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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 on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9.30am until 10am and 11am until 1pm.

THANK YOU

for last week's offertory collection of £502, and the second collection of £244.

18TH APRIL 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:- 4

Second Reading:- 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel:- Luke 24:35-48

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

He (*Jesus*) then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead'.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR KRZYSZTOF

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Fr Krzysztof, who this week is celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. It is sad that, due to covid restrictions, we cannot have the usual celebrations. We wish Fr Krzysztof many more wonderful years of priestly ministry.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

We are delighted to welcome to St Saviour's, Fr Daniel Adayi, who has been appointed as our new Assistant Priest. You will get to know more about him this weekend as he introduces himself at our Sunday Masses. Please pray that Fr Daniel will soon settle into our parish and that he will have a happy and fruitful time with us.

We thank Archbishop John for appointing a new priest so swiftly.

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 Mass and private prayer during these difficult times.

PARISH CONGRESS GROUP

The next zoom meeting will be on 28th April at 7.30pm.

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Parents and Guardians of young people who are in Secondary School Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to register their interest.

Please email lewishamconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk with your name and your child's name to receive more information about the programme and to register. The deadline for applying is tomorrow, **Monday 19th April 2021**.

FUNERAL MASS

We have one Funeral Mass here this week. The Funeral Mass of Shirley Fermin takes place on Monday, 19th April, at 12noon. We extend our sympathies to Shirley's family and friends.

Please note, only those invited may attend the Funeral due to covid restrictions.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - VOCATIONS

As next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, there will be a second collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

FRIDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE

This Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Patron Saint of England, St George.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

One of the Blesseds remembered by the Church this Thursday, 22nd April, is Blessed Maria Gabriella Sageddu. She was born in 1914 into a shepherd family in Dorgali, Sardinia, the fifth of eight children. Her father and one brother died in 1919, as did two other brothers in childhood. Blessed Maria was described as obstinate and lazy as a child, although never disobedient. After she left her school Blessed Maria had to help out at home, often quick to criticize what she disliked and quick to ask for what she wanted. The death of her sister Giovanna prompted Blessed Maria to deepen her Catholic faith, instructing local children and adolescents in the faith. At first she taught the catechism with a stick in her hand. But the local priest took the stick from her and replaced it with a note that said: *'Arm yourself with patience, not a stick.'* Blessed Maria accepted this wise advice. Also at this time Blessed Maria was deepening her spiritual life and contemplation.

At the age of twenty-one Blessed Maria left her rural village to enter the Trappist monastery near Rome. She wrote to her family: *'I dig, I hoe, I do everything that comes along.'* At the monastery she became aware of Abbe Paul Couturier, who was instrumental in founding the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and who spoke and wrote about the unity of all Christians. Blessed Maria then dedicated her life and prayer to this important cause. *(She is sometimes called Blessed Maria Gabriella of Unity).*

In 1938 Blessed Maria fell ill with tuberculosis and she suffered from this for fifteen months. She died on the Second Sunday of Easter in 1939 at Grottaferrata, Italy. She was beatified as Blessed by Pope St John Paul II in 1983.

Blessed Maria wrote on the day of her religious vows: *'In the simplicity of my heart, I offer you everything with joy, O Lord. I thank you with all my heart and, pronouncing the holy vows, I abandon myself entirely to you.'* She accepted her suffering as a sign of Christ's special love for her.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 18th April (Third Sunday of Easter)

8.30am - The People of our Parish
10am - Union of Catholic Mothers
11.30am - Gadwin & Eunice Nwaizugbo RIP

MONDAY 19th April (Feria)

10am - Mary Bridget McEvoy RIP (11th Anniversary)

12noon - Funeral Mass of Shirley Fermin RIP
(Only those invited may attend)

TUESDAY 20th April (Feria)

10am - Francisco Juanuix RIP

WEDNESDAY 21st April (St Anselm)

10am - Patrick O'Brien RIP

THURSDAY 22nd April (Feria)

10am - Anthony Valentine RIP

FRIDAY 23rd April (St George)

10am - Sede Simone Gnahoua Goubou (Well Being) & David Elie Fidelle Irihari (Well Being)

SATURDAY 24th April (Feria)

10am - Deborah Barnes RIP (1st Anniversary)

SUNDAY 25th April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am - Janet Davis RIP (1st Anniversary)
10am - Richard & Philomena D'Souza RIP
11.30am - Queenie Mc Cusker RIP (Anniversary)

FR DAVID'S MESSAGE TO US READ OUT AT MASSES LAST SUNDAY

Thank you to all those who have been praying for my health and asking after me, it is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, although I have recovered from covid, other health problems have got worse in the meantime, and so I have been advised not to return to parish ministry for six months to give time for more treatment and rest. In light of this, the Archbishop has decided that I finish my appointment in Lewisham now and take up a different one in six months. It is a source of great sadness for me that my time in Lewisham is coming to an end, but I know that the parish deserves a fully fit priest, so it is for the benefit of everyone that I am replaced. When I am better, I hope to return to say a proper goodbye and thank you, but for now, I would like to thank Archbishop John for his fatherly care, and especially Fr Chris and Fr Krzysztof for their brotherly concern and constant support. It has been a really wonderful time for me at St Saviour's, and I thank everyone in the parish for their generous kindness and I apologise for my mistakes. I will pray for you all and please keep me in your prayers. Fr David

DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE WHAT THE FIRST DISCIPLES EXPERIENCED AT PENTECOST? - OR PREPARE FOR PENTECOST 2021!

"I have come to bring life, and life to the full" John 10.10

This is a unique opportunity to participate The Life in the Spirit Seminars on-line organised by the Southwark Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (SAE&C) with the support of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocesan team with our very own as one of the Speakers.

DETAILS: 5 Tuesday evenings: 8.00pm-9.30pm: Starting 4th May-1st June 2021, including Pentecost Retreat
Afternoon: Saturday 22nd May 2.00pm-5.00pm.
Speakers include: Archbishop John Wilson, Fr Pat Collins CM, Fr Paschal Uche, Barbara Mason, Kathryn Murrell and Teresa Carvalho

THIS COURSE IS FREE. It is, however, recommended that you purchase the Participants Booklet @ £4.50 inc. P & P.

TO REGISTER & LEARN MORE:
<http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss> OR <http://bit.ly/2021LISS>

NOTE: The places are limited (about 160) and the SAE&C want to attract people who have never done the Life in the Spirit Seminars before. Parishioners who have experienced the Seminars have testified that they offer a wonderful opportunity for conversion and personal renewal. They could play a key part in the renewal of our Diocese by creating Missionary Disciples which the Church needs at this time.

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are also advertising these seminars officially through their own channels, however, we all know that word of mouth is the best way to encourage parishioners and other people to come. These seminars are a wonderful opportunity for our Parish to reach out and encourage those of you not already involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) to experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit especially in preparation for Pentecost this year. We all agree that this year as we are phasing out of another long Lockdown the power of the Holy Spirit is very much needed indeed, upon this whole nation and upon the world and entire humanity. Hence, we would like to bring the details about these excellent Life in the Spirit Seminars to your attention. Pope Francis himself has asked that these Seminars be run throughout the Church to bring Catholics new life in the Spirit. What better time do we need than now?" FR CHRIS