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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

Closed during the Tier 4 restrictions.

10TH JANUARY 2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)

First Reading:- Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:- Isaiah 12

Second Reading:- 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel:- Mark 1:7-11

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCH

We had hoped to re-open on church today, Sunday 10th, after a period of self-isolation following the current legal requirements. Unfortunately, we had to go into a second period of self-isolation and so our church cannot be opened today.

We apologise that our church is not open for you at this time but you will know that it is important that we all follow the legal requirements to keep each other safe.

SOME WORDS FROM DEACON MATTHEW DONNELLY

Our parishioner Matthew Donnelly was recently ordained a Deacon on his way to the Priesthood. He has written these words to us:

'The prayer life in St Saviour's is intense, and the constant flow of people into the church from the High Street is a testament to both the community's love for the Blessed Sacrament and the need to seek solace from the Lord in the midst of life's hardships. In these quiet moments with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament my vocation formed over the years and was given expression in serving and reading at Mass and leading the Youth 2000 prayer group. However, the single most compelling experience which formed my commitment to the priesthood were the people of St Saviour's themselves. The encouragement and support I received from so many members of the parish community, who recognised the future priest in me, was the proof that this was what God was calling me to. I am immensely grateful to St Saviour's parish for awakening my true self, the person God had always wanted me to be, and for recognising Christ's call for me even at times when I couldn't see it for myself. Thank you St Saviour's for the commitment and example of your priests and the living faith and the love of Christ in its people: without you I couldn't have come this far.'

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS ENDS

Today, 10th January, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This ends the Season of Christmas. On Monday we move on to Ordinary Time before Lent. In Ordinary Time no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness, especially on Sundays. The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, this year falls on 17th February.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

This year Christian Unity Week is from 18th until 25th January. The Christian Churches of Central Lewisham would normally hold a Service to bring together local Christians in order to praise God and to pray for Christian Unity. Unfortunately, this year holding this Service will not be possible and so we must include this special intention in our personal prayers.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Tuesday, 12th, one of the saints remembered by the Church is St Marguerite Bourgeoys. She was born in 1620 in Troyes, France. She was the seventh of thirteen children. St Marguerite's father died when she was very young and at the age of nineteen she lost her mother. St Marguerite wished to found a community of women who would serve others outside of an enclosed setting, very unusual in those days as Catholic bishops vigorously opposed unenclosed sisterhoods.

An invitation came to St Marguerite from the governor of Ville-Marie in Canada to become a schoolmistress. She saw this as an opportunity to realise her vision and so she sailed to Canada, arriving in Quebec in 1653. She began to quietly set about forming a community of women and five years later managed to open a school. She also built the first permanent church in Ville-Marie - the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel. St Marguerite twice travelled back to France to recruit more women to serve as teachers in Canada. In 1676 St Marguerite formally founded her community as the Congregation of Notre Dame. The local bishop approved the Congregation but then tried to enforce enclosure. The community suffered many hardships, but the education they provided flourished. A boarding school was opened and later a mission for the native Iroquois. Late in 1699, St Marguerite's health was failing and she died on 12th January 1700.

The day following her death, a priest wrote, 'If saints were canonized as in the past by the voice of the people and the clergy, tomorrow we would be saying the Mass of St Marguerite of Canada.' She was, however, not officially a saint until Pope St John Paul II canonized her in 1982.

The following words are from St Marguerite: *'The profit that small acts of generosity gain for us when they are done for God reminds me of a present I gave my father, so small and so trivial that it made those who saw it laugh - and my father as well. But seeing that I made it with such affection, he carried this present around with him and showed it to everyone. God is pleased with little virtues that are practiced for love of him and he ennobles them in the measure that they are exercised with greater love. I must do everything, therefore, for the greater love of God.'* Good advice for us to follow.

St Marguerite Bourgeoys, pray for us.

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.

TODAY'S FEAST - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

'The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfill all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church - section 536)

FEAST DAYS IN 2021 FOR YOUR DIARY

The following dates for this year are from our Southwark Diocesan Directory for 2021:

Epiphany - 6 January
Ash Wednesday - 17 February
Palm Sunday - 28 March
Good Friday - 2 April
Easter Sunday - 4 April
Ascension Day - 13 May
Pentecost Day - 23 May
Trinity Sunday - 30 May
Corpus Christi - 6 June
SS Peter & Paul - 29 June
Assumption - 15 August
All Saints - 31 October
Christ the King - 21 November
First Sunday of Advent - 28 November
Christmas Day - 25 December

A YEAR DEDICATED TO ST JOSEPH

Recently Pope Francis proclaimed a 'Year of St Joseph', ending 8th December 2021. The decree said that Pope Francis had established a Year of St Joseph so that 'every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfilment of God's will.'

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 10th January (The Baptism of the Lord)

10am - Kathleen Golder RIP (Anniversary)
& Elizabeth McCauley RIP

MONDAY 11th January (Feria)

10am - Muriel Perry RIP

TUESDAY 12th January (Feria)

10am - Ann Osbourne RIP (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY 13th January (Feria)

10am - Maria D Byrne RIP (5th Anniversary)

THURSDAY 14th January (Feria)

10am - Queenie McCusker RIP (Birthday)

FRIDAY 15th January (Feria)

10am - Nihal Pancratious RIP

SATURDAY 16th January (Feria)

10am - Alice Maristella Leslie RIP

SUNDAY 17th January (Second Sunday of the Year)

8.30am - The People of our Parish
10am - Union of Catholic Mothers
11.30am - Donor's Intentions