernandes,

Teresa Florek-Smail, Michael Fogarty,

Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,

Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave,

James McDonald, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,

Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,

Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,

Eileen Spencer Fr David Standley,

Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Joe Vassallo, Mary Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Gail Wilson,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell,

Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The funeral of **Peter Fleming** will take place at 2pm on Friday 14th February, at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 3NQ.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD "THE GOD WHO SPEAKS"

Please see the posters and handouts regarding this initiative of Pope Francis, which has been taken up by the Bishops of England and Wales. Please see also the special prayer on the reverse of this newsletter.

Full information is on our Archdiocesan Web Site:

<http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/2020Word.htm>

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

'Listen to the Migrants' Cries.'

**We pray that the cries of our migrant
brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking,
may be heard and considered.**

In the coming week:

Church Cleaning – Group 6 please.

If you have volunteered for church cleaning, but have not yet heard back, kindly contact the Parish Office.

The UCM meet in the room behind the Sacristy on Monday 10th February from 2pm to 4pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Session 6, "The Word of the Lord"

**takes place at BTG School on Saturday 29th February
from 10am – 11am.**

CONFIRMATION 2020

**The special Mass of Enrolment and Commitment
takes place today, Sunday, at 11.30am. All candidates,
parents and guardians should attend.**

Session 2, 'The Person of Jesus'

**takes place this Wednesday 12th February
at BTG School from 7.30pm to 9pm.**

Parents and guardians are reminded that there will be a session for them at the same time.

Please see the Confirmation link on our parish web site:
There is also a special Confirmation Blog on the Web Site:
<https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/confirmation-blog-2020.html>

PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

If you have amended or set up a new Standing Order online, or using your mobile phone banking app, please advise the Parish Office. The reason for this is that the account number quoted in the leaflet was incorrect.

We also have to add a unique reference to the form.

Please note that new standing orders and amendments are now being processed. You should begin to see them going through in the next few weeks. If you give by Gift Aid, the parish can claim an extra 25% from HMRC, at no extra cost to you. You just need to sign a form. Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries.

THE HALL

The Learning Cottage Nursery is now occupying both halls. The Upper Hall remains out of bounds at all times, though we shall continue to have the use of two of the upstairs rooms, for which access will be arranged in due course.

The lower hall may only be accessed by approved keyholders during their agreed times, as we have certain obligations under our agreement with the nursery.

For safeguarding and security reasons, regardless of your DBS status, any access outside of agreed hours must first be arranged through the Parish Office, without exception.

HALL BOOKINGS

Please call **Low Cost Halls** on **01372 457651**.

Please note that only the Lower Hall is available for hire. You will be able to make payment by credit or debit card.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MEDAL CEREMONY

We shall be enrolling new members into the Guild of St Stephen **during the 10am Mass on Saturday 29th February.**

If you think you should be receiving a medal, and you have been serving for at least a year, please add your name to the notice in the Sacristy. All servers are invited to attend this special Mass and renew their Guild promises.

MASS & CONFESSIONS IN POLISH

Confessions in Polish will be on Saturday 29th February at 3pm. The next Polish Mass will be on Sunday 1st March at 1pm.

MSZA I SPOWIEDŹ PO POLSKU

Spowiedź po polsku będzie w sobotę 29-go lutego o godzinie 3 po południu.

Następna Msza w języku polskim będzie w niedzielę 1-go marca o 1 po południu.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This falls on Friday 6th March. The focus this year is on the indigenous people of the Amazon, who struggle to survive as the rainforest around them is, piece by piece, destroyed. Not only does this pose a threat to their homes, their very existence and their entire way of life, but the gradual destruction of the rainforest indirectly affects the whole planet. You are asked to consider making a personal sacrifice on CAFOD Lent Fast Day in support of our brothers and sisters in the Amazon.

Envelopes are available now, giving you plenty of time to think and pray about this situation. Please take one home with you.

Your donations will be collected on the weekend of 8th & 9th March, when a short talk will be given at all Masses.

You may Gift Aid what you give, but to do this you must use the special slips which come as part of the envelopes. NB: You CANNOT use regular Gift Aid envelopes for this.

**OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF
THE WORD OF GOD**

*Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us
throughout the Scriptures.*

*Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and
shows us how to live for one another.*

*Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so
that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.*

Amen.

*Priest: Your word is our path and your truth is our light.
Response: This day and every day.*

*Priest: Our Lady of the Annunciation. (R): Pray for us.
St Matthew. (R) Pray for us.
St Jerome. (R) Pray for us.*

Special Prayer Cards have been ordered, and will be available in all porch areas shortly. We shall say this prayer at all Masses throughout this year of the Word.

**FATHER DEO'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY
AS A PRIEST**

This falls on Sunday 20th December.

**Father Deo invites all those celebrating any
anniversaries during 2020 to attend the 11.30am
Mass that day, to join him in this celebration of
thanksgiving for the 40th anniversary of his
ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.**