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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 and 11.30am.

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

10am.

STREAMED MASSES FOR THOSE AT HOME

**The 10am Mass everyday is streamed on our
YouTube channel.**

(Type in St Saviour's Church Lewisham).

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 11am until 11.30am, or when asked.

EXPOSITION

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Every day from 11am until 1pm. (This may have to change on a particular day due to a Funeral or other Service. Sunday morning has the celebration of three Masses).

REPOSITORY

Open every Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday - each day from 11am until 1pm.

13TH DECEMBER 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

First Reading:- Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm:- Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

Second Reading:- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel:- John 1:6-8, 19-28

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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 and the celebration of Mass.

A WONDERFUL VISIT FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN

It was a great joy for us to have welcomed Archbishop John last Sunday on his visit to St Saviour's. He was so encouraging to clergy and parishioners and he exhibited all the qualities we need in our Archdiocesan Shepherd. We are so thankful that he came to us in these challenging times with such a positive message of hope and faith. Please do pray for Archbishop John and his ministry.

TODAY IS GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday', from the first words of the introit, "Rejoice". It is a day of liturgical rejoicing in a penitential season. The clergy wear rose coloured vestments today and the rose coloured Advent candle is lit.

MATTHEW DONNELLY TO BE ORDAINED DEACON

This Saturday, 19th December, our parish of St Saviour's has the great joy of knowing that one of our parishioners, Matthew Donnelly, is to be ordained a Deacon for our Diocese on his way to being ordained a Priest. The Ordination Mass will take place at St John's Seminary, near Guildford in Surrey, and Fr Chris will be going to represent St Saviour's. Please pray for Matthew as he begins this new ministry for our Diocese.

SCHOOL MASS

This Tuesday our 10am Mass will be streamed to our St Saviour's school community as their end of term Mass. During the current restrictions school children are not permitted to come as a community into church and also Mass cannot be celebrated in the school. So parishioners can come as usual to the 10am Mass on Tuesday but note that mention will be made of our children.

PARISH SHEET GIVING DETAILS OF CHRISTMAS MASSES, CONFESSION AND SERVICES

Please take home today a cream coloured sheet giving you details of all the times of Masses, Confessions and Services over this holy time of year. All these celebrations have to take place with the covid restrictions in place. This sheet will also be displayed on our parish website.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES FOR YOUR 'THANK YOU' GIFT TO THE PRIESTS

You can pick up a Christmas Envelope into which you can put your 'Thank You' Christmas gift to the priests of St Saviour's for their work in the parish. The priests receive no salary for their work and rely on the Christmas collection from parishioners for their personal income. This collection is split equally between Fr Chris, Fr David and Fr Krzysztof.

THANK YOU

For last week's Offertory Collection of £1,008.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

One of the Blesseds remembered by the Church today is Blessed Antonio Grassi. He was born in Fermo, Italy, in 1592 to distinguished parents who ensured that Blessed Antonio's childhood was both simple and pious. His father died when Blessed Antonio was ten years old. In 1609 Blessed Antonio entered the Oratorians and was ordained a priest in 1617 after having excelled in the study of Sacred Scripture, St Thomas Aquinas and the Church Fathers.

In his priestly ministry, Blessed Antonio devoted himself to catechetical work and the preparation of children for the reception of the sacraments. He also regularly spent many hours in the confessional reconciling sinners to God. Blessed Antonio was also very generous to the poor and needy, often being criticized by fellow Oratorians for being excessive in giving. In 1635 Blessed Antonio was elected superior of the Fermo Oratorians. In this role he treated his brothers in the community with gentleness, once being asked why he did not correct the brothers with more severity. He replied by saying, "I don't think I know how."

After his eightieth year Blessed Antonio's body wore down. He lost his teeth so he had to give up preaching and hearing confessions. At the end of November he fell down some stairs and he died two weeks later on 13th December 1671. He was beatified as Blessed by Pope Leo XIII in 1900.

Once someone asked Blessed Antonio if he wore a hair-shirt. He said he did not because he learnt from St Philip Neri, who founded the Oratorians, that it is better to undertake spiritual mortification. "Humbling the mind and the will," Blessed Antonio said, "is more effective than a hair-shirt between your skin and your clothes." Blessed Antonio Grassi, pray for us.

ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL RECEPTION AND NURSERY APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

RECEPTION - Please remember that, even if your child attends our Nursery, this does not guarantee them a place in our Reception class. You will still need to apply for a Reception place in the usual way. **Please remember, the closing date for applications is 15 January 2021.**

NURSERY

The closing date for applications is 31st March 2021.

Should you require any further information about these please contact the school office on 020 8852 4283.

CHRISTMAS POSTER

Please take home with you a Christmas Poster for you to display in your window to announce to everyone the good news of the birth of our Saviour.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

This year, due to the practicalities of how we celebrate our Services during the covid restrictions, our Christmas Crib will be erected in our St Joseph Chapel.

ST SAVIOUR'S CONGRESS GROUP MEETING ON 16TH DECEMBER

Dear All,

Our next Congress Meeting is on **Wednesday, 16th December at 7.30pm** and we intend to review our discussion plans arising from Mark Nash's presentation and how this can be applied to our parish and the work of the Group.

There will also be an opportunity for some fun social activities online to bring a positive end to a challenging year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and thank you for your continued support also. God bless, Christine and Don

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS AT THIS TIME

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Our First Mass of Christmas takes place on Thursday 24th December at 6.30pm (Streamed). We then celebrate the Mass at Midnight (Streamed). On Christmas morning our Masses will be at 8.30, 10 (Streamed) and 11.30. We thank our stewards/cleaners for their help at these Masses.

GOING TO CONFESSION

To help those of you who have not been to confession for a long time, or those of you who do not have English as your first language, here is a form of words to use when going to confession.

PRIEST AND PARISHIONER – *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

PARISHIONER – *Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was (?time) ago and these are my sins..... For these and all the sins I cannot now remember I am truly sorry.*

The PRIEST will now say a few words of encouragement to help you in the Christian life. The PRIEST will also give you a simple PENANCE for you to do afterwards, which may be one of our well known prayers.

The PRIEST will say the words of ABSOLUTION and you will be invited to say your Act of Contrition (prayer of sorrow) as follows:

PARISHIONER – *O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of your grace I will not sin again.*

The PRIEST will say a few words to end the ceremony and then you respond:

PARISHIONER – *Thank you Father.*

The PARISHIONER leaves and does the PENANCE.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 13th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

8.30am - The People of our Parish

10am - Marie Brown (Intention)

11.30am - Lucia Lincoln RIP

MONDAY 14th December (St John of the Cross)

10am - William Thomas Peachey RIP

TUESDAY 15th December (Feria)

10am - Dickson and Hazel (In Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY 16th December (Feria)

10am - Marina Monoharan (In Thanksgiving)

THURSDAY 17th December (Feria)

10am - Christopher and Christina (21st Birthday)

FRIDAY 18th December (Feria)

10am - Mary (Mai) Barnes RIP (Anniversary)

SATURDAY 19th December (Feria)

10am - Joseph O'Brien RIP

SUNDAY 20th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8.30am - The People of our Parish

10am - Union of Catholic Mothers

11.30am - Jose Remberto Justiniano RIP (6 Months Mind)