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Sunday 7th February 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 7th February 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.15pm (Saturday 6th February 2021)

Intentions of the Doidge family

8.30am Hamilton (Royce) Perera RIP

11.30am Celine Doody RIP

5pm People of the parish

Ordinary Time before Lent:

Fifth week in Ordinary Time

Monday 8th February 2021 (Memorial)

St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Day for Victims of Trafficking

10am – Anthony P Correia

(Birthday Thanksgiving)

PVT The Holy Souls.

Tuesday 9th February 2021 (Feria)

10.00 Intentions of Sharon Vero

PVT The Holy Souls

Wednesday 10th February (Memorial)

St Scholastica, Virgin

10am James & Margaret Kearney RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Thursday 11th February 2021 (Memorial)

Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day for the Sick

10am Rosie Rego

(63rd Wedding Anniversary)

PVT Lorrie Suban RIP

Friday 12th February 2021 (Feria)

10am Monalisa Desa RIP

PVT The Holy Souls

Saturday 13th February 2021

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Birthday Intentions of

Chidimma Muoghalu

(Confessions after Mass until 11.30am)

Sunday 14th February 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day for the Unemployed

6.15pm (Saturday 13th February 2021)

Father Paul Sanders RIP

8.30am John Joseph Murphy RIP

11.30am Steve Downey RIP

5pm People of the parish

Current Public Mass Schedule

*Mass: Monday – Saturday: 10am;

*Confessions: Saturday, after 10am Mass, until approximately 11.30am;

*Sunday Masses: (Saturday 6.15pm); 8.30am; 11.30am; 5pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND, INCLUDING:

John Ambler, Jessica Anane, Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes, Terry Jupp, Scarlett Kurowski, Philomena Lopez, Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Elenor McLaughlin, Otiss McLaughlin, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern, Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira, Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is currently closed. Please phone, email or send a message via the Contact Form on our web site.

Please wait patiently for a reply.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Father Paul Sanders, Parish Priest of Holy Cross, Carshalton parish, who died on Friday 29th January 2021.

Lorrie Suban, former parishioner of Bishops Park Road, Norbury, and late of West Molesey, who, we have been informed, died in October 2020.

Thaddeus (Ted / Tidu) Zammit of Minehead Road, Streatham Common, who died on Friday 29th January 2021, aged 77. Our condolences and prayers, as a parish, go to their families.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Father Deo and Father Augustine extend their grateful thanks for the outstanding generosity shown towards them in your Christmas Offerings. May God bless you all for your kindness towards your priests despite the difficult times we are in.

COVID PANDEMIC INFORMATION

The instructions issued by our Bishops are for the good of all. Please respect and follow them out of love for others.

Please do not come to the church if you have been told to shield; If you have any

symptoms, whether COVID or not, please stay away, to avoid the risk of spreading the virus.

Please respect the stewards and kindly do as they direct you. Please use a fresh disposable face mask or other face covering, which should cover your nose and your mouth. You must have evidence of a valid exemption.

Hand sanitiser is available at the church.

Always keep at least 2 metres from others.

Please follow instructions regarding the reception of Holy Communion or a blessing, and subsequently leaving the church.

When you leave the church, please go straight home and do not stop to chat.

“HANDS - FACE – SPACE”

Stay Home; Protect the NHS;

Save Lives;

Visits to the presbytery should be by appointment only.

STANDING ORDERS & FINANCE

Please consider setting up a Standing order if your financial circumstances allow. Standing Orders currently assure us of approximately **£750.00** per week.

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please contact us to book Masses.

Remember to include your Gift Aid number if applicable. Kindly provide your contact details. Mass Envelopes are available from stewards at the church.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

READINGS & PRAYERS FOR THIS SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Psalm 94:6-7)

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

(Job 7:1-4, 6-7)

Job began to speak:

“Is not man’s life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed, I wonder, ‘When will it be day?’ Risen, I think, ‘How slowly evening comes!’ Restlessly, I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, my days have passed and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 146:1-6 response v3)

R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him, our praise is due. **R.**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back
Israel’s exiles, he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING

(1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23)

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So, though I am not a slave of any man, I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak, I made myself weak, I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(John 8:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

(Mark 1:29-39)

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew.

Now, Simon’s mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straight away.

He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her, and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there.

Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him, they said, ‘Everybody is looking for you.’ He answered, ‘Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.’ And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us, now, the Sacrament of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(cf Psalm 106:8-9)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry, he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LENT 2021

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 17th February, when we move from Ordinary Time into the Season of Lent. We shall shortly advise the times of Masses on that day, including the method by which ashes will be distributed to those able to attend Mass, since physical contact is not permitted at this time.

There are many resources being made available to help us make the most of our preparation for Easter, and these will be published more fully on our parish web site, with various links in the newsletter, whenever space allows.