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OUR PARISH IN FOCUS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE RESTRICTED
NUMBERS TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.
PLEASE FOLLOW ALL THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
AND UNLESS EXEMPT PLEASE WEAR A FACE**

COVERING.

SUNDAY MASSES

8.30am

10am

11.30am

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS STILL NO SUNDAY
OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS.**

(The church is cleaned between Masses so please be patient).

WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday to Saturday at 10am (Church opens at 9.30am by the
stewards and closes after Mass for cleaning).**

STREAMED MASSES FOR THOSE AT HOME

**The 10am Mass everyday is streamed on our YouTube Channel.
(Type in St Saviour's Catholic Church Lewisham).**

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 11am until 11.30am or when asked and arranged

EXPOSITION

Every Saturday from 11am until 1pm for private prayer.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**Monday to Saturday from 11am until 1pm. (This may have to
change on a particular day due to a Funeral or other Service).**

THANK YOU

For last week's Offertory Collection of £1,136.

11TH OCTOBER 2020 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

First Reading:- Isaiah 25:6-10

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 22(23)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel:- Matthew 22:1-14

THANK YOU TO OUR STEWARDS AND CLEANERS

On behalf of all parishioners we extend our warmest thanks to our teams of stewards and cleaners, who have been so vital in us being able to open the church for Masses, confessions, other services and private prayer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

We are delighted that at last we have managed to arrange our First Holy Communion Masses for our children taking into account all the restrictions now in place concerning 'standalone' life events in the church laid out by the government. To enable our children to make their First Holy Communion, following on from their preparation programme, we will invite small groups of them to come to our Saturday 10am Mass each week with the limited number of guests allowed for each child. We will need to do this over the next eight weeks to include everyone. This way forward is in keeping with what is allowed by the government and our Diocese. The children will make their Confession prior to their Mass.

We ask those others attending our 10am Saturday Mass to be understanding of this situation and to follow the instructions of the stewards to keep social distancing.

Congratulations to our children and thanks to the parents/guardians and catechists for their work, support and understanding in these difficult times. Please do remember these children in your prayers.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

At Masses today you can pick up a sheet for you to write down the names of your departed relatives and friends. Please return the sheet to us and the names will be placed before our altar at Masses during November. Some Masses will be offered particularly for the repose of their souls. Please let others who are not coming to Mass know that they can write down their list on any piece of paper and place them in an envelope to be given in or put through our letterbox. Or they can email the parish on lewisham@rcaos.org.uk with the names and we will print them off and place them before our altar.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS

Today we pray for the well being of prisoners and their dependants. We remember especially members of our own community who are in prison.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

We thank parishioners for their kindness in making donations to our parish and for those at Sunday Mass for their offertory donations in the collection.

We are not able to administer the new Gift Aid envelopes at present but we thank those who have indicated that they still wish their offerings to be Gift Aided. If you are already in our Gift Aid Scheme and you are still an income tax payer, please mention your Gift Aid number.

SCHOOL FORMS

At this time parishioners who wish their child to attend a Catholic school, or transfer to a Catholic secondary school, need to get the Catholicity section completed by Fr Chris, their parish priest. If you have a form for Fr Chris to complete, please contact him by phone to make an appointment or email him at chrisconnor@rcaos.org.uk including your telephone number. He is here to help and support you.

REPOSITORY IS OPEN ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

From 11am until 1pm each Saturday our Repository will be open for religious items. You will not be able to go into the small space of the repository but helpers will be outside to help you with your purchase.

CAFOD OFFERINGS

Thank you for your offerings to CAFOD last Sunday, which amounted to £332.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS - RESCHEDULED

Due to the recent lockdown and restrictions our Diocese has sent us the rescheduled dates for the second collections. Some are doubled up and this is seen as the appropriate way forward, recognising that some people will also be facing financial challenges at this time:

11th October TODAY - Home Mission, World Communications, Day for Life

18th October - Missio

8th November - Priest Training Fund

22nd November - Catholic Youth Service, Catholic Education Service

29th November - Holy Places

13th December - Peter Pence

20th December - Apostleship of the Sea

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Tuesday, 13th October, one of the Blesseds celebrated by the Church is Blessed Alexandrina of Balazar. She was born in Balazar, Portugal, in 1904. Her father abandoned the family when Blessed Alexandrina was very young. She had only eighteen months schooling before being sent to work on the farm at the age of nine. In her teens Blessed Alexandrina started to work in Balazar as a seamstress along with her sisters.

The life of the Blessed changed dramatically when at the age of fourteen she, her sisters and an apprentice were sewing in their upstairs room. Three men broke in intent on attacking them and Blessed Alexandrina escaped through the window and fell to the ground damaging her spine. She grabbed a wooden board and staggered back into the house to defend the other girls. The startled men ran off.

Unfortunately, Blessed Alexandrina's spine was so badly damaged by her fall that by the age of nineteen she was completely paralysed and she remained bedridden for the rest of her life accepting suffering as her vocation. The parish priest gave Blessed Alexandrina a statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the month of May. She asked for a little altar to be fixed to the wall by her bed where it was graced by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and decorated with flowers and candles.

Blessed Alexandrina received many spiritual blessings during her time of suffering. She died on 13th October 1955 having lived out the expression, *'I want that while your heart is filled with suffering, on your lips there is a smile.'* Blessed Alexandrina always had a smile for the many people who visited her. She died in peace saying, *"I am happy, because I am going to heaven."*

Blessed Alexandrina was beatified as Blessed by Pope St John Paul II in 2004. She requested the words to be put on her gravestone which include: *'Do not risk losing Jesus for all eternity, for He is so good. Enough with sin. Love Jesus, love Him!'*

Blessed Alexandrina of Balazar, pray for us.

MASSES BOOKED TO BE CELEBRATED ON DATES DURING THE LOCKDOWN AND LATER RESTRICTIONS

If you would like a Mass to be celebrated for your intention please write down the intention and let us have it when you come to church or put it in an envelope and post it through the priests' house door.

FEASTDAYS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 11th October (28th Sunday of the Year)

8.30am - Agnes Farrell RIP

10am - Philbert Charles RIP

11.30am - Michael Magar (Birthday)

MONDAY 12th October (Feria)

10am - Donor's Intentions

TUESDAY 13th October (St Edward the Confessor)

10am - Joseph Bernard Addo RIP (3rd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY 14th October (Feria)

10am - Connie Dillon RIP (Birthday)

THURSDAY 15th October (St Teresa of Avila)

10am - Roslyn Salandy RIP

FRIDAY 16th October (Feria)

10am - Rebecca Hebborn (Get Well)

SATURDAY 17th October (St Ignatius of Antioch)

10am - John O'Keefe RIP

SUNDAY 18th October (28th Sunday of the Year)

8.30am - The People of our Parish

10am - UCM Intentions

11.30am - William Monahan RIP & Richard Coleman RIP