

# ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**LEWISHAM HOSPITAL** - In an emergency please ask the staff to bleep the on-call priest.

## 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.

## 20TH DECEMBER 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

First Reading:- 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 88 (89)

Second Reading:- Romans 16:25-27

Gospel:- Luke 1:26-38

## GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live  
according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim  
Jesus Christ.

## 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.

## 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.

## CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Monday 21st - From 11am until 12noon.

Tuesday 22nd - From 11am until 12noon.

Wednesday 23rd - From 11am until 11.20am. (We then  
close the church for a Funeral Mass).

Thursday 24th - From 11am until 12noon.

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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

**Please note that we can only allow the first 65  
people/households into the church for Masses/Prayer.**

## CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES FOR YOUR 'THANK YOU' OFFERING TO OUR PRIESTS

You can pick up a Christmas Envelope into which you can  
put your 'Thank You' Christmas Offering to the priests of St  
Saviour's for their work in the parish. You can give your  
offering in any way you wish. Please indicate it is your  
Christmas Offering for our priests. The offerings will be split  
equally between Fr Chris, Fr David and Fr Krzysztof.

## HOW THE 'THANK YOU' CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO OUR PRIESTS WILL BE COLLECTED THIS YEAR

Archbishop John has written to all parishes explaining  
how the Christmas offerings from the faithful to their  
priests will be collected this year. He notes that with the  
various Covid restrictions parishioners may not be able  
to attend Mass on Christmas Day but may come during  
the Christmas Octave period and want to give something  
to their priests in the traditional way. Therefore, all  
collections at Masses (and including electronic giving)  
which are taken from Christmas Day until 6th January  
2021 will constitute the annual personal Christmas  
Offerings of the faithful for their priests.

## FUNERAL MASS

The Funeral Mass of Elsie Ferryman takes place on  
Wednesday, 23rd December, at 12noon. We extend our  
sympathies to Elsie's family and friends.

## THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S

Offertory Collection of £1,395 and for Peter's Pence £223.

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

I recently came across a wonderful Christmas story that I would like to share with you:

*'In a village it was believed that the angels rang the church bells after the Christmas Midnight Mass for the person who offered the Infant Jesus the best gift. After the Mass the people came forward to present their gift to the infant Jesus. The people placed their gifts at the crib of gold, silver, newly written poems, jewellery, clothes, paintings and other valuables. But the church bells did not ring. The only people left to come forward were two children. The priest asked if they had brought a gift for the infant Jesus, but they anxiously explained that the money they had saved to buy their gift they had given to a cold and hungry woman they had met earlier that day. As soon as the children said this, the church bells rang. The children knew then that they should not have worried because the Infant Jesus had accepted their kindness as the best gift He had received that Christmas.'*

Stories like this remind us of what kind of person Jesus would grow up to be and how he would challenge us to think in God's way, not man's.

### A traditional blessing I give to you:

*'May the little hand of Jesus bless thy year,  
And the great heart of Jesus hold thee dear;  
And all blessed and happy things,  
Which the love of Jesus brings,  
Be thine until another Yule is here.'*

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

RECEPTION - Please remember that, even if your child 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.

## ST SAVIOUR'S CONGRESS GROUP - FEEDBACK

We had our Congress meeting on Wednesday, 16th December at 7.30pm, to review our plans and the work of the Group and how these could be applied to our Parish in 2021. We also had an opportunity for some fun social activities, including a very enjoyable baby photo quiz from members of the parish and clergy and a bible quiz on line to bring a positive end to a challenging year. Thank you to all those who contributed with their photos, this was very much appreciated.

We also had a period for some personal reflections of the challenges experienced this year during Covid, which was both emotional and empowering too. We would like to thank you for your support during this challenging year and hope to extend the invitations more widely and securely electronically in the future also.

Wishing you all the very best at this special time and we continue to pray for you and all our Parish too. God bless,  
Christine and Don

## A YEAR DEDICATED TO ST JOSEPH

Recently Pope Francis proclaimed a 'Year of St Joseph' beginning this month.

## ANNUAL SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Our Diocesan Directory for 2021 have arrived and can be purchased from our Repository, price £3.

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR 'SEA SUNDAY'

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO THOSE TRAVELLING AWAY OR SHIELDING AT HOME

Some of our parishioners will be travelling away from Lewisham to spend Christmas in their Christmas bubble or watching our streamed Masses at home. If we will not see you in person at Christmastime in St Saviour's can we take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy and Holy celebration of Our Saviour's birth.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB

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

## THANKS TO PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR HELP IN THE PARISH

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parishioners who helped to make Advent such a special time here at St Saviour's. Also to thank those who over the past year have helped out in the parish in any way. Your good efforts and work are very much appreciated.

## THANKS FROM OUR CLERGY

Our clergy wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to parishioners for all the Christmas cards and gifts that they have already received. Your thoughts and kindness are very much appreciated. Please accept this as their personal 'THANK YOU'.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

### 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 Month's Mind)

### MONDAY 21st December (Feria)

10am - Franklin Manoharan (In Thanksgiving)

### TUESDAY 22nd December (Feria)

10am - Joseph Rajakariar RIP

### WEDNESDAY 23rd December (Feria)

10am - Niall McKeown (18th Birthday)

12noon - Funeral Mass of Elsie Ferryman RIP  
(Church will be closed for private prayer at this time)

### THURSDAY 24th December (Christmas Eve)

10am - Sandor Kanda (Birthday)

### Christmas Masses

6.30pm - Mrs Mary Coughlan RIP (also streamed)  
Midnight - The People of our Parish (also streamed)

### FRIDAY 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.30am - Bridget Rooney RIP  
10am - Maurice Tydings RIP (also streamed)  
11.30am - Eileen Kastor

### SATURDAY 26th December (St Stephen)

10am - Leze and Pashuk Lazri RIP

### SUNDAY 27th December (Holy Family)

8.30am - Cathy Neven (Get Well)  
10am - Cornelius Ryan RIP (Anniversary)  
11.30am - The People of our Parish

**FRS CHRIS, CLIVE, DAVID, KRZYSZTOF and REVDS JAVIER, MATHEW AND CARLOS wish you a very Happy and Holy celebration of CHRISTMAS.**