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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 12th February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

APPEAL BY SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA)

Coffee Morning after all morning Masses today with our Scouts

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

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 13th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Clarice Durrant RIP

10am Intentions of Philu &

Taffy Pritchard

Tuesday 14th February 2023 (Feast)

Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop Patrons of Europe

7.30am Peter O'Leary RIP

10am Donald Earle Rebeiro RIP

Wednesday 15th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Fr George Helsdon RIP

(Foundation Mass)

10am Carlin Lewis RIP

7.30pm Social Committee Meeting

Thursday 16th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Thomas Fitzgerald RIP

10am Fr Aylward Shorter MAfr RIP

Friday 17th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Fr Alexander Trew RIP

(Foundation Mass)

10am Funeral of Rosa Greco RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 18th February 2023

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Intentions of the Sisters of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 19th February 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15 pm (Saturday 18th February 2023)

Geoffrey Freer RIP

8.30am The Holy Souls

10am Earthquake victims of

Syria & Turkey

11.30am Intentions of Romano Ippoliti

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

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,

Margaret White, Mary White,

Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The husband of the late **Rosa Greco** was

Raffaele - not Louis. Our apologies for

the error. Rosa's funeral takes place here

this Friday 17th February 2023 at 10am.

The funeral of **Teresa Florek-Smail**

will take place here on Thursday 23rd

February 2023 at 11.30am.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS

(SMA) APPEAL

We welcome to our parish this weekend **Father Rob Morland SMA**, who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Society of African Missions.

Father Rob will also be celebrating some of our Masses this weekend.

Please pray for the work of the SMA Fathers, and please give whatever you can afford to help them.

COFFEE MORNING TODAY

MaryKate and Maeve Maher, from our Scouts and Explorers, have been fundraising to participate with the South London Scouts in the Croatia 2023 trip, consisting of over 100 South London Scouts. The Scouts are holding a coffee morning today in the lower Hall after the 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am Masses, with a sale of home-made cakes. Please come over and give them your support, whilst taking the opportunity to socialise with your fellow parishioners.

CAFOD

Following the recent earthquake.

CAFOD, as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee is appealing for help. Please donate using this link:

[Give \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Give(cafod.org.uk))

It is thanks to your help with Family Fast Day collections and other fundraising for CAFOD in your parish, that CAFOD can respond quickly when disasters strike and provide urgent assistance wherever the need is greatest. Your previous support has enabled CAFOD to send an initial £100,000.00 to help with the situation following the earthquake. Please pray for all those affected, and those helping them.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next course starts next Saturday 18th February 2023, with the second part on Saturday 25th February 2023. You must attend both sessions, which will commence at 2pm and last about an hour. To join, please complete a Baptism Preparation Form and send it to the Parish Office. Even if you have already sent in a form, please contact the Parish Office to book a place.

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.

OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old
British money, please place it in the special SVP basket
which may be found in the main porch.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We are indebted to Teresa Furtado for having taken on this
role. Please remember that this is a voluntary position, and
that Teresa also has a full-time job, which, please, bear in
mind when you need her assistance. Teresa will be present
in the Parish Office on Monday 13th February 2023, after
10am Mass and up until 12 Noon, to deal with DBS
paperwork. Her **Safeguarding** phone (**07933 614589**) is
now working again. You are respectfully asked not to
contact her on her personal mobile for safeguarding issues.

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: l.harries@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.

FLOWERS

Easter is not far off, and our flower arrangers will, as ever,
decorate the church beautifully with whatever they can get hold
of. The cost of flowers, as with everything else, has rocketed!

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".

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

A concert will be held at Westminster Cathedral this Thursday
16th February 2023 in aid of Friends of the Holy Land. It will
feature guest singers, "The Priests". Please see the poster.

EXTRA SPECIAL REPOSITORY ITEMS

In addition to her beautiful crocheted bookmarks, very popular
items in our Repository, Charmaine Shali has produced some
beautiful jewellery pouches. These are available at a price of
£4.00 and, for each one sold, £2.00 will go to the church.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE SOUTH EAST LONDON

In addition to running our local Marriage Preparation courses,
the team offers various online courses for couples and singles.

"Building A Better Marriage" takes place on Saturday 18th
February 2023. This course is aimed at couples who consider
their marriages to be 'average-to-good' and who would like to
improve their relationship further and gain insights into their
communication and the call of the Church to the married.

Email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or call **07983 524727**.