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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

Not allowed with parishioners during this period of lockdown.
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS STILL NO SUNDAY
OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS.**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Not allowed with parishioners during this period of lockdown.

STREAMED MASSES FOR THOSE AT HOME

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

CONFESSIONS

Not allowed at our usual Saturday times during this period of lockdown.

EXPOSITION

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Every day, including Sunday, from 11am until 1pm. (This may have to change on a particular day due to a Funeral or other Service).

REPOSITORY

Not able to open during this period of lockdown.

15TH NOVEMBER 2020 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

First Reading:- Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-2-, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 127 (128)

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel:- Matthew 25:14-30

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

**O Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

**By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.**

**Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.**

**May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!**

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 private prayer during this period of second lockdown.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

We thank parishioners for their kindness in making donations to our parish.

During this second lockdown you can go to our parish website at www.stsaviourslewisham.org.uk and click on the donate page. This gives you the different ways you can donate to St Saviour's at this time.

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.

STREAMING OF MASSES

We remind you that our 10am daily Mass is being streamed on our YouTube St Saviour's Lewisham channel. Please join with us for the celebration of the Holy Mass.

NO CEMETERY PROCESSION THIS YEAR

We regret that because of the restrictions this year we were not be able to have our usual November Rosary Procession around Lewisham Cemetery. Please remember your deceased relatives and friends and privately pray the Rosary for the repose of their souls.

NEXT WEEK WE CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING AND YOUTH SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year.

In the baptism ceremony, immediately after the actual baptism, the person is anointed with the Oil of Chrism with the words: *'God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.'*

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *'Jesus Christ is the one whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet and king. The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them.'* (Section 783)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

Tomorrow, 16th November, one of the saints remembered by the Church is St Agnes of Assisi. She was born in 1197 in Italy, the younger sister of St Clare of Assisi. In 1212 the older sister Clare, inspired by the Christian example of St Francis, left the father's house in secret to become a follower of this saint. Sixteen days later the younger sister St Agnes also ran away and joined Clare, resolved to share Christ's life of poverty and penance. Angry at losing his two daughters, their father sent relations and armed followers to force them to return home. But these realised that Agnes and Clare had the protection of God and they allowed them to remain together in their monastery.

St Francis later established a cloister for Agnes and Clare at the rural chapel of San Damiano, where they were joined by other noble women of the city. Thus the order of Poor Clares began. In 1221, a group of Benedictine nuns near Florence asked to join the Poor Clares and St Agnes was chosen to lead this new community. Although life there was harmonious and spiritual, St Agnes missed her sister Clare very much. Later St Agnes travelled to other Italian cities founding communities, including those at Mantua, Venice and Padua.

In 1253, St Agnes returned to Assisi to nurse her sister Clare during the latter's illness but shortly afterwards St Agnes herself died on 16th November 1253. Her sanctity was recognised formally by Pope Benedict XIV in 1753.

Clare once asked St Agnes about her process of contemplation. St Agnes replied:

'Firstly, I seriously considered the goodness and patience of God and how each day he allows Himself to be offended by sinners. Secondly, I meditated on the ineffable love that He brings to sinners and how for their salvation He underwent death and His most bitter passion, Thirdly, I pondered on the souls in purgatory and on their sufferings, and how of themselves they are not able in any way to obtain relief.'

St Agnes of Assisi and St Clare of Assisi, pray for us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES POSTPONED

Due to the Government lockdown restrictions we are so sorry that the remainder of our planned First Holy Communion Masses for our children cannot now take place. We will aim to resume them again once we are allowed to do so.

BAPTISMS POSTPONED

We had been trying to catch up with those who applied to have their child baptised over the past months, but due to the lockdowns and restrictions we could only celebrate them one at a time, unlike our usual practice of many being celebrated together each month. During this second lockdown we have had to postpone several baptisms again. We are sorry that families again have to wait for this important event to take place.

DONATIONS TO HELP THE WORK OF OUR SVP

If you would like to support the good work of our St Vincent de Paul Society in helping those in need, please place your donation in the wall box in the church, or through the priests' house letterbox.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

'Give a gift to make someone's Christmas'. Can you donate a new toy, food, or a voucher to help families in need of extra support this Christmas? If so, please either drop in your donation, or due to the current restrictions order on line to be delivered to The Salvation Army, Albion Way, Lewisham, London, SE13 6BT.

OUR WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

NOVEMBER INDULGENCES - EXTENSIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By mandate of Pope Francis:

The plenary indulgence for All Soul's Day, 2nd November, whereby the faithful may visit a church, chapel or oratory to pray the *Our Father* and *Creed*, may now also be gained on any day within the month of November too.

Those faithful who are shielding, or for whatever genuine reason are unable to leave their homes, may achieve the plenary indulgence by offering prayer for the departed and offering and hardships they may presently be enduring. The following provisions would also apply: viz. spiritually uniting themselves with all other faithful; detachment from sin; and, having the intention as soon as possible to meet the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish and grant us:

A new vision of Your glory

A new experience of Your power

A new faithfulness to Your word

And a new consecration to Your service

That Your love may grow among us

And Your Kingdom come.

Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 15th November (33rd Sunday of the Year)

Our three priests will concelebrate this Sunday Mass:

- 10am - Deceased Relatives and Friends of the Congregation
- The People of our Parish
- UCM - Deceased Members and Thanksgiving for 70th Anniversary

MONDAY 16th November (Feria)

10am - Catholics in our Cemeteries

TUESDAY 17th November (Feria)

10am - Parish November Dead List

WEDNESDAY 18th November (Feria)

10am - Mary Hanlon RIP

THURSDAY 19th November (Feria)

10am - Benefactors of the Congregation

FRIDAY 20th November (Feria)

10am - Marty Devine RIP (Anniversary)

SATURDAY 21st November (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

10am - Patrick James Foley

SUNDAY 22nd November (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

Our three priests will concelebrate this Sunday Mass:

- 10am - Janet Davis RIP
- Parish November Dead List
- Bill Fournier RIP