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Sunday 5th February 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 5th February 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

Second Collection for Racial Justice

6.15 pm (Saturday 4th February 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Donald Earle Rebeiro RIP

10am Intentions of Mary

Anne Christoffersen

11.30am Philip Duffy RIP

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm Jacob Fernandes RIP

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 6th February 2023 (Memorial)

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Samantha,

Jason & Elijah

Tuesday 7th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Louise O'Shea

Wednesday 8th February 2023 (Memorial)

Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Day for Victims of Trafficking

7.30am Joseph Lunn RIP

10am Blaise D'Cunha RIP

Thursday 9th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Nicole

D'Cruz & sisters

Friday 10th February 2023 (Memorial)

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am For Church Unity

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 11th February 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes

World day for the Sick

10am Intentions of Sister Ella Flynn SDB

Sunday 12th February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

APPEAL BY SOCIETY OF

AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)

6.15 pm (Saturday 11th February 2023)

Denise Dowd RIP

8.30am People of the parish

10am Peter Machin RIP

11.30am Steve Downey RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm Intentions of Francis Ferrao

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

***Mass:** Monday to Friday 7.30am;

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

***Confession:** Saturday, after 10am Mass,
until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.

***Sunday Masses:** (Sat 6.15pm);

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

***Rosary:** Monday – Saturday

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(*Stations of the Cross during Lent*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,

Terry Folorunso; Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

MASS COVER

We are grateful to Fr Augustine Kinnane (pronounced "Kinnarne") and Father David Standley, who continue to help us on Sundays. Father Deo is gradually returning to saying Mass, though he must still take great care.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Rosa Concetta Greco**, of Strathbrook Road, the wife of Louis Greco. Rosa died on Wednesday 25th January 2023, aged 83. Her funeral will take place here on Friday 17th February 2023 at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

COFFEE MORNING THANKS

Our grateful thanks to the Knights of St Columba, who looked after us so well with lovely cakes and refreshments last Sunday. It was good to see so many of you there, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA) APPEAL

Next weekend, an SMA priest will be spending the weekend with us, making an appeal to support their missionary activities, with the blessing of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. That priest will be celebrating some of our Masses. Please pray for the work of the SMA fathers, and please give whatever you can afford to help them.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

A half-day retreat of quiet reflection will take place at Sacred Heart RC Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LU, next Saturday 11th February 2023 from 10.30am until 1pm. Refreshments will be served beforehand, and the retreat will consist of the Most Holy Rosary, a talk based on Scripture, Christian Meditation and healing prayers.

Details from 020 8542 2476 and at: www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com

Their email address is:

lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com

This organisation is also included in the Southwark Catholic Directory.

THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and
become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to
all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond
wholeheartedly to become the person you created them
to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of
your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we
may love you more deeply and serve you more
faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son,
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

FLOWERS

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing
towards decorating the church with flowers.

If you would like to help us to provide flowers,
please put your donations, however small, into the wall box
in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old
British money, please place it in the special basket which
may be found in the main porch. The SVP can obtain
some value from such money, to help with their vital work,
which has become increasingly urgent in these hard times.

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the
presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people
tend to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too.

Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.

**Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass
Intention if they cannot to make an offering.**

SALESIAN SISTERS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY

The Salesian Sisters are celebrating the 150th anniversary of
their Foundation with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Trott
Street, Battersea, London SW11 3DS at 11.30am Saturday
11th March 2023. If you would like to attend, please let Sr
Breda know by email on: bredafma@gmail.com

CHURCH CLEANING

Would all those people who currently clean the church, and
anybody who would like to volunteer for this important weekly
task, kindly contact the parish office with their names and
contact details. These will then be collated, and groups will be
formed, in order to establish a formal rota as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Help is needed in order to restart our Children's Liturgy group,
who lead a 20-minute fun catechetical based session for
3-7year olds during the 10am Mass each Sunday.

Any parishioner who is willing to join the current team of
catechists to help once a month or who wants to have a chat
about what it entails should contact Linda Harries on
07770 623 230 or email: Lharries@gmail.com.

No experience is necessary as full training and support will be
provided and a DBS check will be carried out on new volunteers,
the cost of which will be met by the parish. We also intend to
shortly reintroduce the weekly "LOOK" sheets for our children.

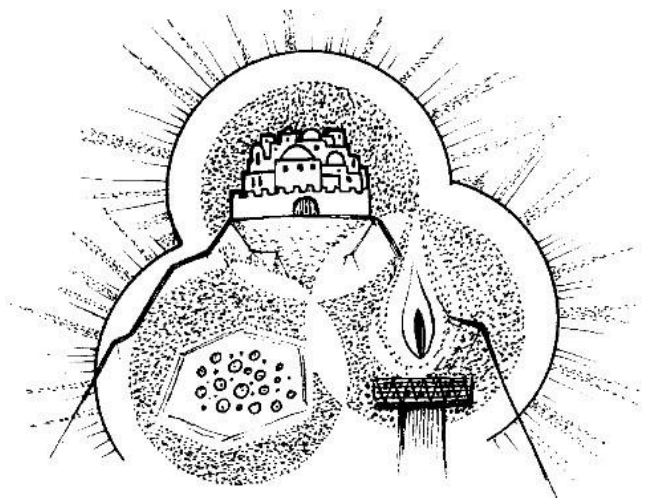
LENT WILL SOON BE HERE

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday 22nd February
2023. Our preparation for the Resurrection of Christ
commences on this day with the imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.
There will be various resources available through our
archdiocese and, of course, many other online resources.

The Gloria will not be said, except on Feasts and
Solemnities. The "Alleluia!" will not be said again until we
celebrate the Solemnity of the Resurrection on the night of
Saturday 8th April 2023 and Easter Sunday itself on
Sunday 9th April 2023. The commencement of Lent also
marks the beginning of the period during which the precept
of Easter Communion should be fulfilled.

The Church also encourages us to make an act of
self-sacrifice in particular on Fridays, not only during Lent
but, indeed, throughout the year. Our Bishops encourage us
all to remember the supreme Sacrifice made by Our Lord
on Good Friday, when he was Crucified. We are asked to
abstain from meat, uniting our abstention with prayer.
Those who cannot or do not eat meat are recommended to
make an appropriate sacrifice relating to their usual diet.



"You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14)
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