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Sunday 21st January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 21st January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

Sunday of the Word of God

6.15pm (Saturday 20th January 2024)

Michael James Netherwood RIP

8.30am Kathleen Linehan RIP

10am John Joseph Murphy RIP

11.30am Hans Spiker RIP (Plainchant)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 22nd January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am November Deceased List

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Rev Cyril Walmsley

(Foundation Mass)

10am Raffaele Antonio Forte RIP

Wednesday 24th January 2024 (Mem)

Saint Francis de Sales,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Celine Doddy RIP

Thursday 25th January 2024 (Feast)

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ellis Foundation Mass

Friday 26th January 2024 (Mem)

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Fr Kevin O'Hanlon RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 27th January 2024

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Kathleen Daly RIP

Sunday 28th January 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

Racial Justice Sunday

6.15pm (Saturday 27th January 2024)

Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP

8.30am Zdzislaw Sass RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am People of the parish

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Thanksgiving – Joyce Ippoliti

(Hymn Choir)

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm For Racial Justice

FATHER DEO IS AWAY

Father Deo is now in Tanzania, returning Friday 26th January 2024.

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, THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT & HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, John DeWaal, 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, Andrew McMillan

Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle,

Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po,

Sheila Price, Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira,

Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley,

Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo.

FREE COFFEE MORNING

NEXT SUNDAY

Do come and meet fellow parishioners in the lower hall after all morning Masses on Sunday 28th January 2024. If you would like to help with Coffee Mornings, please let one of the team know.

In particular, we need help with setting up and putting away tables and chairs.

CONFIRMATION: A CORRECTION

Contrary to last weekend's announcement, there will be NO Confirmations this year. Our next Confirmations will take place in 2025, and the programme will be announced at a later date.

Organising the catechesis for this Sacrament is a massive undertaking, and relies on us having sufficient catechists to help deliver it. Much work needs to be done in order that we may continue to deliver a comprehensive programme going forward. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist, please speak to Father Deo or Deacon Ged.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and on our parish web site for information as and when it arises.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This year's First Holy Communion programme commenced with the inaugural Mass yesterday.

The first session, for children and parents, takes place next Saturday 27th January 2024 at St James the Great School from 10am – 11am. Please refer to your programme schedule.

First Communions will take place on Saturday 27th April & Sunday 28th April 2024, in both cases at 12 Noon. In respect of the programme for 2025, please keep an eye out in the newsletter and on our parish web site. Again, sufficient dedicated catechists are required. Please contact Fr Deo or Teresa Furtado if you are interested in offering your help.

RECENT COLLECTION

14th January 2024

Basket: £994.90:

Gift Aid: £378.52; Non G/A: £616.38

The amount raised for the SVP at the Polyphony Choir Christmas concert came to **£300.00**. Many thanks to all who contributed to this most worthy cause.

SUNDAY MASS COVER

We welcome Father Augustine Kinnane, who will be saying the 8.30am & 10am Masses for us today.

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins earlier this year:

Ash Wednesday - 14th February 2024.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day – Friday 23rd February 2024

Palm Sunday – 24th March 2024;

Maundy Thursday - 28th March 2024;

Good Friday - 29th March 2024;

Holy Saturday - 30th March 2024;

Easter Sunday – 31st March 2024.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

The Lent Fast Day will be Friday 23rd February 2024.

This year's appeal focuses on Fishermen of fish rather than
fishermen of men, the subject of this Sunday's Gospel.

Also included in the appeal is a suggestion of a sponsored
walk of 200KM in 40 days which equates to 5km a day.

The collection for the Lent Fast Day takes place on Sunday
25th February 2024, with special envelopes being available
shortly. Please see: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT AYLESFORD PRIORY

Please see the poster in the main porch regarding this event.

It takes place from Friday 23rd February to Sunday 25th
February 2024. The theme is exploring how to become
evangelising disciples. Please let Father Deo know if you
are interested in attending. Our Dean, Father Marcus
Holden, Parish Priest of St Bede's Clapham Park.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This takes place next Sunday 28th January 2024.

Please see the poster in the church porch regarding a special
Mass to be held at St George's Cathedral on that day.

PLEASE HELP THE SVP

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED FOREIGN CURRENCY OR OLD STERLING NOTES AND COINS?

The SVP can gain some value from old notes and coins,
including legacy European currencies and old Sterling.
The proceeds all count towards the funding they need in order to
deliver help to those in need, and their work is all the more vital
and urgent during the present economic climate. If you would
like to join the SVP, please get in touch with the parish office.

If you know of anybody in need, just drop a note into the
presbytery, marking the envelope "SVP", and contact will then
be made confidentially in due course.

A DAY WITH MARY

Please see posters in the main porch for details of
forthcoming Day with Mary events.

SPUC JOB OPPORTUNITY

Please see the folder in the porch for details of the position of a
full time Administration Assistant, based in Kennington,
London SE11. Full details and application forms may be
obtained by email: lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk;
Closing date is Friday 9th February 2024

FLOWERS

We thank you for your continued generosity in providing funds
to help our devoted floral arrangers to beautify the church,
particularly for major Feasts and Solemnities. The cost of
flowers has risen dramatically in recent times, and we hope very
much that you will continue to help us to purchase them. There
is a special wall box in the main porch marked "FLOWERS",
into which you are kindly asked to make your donations.

THE RETURN OF THE FAMILY CHOIR

Organist, Louis Pearson, is planning to restart the Family Choir.

This choir has not been active for several years, and has been
greatly missed. Handouts are available in the porch areas. Please
contact Louis to register your interest:

Louispearson1992@live.com or call 07931 792254.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This March, we celebrate the first anniversary of Caritas
Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John will
celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday
16th March 2024 at 12.30pm. Further details in due course.

ITEMS ON NOTICEBOARDS

If you would like something to be placed on the noticeboards,
please ask Father Deo or send your item to the parish office.

Please refrain from putting up any posters or depositing any
leaflets without having first checked with the clergy.

Also, kindly refrain from moving posters around.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next course will take place on Saturdays
20th April and 27th April 2024 at 2.30pm.

If you have not attended a course in the past three years,
you will need to sign up. You must attend both sessions.

Please pick up a Baptism Details Form from the main porch,
complete it and return it to the parish office. A date for Baptism
may be chosen following the course.