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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

Closed at present due to the Tier 4 restrictions.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK'S

Offertory Collection of £599 and for Sea Sunday £193.

27TH DECEMBER 2020 HOLY FAMILY (B)

First Reading:- Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:- 127 (128)

Second Reading:- Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel:- Luke 2:22-40

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience....The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.

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.

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. You can put any Crib Offerings into the wall box marked 'CRIB' on the right hand side as you leave the church. The Crib offerings go to support the work of 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

STREAMED ROSARY TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR FROM 11.45PM

Earlier this year parishes were advised not to encourage people to leave their homes on New Year's Eve to come to church because of the danger of gatherings on the streets not being able to keep social distancing. It was for safety reasons. That is why we did not plan to celebrate our usual Mass here this year to welcome in the New Year. Now of course, because of recent restrictions and developments, this seems even more advisable.

Therefore, knowing that it is good to welcome in the New Year in a spiritual way, we have decided to stream the Rosary on New Year's Eve beginning at 11.45pm. This is an appropriate prayer to say together for the New Year as 1st January is the solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

We ask Our Lady to pray for our parish of St Saviour's and all members of our parish family, especially for those who are vulnerable at this time and shielding or isolating at home.
Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

FRIDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

'Called in the Gospels 'the mother of Jesus', Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, a 'the mother of my Lord'. In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (Theotokos).' - (Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 495)

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON MATTHEW DONNELLY

Last Saturday our parishioner Matthew Donnelly was ordained a Deacon at St John's Seminary, Womersley, on his way to being ordained a Priest to work in our Diocese of Southwark. It was a wonderful Ordination Mass and we congratulate Deacon Matthew and send him our best wishes.

FUNERAL MASS

We have one Funeral Mass here this week. The Funeral Mass of Patrick O'Neill takes place on Tuesday, 29th December, at 12noon. We extend our sympathies to Patrick's family and friends.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

Today, 27th December, one of the saints remembered by the Church is St Fabiola. She was born in Rome in the fourth century to a most illustrious family. She caused scandal to other Christians in her early life, but after the death of her second husband St Fabiola made public penance, dressing in sackcloth and admitting her sins. She asked all the angels, saints and the gathered people to pray for her. This act of humility made a great impression on St Jerome, who wrote: *'As Fabiola was not ashamed of the Lord on earth, so he will not be ashamed of her in heaven.'*

From then on St Fabiola used all her fortune to help the poor, founding the first public hospital. St Jerome wrote about her: *'She often carried on her own shoulders persons infected with jaundice or covered with filth. She often cleansed the revolting discharge of wounds which others, even men, could not bear to look at. She fed her patients with her own hands, and moistened the scarce breathing lips of the dying with sips of water.'*

Soon St Fabiola expanded her work beyond the city, to outer islands and remote settlements. *'Rome was not large enough for her compassionate kindness,'* wrote St Jerome.

St Fabiola returned to Rome and died around the year 399. It was said that all the people of Rome gathered for her funeral.

St Fabiola, pray for us.

NEXT SUNDAY AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Next Sunday, 3rd January, we celebrate the liturgy of the Second Sunday after the Nativity and then the following Wednesday, 6th January, we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

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

You can still 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.

ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL RECEPTION AND NURSERY APPLICATIONS

RECEPTION - Our parish Primary School is now receiving applications for children due to start primary school in September 2021. Anyone whose child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 can apply. 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. You must complete a supplementary form, and this is available from the school office or you can download and print one from the school website. You will need also to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk, and you can apply for up to six schools. **Please remember, the closing date for applications is 15 January 2021.**

NURSERY - Our Primary School is now receiving applications for children to join its nursery in September 2021. Applications for children aged 3 and 4 years old are welcomed, kindly note that children will have to have attained 3 years of age on or before 31st August 2021. The nursery application form is available from the school website (<https://www.stsaviours.lewisham.sch.uk/schoolinformation/admissions-new/>) or from the school office. **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.

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.

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 Christmas 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. We are so fortunate to have so many parishioners who voluntarily help out in St Saviour's.

THANKS FROM OUR CLERGY

Our clergy wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to parishioners for all the Christmas cards and gifts that they have 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 27th December (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

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

MONDAY 28th December (The Holy Innocents)

10am - Jean Byres, Agnes Byres & Miguel Laguzzi RIP

TUESDAY 29th December (St Thomas of Canterbury)

10am - Mary Osborne RIP

12noon - Funeral Mass of Patrick O'Neill RIP

(The church will be closed for private prayer at this time).

WEDNESDAY 30th December (Feria)

10am - Dickson & Hazel (5th Wedding Anniversary)

THURSDAY 31st December (Feria)

10am - All the Blessed Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY 1st January 2021 (Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

10am - Terry Mary RIP

SATURDAY 2nd January (Sts Basil and Gregory Nazianzen)

10am - Sonia Brown & Simon Virgo RIP

SUNDAY 3rd January (Second Sunday after the Nativity)

8.30am - Julian Costello RIP
10am - Ifeoma Okoye
11.30am - The People of our Parish

FRS CHRIS, CLIVE, DAVID, KRZYSZTOF and REVDS JAVIER, MATHEW AND CARLOS wish you a very Happy New Year and a wonderful 2021.