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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

Monday to Saturday 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.

THANK YOU

For last week's Offertory Collection of £1,321.

8TH NOVEMBER 2020 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

First Reading:- Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 62 (63)

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel:- Matthew 25:1-13

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus.

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.

FUNERAL MASSES

The Funeral Mass of Brian Coloe takes place this Thursday, 12th November, at 12noon. We extend our sympathies to Brian's family and friends.

The Funeral Mass of Bernadette O'Connell takes place this Friday, 13th November, at 12noon. We extend our sympathies to Bernadette's family and friends.

TODAY IS REMEMBRANCE DAY

In our prayers today we remember those who lost their lives in the Two World Wars.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

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

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.

OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IS NOW ONLINE

Our weekly parish newsletter is now on our parish website: www.stsaviourslewisham.org.uk

Please tell others who are not coming to Mass at this time so that they can keep in touch with our parish news and information.

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 will 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.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow, 9th November, is the 70th Anniversary of our Parish UCM Day Foundation. We send our best wishes to members of our UCM Day Foundation on the occasion of this special Anniversary and thank them, and past members, for all their prayers and good works in supporting our parish of St Saviour's. We are saddened that the usual celebrations cannot be arranged during this time of restrictions.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Thursday, 11th November, one of the Blesseds remembered by the Church is Blessed Alice Kotowska. She was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1899. At the age of seventeen Blessed Alice left medical school to help nurse wounded soldiers, for which she was awarded the Polonia Restituta Service Cross. Blessed Alice joined the Sisters of the Resurrection. In 1934 she and six other Sisters travelled to Northern Poland to establish a mission in Wejherowo. Blessed Alice became Superior of the convent. In 1939 the German army invaded and Blessed Alice, because of her previous heroic work, was marked out for death due to hatred of the Catholic Faith, but even so she would not leave the convent and the Sisters. On October 24th 1939, Blessed Alice was arrested by the Gestapo and then held in prison until 11th November. On this day Blessed Alice and several others were taken to the forest in Piasnica and shot to death. Their bodies were tossed into a mass grave. Blessed Alice's remaining Sisters were transported to a Nazi work camp in Bojanowo, where more than four hundred nuns were already assigned to hard labour and deprived of the sacraments.

Blessed Alice is one of the 108 Polish Martyrs from the period of the Second World War. They were beatified as Blesseds by Pope St John Paul II in 1999.

Among the 108 Polish Martyrs are 3 bishops, 52 diocesan priests, 26 religious priests, 3 seminarians, 7 religious brothers, 8 religious sisters and 9 lay faithful. Their collective feastday is 12th June.

It was said that Blessed Alice considered only one thing truly important. She told her Sisters: "*What matters is to be united with God, to be immersed like a drop of water in the Ocean of His Mercy.*" May all of us wish to be united with God, both in this world and the next.

Blessed Alice Kotowska and the Polish Martyrs, 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.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA ON MONDAY

We celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica because, giving the full title, the Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and Evangelist in the Lateran is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and serves as the seat of the Pope. As the Cathedral of the Pope as Bishop of Rome, it ranks superior to all other churches in the Roman Catholic Church around the world, including St Peter's Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is two and a half miles outside the Vatican City but has extraterritorial status from Italy as one of the properties of the Holy See, pursuant to the Lateran Treaty of 1929.

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.

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.

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 8th November (32nd Sunday of the Year - Remembrance Day)

Our three priests will concelebrate this Sunday Mass:

10am -Parish November Dead List

- The People of our Parish

- Deceased of the Two World Wars

MONDAY 9th November (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

10am - Deceased Legionaries

TUESDAY 10th November (St Leo the Great)

10am - Parish November Dead List

WEDNESDAY 11th November (St Martin of Tours)

10am - Men & Women of the Armed Services (Living & Dead)

THURSDAY 12th November (St Josaphat)

10am - Irmgard Kuschuik RIP

12noon - The Funeral Mass of Brian Coloe RIP

(Because of the restrictions concerning the number of people who can attend funerals, we are not able to open the church for private prayer for part of this morning. Only those who are invited to a funeral may attend.)

FRIDAY 13th November (Feria)

10am - Goodman Family

12noon - The Funeral Mass of Bernadette O'Connell RIP

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SATURDAY 14th November (Feria)

10am - Barrie Huntbach RIP

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