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SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

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

(Plainchant Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 20th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Intentions of Jasmine Durrant

10am Tony Tambirasa RIP

Tuesday 21st February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Declan Bracken RIP

10am Pietro Mobile RIP

The Season of Lent

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

ASHES DISTRIBUTED AT MASSES

A day of fasting and abstinence

7.30am Intentions of Roy Durrant

10am People of the parish

Thursday 23rd February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Fr James Furey RIP

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

11.30am Funeral of Teresa Florek-Smail

Friday 24th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am Mary Sheridan RIP

10am Rosa Greco RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 25th February 2023 (Feria)

10am Paul Crepaz RIP

Sunday 26th February 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND COLLECTION

6.15 pm (Saturday 25th February 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Akwasi Nyarko-Marfo RIP

10am Nelly Coyle RIP

11.30am Judy Luger RIP

(Hymn Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Stations of the Cross

5pm Maria Deisy Marulanda Mejia RIP

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

Stations of the Cross: Sunday 4pm

(Rosary & Benediction outside 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,

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

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Mary Catherine O'Sullivan

of Ena Road, aged 77. The wife of John O'Sullivan, Mary died on Monday 13th February 2023 following a long illness.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

AFRICAN MISSIONS APPEAL

Father Rob Morland SMA thanks you

for the welcome he received last

weekend. The total amount raised was

£955.19, of which £40.00 was Gift

Aided. Thanks to all who contributed.

FREE COFFEE MORNING NEWS

The total raised last Sunday by the Scouts

was an amazing £292.00! Many thanks to all who came along to support them.

Our next Coffee Morning will take place

next Sunday 26th February 2023 after all

morning Masses. We look forward to

seeing you there, catching up over a nice

hot or cold drink and a cake.

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))

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The second session of the current

course is next Saturday 25th February

2023 at 2pm, lasting about an hour.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

The Clergy Support Fund of the

Archdiocese of Southwark provides care

for priests in their old age and retirement,

and in their time of ill health. A gift to

this worthy fund will ensure a dignified

retirement for our priests, after they have

dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ

and His Church and His People. In 2022,

the Clergy Support Fund provided care to

73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33

Million. With the number of priests over

the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too

will the financial obligation to the

Archdiocese. Special envelopes will be

made available next weekend. You may

Gift Aid your offering, though please do

NOT use normal Gift Aid envelopes.

The QR code is below:



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.

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.

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. We are trying to put together a formal rota.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

This volunteer position is held by Teresa Furtado.
Her Safeguarding phone number is **07933 614589**.
Please do not use her personal number for this purpose.

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".

ST JAMES THE GREAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school is seeking an office administrator for their busy school office. Details may be found in the poster in the light brown folder in the main porch or on the school website.

The closing date is Friday 24th February. Please see also:

www.stjamesthegreat.org/Job-Vacancies/

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 shall shortly reintroduce the weekly "LOOK" sheets for our children.

LENT

During Lent, 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, according to our diet.

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. "Celebrate Parenting For Faith" is a new online course for those with babies and toddlers, and will run for 5 weeks, from Thursday 23rd February 2023 to Thursday 23rd March 2023.

Each session starts at 8pm and lasts 45 minutes.

Please join at: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

If you would like to become a subscriber, please do so via their website: www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk



"Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44)

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