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SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(YEAR A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

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) (First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

4pm Stations of the Cross

5pm Maria Deisy Marulanda Mejia RIP

First Week of Lent

Monday 27th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Deceased members of the

Buckley family (Foundation Mass)

Tuesday 28th February 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Andrew Doyle RIP

Wednesday 1st March 2023 (Feast)

Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am People of the parish

Thursday 2nd March 2023 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am November Deceased List

Friday 3rd March 2023 (Feria)

First Friday of the month

CAFOD FAST DAY

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am For the work of CAFOD

Adoration until Benediction at 2pm.

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall

Saturday 4th March 2023 (Feria)

10am The people of Ukraine

Sunday 5th March 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

6.15 pm (Saturday 4th March 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Jacob Fernandes RIP

10am Intentions of Philip Chapman

11.30am Intentions of Romano Ippoliti

(Polyphony Choir singing at this Mass)

4pm Stations of the Cross

5pm Mary O'Sullivan 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.

CONFIRMATION 2023

We expect to announce a date shortly,

which is expected to be in November

2023. Please wait for news, which will

appear in the newsletter, which is also

available on our parish website.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

Total cash amount was £1001.23, of which £308.55 was Gift Aided, and £692.68 was non - Gift Aided (Not including Standing Orders).

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

After all morning Masses. We look forward to seeing you there, catching up over a nice hot or cold drink and a cake.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

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. Special envelopes are available today. You may Gift Aid your offering, though please do NOT use normal Gift Aid envelopes.

The QR code is below:



CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

The Fast Day itself is this coming First Friday 3rd March 2023. There will be a short announcement made at all Masses this weekend concerning CAFOD Lent Fast appeal. Please take an envelope away with you today and bring it back next Sunday 5th March 2023. If you wish to Gift Aid your contribution, please do so using the special CAFOD envelopes ONLY. If you pay by cheque, please make it payable to CAFOD (not to the parish). Normal weekly envelopes cannot be used for this particular collection

CAFOD/DEC APPEAL

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))

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". Thanks to all who have so generously contributed in recent weeks.

LENTEN RESOURCES

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales offers regular reflections across the Sundays of Lent. Click on the following link: <https://www.cbcew.org.lenten-reflections/>

The Southwark Spirituality Commission is once again running an online retreat which you can follow alone or as a group:
<http://bit.ly/3kjt0WR>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We shall have Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 4pm during Lent. Do make an effort to come along if you are able.

Remember, the Stations of the Cross may also be followed all year round. There are plenty of online Stations of the Cross too.

PAPAL INTENTION FOR MARCH 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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. The weekly "LOOK" sheets for children will return next Sunday 5th March 2023.

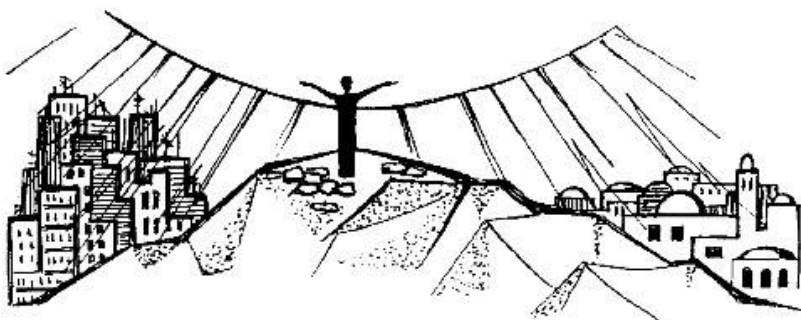
MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE SOUTH EAST LONDON

In addition to running our local Marriage Preparation courses, the team offers various online courses for couples and singles. "SycamOre" is an online course which explores our Catholic faith, and is suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8pm – 9pm, commencing 28th February 2023.

Details and registration at: <http://bit.ly/3EYqDpW>

BISHOP PHILIP MOGER

Congratulations to Monsignor Philip Moger, who was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark last Tuesday 21st February 2023 at St George's Cathedral in Southwark. He is also the Titular Bishop of Glastonia. Bishop Philip was, until recently, the Rector of the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and has a deep devotion to Our Blessed Lady. Please pray for him as he commences his Episcopal Ministry in our Archdiocese of Southwark.



Jesus fasts for forty days in the desert, and is tempted.

Picture courtesy of www.salfordliturgy.org.uk