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Sunday 4th February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 4th February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd February 2024)

People of the parish

8.30am Chidi Frank Collins RIP

10am Nora & Miah Moynihan RIP

11.30am Iris Bryan RIP

(Polyphony Choir)

4pm Benediction

5pm For all victims of war and violence

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 5th February 2024 (Mem)

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7.30am Joachim (Jacob) Fernandes RIP

10am Raffaella Forte RIP

Tuesday 6th January 2024 (Mem)

Saints Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7.30am Fr Andrew Fernandes RIP

10am Intentions of Adam and

Julia Lewkowicz

Wednesday 7th February 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Isabel D'Mello RIP

10am Intentions of Daniel and

Victoria Furtado

Thursday 8th February 2024 (Mem)

Day for Victims of Trafficking

Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

7.30am Blaise D'Cunha RIP

10am Joseph Lunn RIP

Friday 9th February 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Wellbeing of Daniel Furtado

10am Dennis Augustine Charles RIP

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 10th February 2024 (Mem)

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

10am Raffaella Forte RIP

Sunday 11th February 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

WORLD DAY FOR THE SICK

DAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

6.15pm (Saturday 10th February 2024)

People of the parish

8.30am Intentions of William Desa

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am Antonio D'Alessio RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

11.30am Steve Downey RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm Intentions of Deacon Ged Perkins

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

& THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiére,

Anita Blaquiére, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, John DeWaal, Audrey Draude,

Terry Folorunso, Giovanni Franco,

Daniel Furtado, 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, Ivete Vaz,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the

soul of **Victor Menezes**, a close relative

of Mathias Menezes. Victor died on

Monday 29th January 2024.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish

go out to the family.

May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

FREE COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday 11th February 2024 after all

morning Masses. We really need more

helpers going forward. If you would like

to volunteer to help in some way with

future coffee mornings, in particular

setting up and clearing away, please

speak to a member of the team or leave

your details with the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session, *for children and*

parents takes place next Saturday 10th

February 2024 at St James the Great

School from 10am – 11am. Please refer

to your programme schedule.

PLEASE WOULD ALL PARENTS

AND GUARDIANS ENSURE THAT

THEY GO TO THE SACRISTY THIS

AND EVERY SUNDAY DURING THE

PROGRAMME TO REGISTER FIRST

COMMUNION CHILDREN.

More dedicated catechists are required

for future years. Please contact Fr Deo

or Teresa Furtado if you are interested

in volunteering your help.

CONFIRMATION:

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.

RECENT COLLECTION

28th January 2024

Basket: £1201.44:

Gift Aid: £678.16; Non G/A: £523.28

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

Ash Wednesday - 14th 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

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low?

Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with southwark@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

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

This year's appeal focuses on Fishers of fish

As opposed to fishers of people.

Also included in the appeal is an invitation to take part in 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>

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.

Godparents are welcome to attend the second session in particular. Please note that if prospective Godparents do not meet the requirements laid down by the Church, they may only participate as Witnesses to Baptism. Ideally, there should be a Godfather and a Godmother, though where this is not possible, there must be at least one Godparent.

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. Baptisms take place most Sundays of the year at 1pm.

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.

FOOD BANK ITEMS

Please refrain from putting fresh items in the container. Bread, eggs and other such items cannot be accepted. All other items, whether boxed, tinned or otherwise packaged should have ample time remaining until their end date. We have found odd teabags and empty, dirty containers deposited in the container in the main porch recently. Whilst all acceptable donations are welcome. If in doubt, please ask before donating.

FLOWERS

We thank you for your continued generosity. 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

Please contact Louis Pearson 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.