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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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord when the Season of Christmas ends.

3RD JANUARY 2021 2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (B)

First Reading:- Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12

Responsorial Psalm:- 147

Second Reading:- Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

Gospel:- John 1:1-18

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had blessed us with all the spiritual blessing of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The priests are rightly following legal requirements and at this time are having to self-isolate for ten days. The church will be closed during this time. We will open the church again on Sunday 10th January for Masses after the self-isolation ends. We want everyone to stay safe and know that you will understand why the legal requirements have to be followed. Our 10am Mass will continued to be streamed daily on our YouTube Channel.

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.'

WEDNESDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

'The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East...In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation....Their (magi's) coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that 'the full number of the nations' now take its 'place in the family of the patriarchs' and is made worthy of the heritage of Israel.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church - section 528)

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Wednesday, 6th January, we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Three Kings arrive at Bethlehem to give the Infant Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Leading up to Christmas perhaps many of us wrote a list of relatives and friends and alongside them we noted the gift we would be looking to buy for them for Christmas, finances permitting. If not a written list we would have thought of the gifts we were going to give to our loved ones. In keeping with the solemnity of the Epiphany this Wednesday, perhaps each of us can think of a special gift that we can give to the Infant Jesus this year.

Perhaps the gift would be a heart and soul cleansed from sin by going to the sacrament of Confession.

Perhaps to offer Him the gift of love and faithfulness.

Perhaps the gift of being unselfish and generous.

Perhaps the gift of helping out those in need, remembering that Jesus tells us that what we do to others we do to Him.

Perhaps the gift of a positive response to the vocation that God calls us to; single, married, caring profession, priesthood or religious life, etc.

Perhaps the gift of using our talent/s for the building up of God's Kingdom.

Perhaps the gift of a deepening spiritual life of prayer and scripture.

Of course, there are many other gifts that each of us can give at this time to the Infant Jesus. In all we do, or don't do, we remember that the Infant Jesus continues to give each of us a very special gift, the gift of His LOVE. What a wonderful gift He gives to us!

BIBLE STUDY INVITATION

An online Bible Study Group, started in Lee Parish, would like to welcome new members. They meet fortnightly on a Saturday afternoon at 3pm. The next meeting will be on 9th January then every fortnight after that. You are invited to give it a try, there is no cost or expectations that you will attend every meeting. There is a lively discussion of the Sunday Mass readings and prayer petitions. The readings and commentaries are shared onscreen during the meeting and new members are welcome. If you are interested, simply email markhopper@gmail.com with 'bible study' in the subject line and he'll send you an invite.

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.

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 and the New Year 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.

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

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 and for the Christmas offerings. Your thoughts and kindness are very much appreciated. Please accept this as their personal 'THANK YOU'.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 3rd January (Second Sunday after the Nativity)

Two priests will concelebrate this 10am Mass:

10am - Ifeoma Okoye

- Julian Costello RIP

MONDAY 4th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am - Thomas Mann & Deceased Relatives RIP

TUESDAY 5th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am - Matthew Huntbach (60th Birthday)

WEDNESDAY 6th January (The Epiphany of the Lord)

10am - Bernadette O'Connell RIP

THURSDAY 7th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am - Mary Coughlan

FRIDAY 8th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am - Eva Lee RIP

SATURDAY 9th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am - Marion Paul (Well Being)

SUNDAY 10th January (The Baptism of the Lord)

8.30am - Kathleen Golder RIP (Anniversary)

10am - Elizabeth McCauley RIP

11.30am - The People of our Parish

FRS CHRIS, CLIVE, DAVID, KRZYSZTOF and REVDS JAVIER, MATHEW AND CARLOS wish you every good blessing from God in 2021. Let's pray this year will be better for everyone.