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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 from 11am until 1pm.

THANK YOU

for last week's offertory collection of £1,036 and the second collection of £342.

2ND MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading:- Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm:- 21 (22)

Second Reading:- 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel:- John 15:1-8

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus said: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.....If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

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.

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 in 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

RESTARTING OUR SUNDAY 5.30PM MASS

We will be able to restart our 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 16th May as we now have stewards and cleaners.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Friday, 7th May, one of the saints remembered by the Church is St Rosa Venerini. She was born in 1656 at Viterbo, Italy, then part of the Papal States. As a young person, St Rosa made a dedication to consecrate her life to God. However, at the age of twenty she had questions about her future and chose to accept an offer of marriage; her fiance sadly died a short time after her acceptance. Later that year St Rosa took the advice of her father and entered the Dominican Monastery of St Catherine, where her aunt had previously become a member. St Rosa only remained there a few months because her father died and she left to go home and care for her mother. Soon afterwards, first her brother died and then her mother. Only St Rosa and her sister remained at home. They would invite local girls and women to join them at home to pray the Rosary together. St Rosa later decided to dedicate herself to instructing young people in the Catholic Faith.

In 1685, St Rosa left home and founded her first school, the first public school for girls in Italy. The objective was to give good Christian formation to the pupils and prepare the poor girls for life in society. It was not an easy start as local priests, who thought it was their role to give instruction, resisted the work at the school. St Rosa, with her characteristic strength, continued her work without any hesitation, her motto being *"Educate to set free."* Cardinal Barbarigo came to know of St Rosa's educational work and entrusted her with the schools in his area and the training of the teachers. Other schools were opened by St Rosa, eventually a school in Rome. Pope Clement XI visited this school and observed its good work. The Pope said: *"Signora Rosa, you are doing that which we cannot do. We thank you very much, because with these schools you will sanctify Rome"*. After this, St Rosa's work increased and many cardinals and governors asked her to form schools in their area. St Rosa travelled around on a mule and lived on the alms given to her by the people. In a short time it was noted that a moral improvement had taken place in the young people who attended her schools.

St Rosa died in Rome on 7th May, 1728, having opened more than 40 schools. She was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

As she lay dying, a priest asked if St Rosa wanted to pray to God to restore her health so that she could serve Him a little longer. She replied: *"Father, I find myself so completely attached to His divine will that I desire neither to live nor to die. I wish to live so long as He desires and I wish to serve Him for as long as He desires and no longer."* As we pray in the Our Father: *"Thy will be done."*

St Rosa Venerini, pray for us.

STAMPS FOR THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION

Please see their link <https://www.kidney.org.uk> or please drop any stamps at the Repository or at the Priests' House in an envelope marked 'Stamps'. Thank you.

FEASTDAY OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

This Tuesday, 4th May, we celebrate the feastday of the English Martyrs. We commemorate the English men and women martyred for the Catholic Faith in the period 1535 - 1680 and beatified or canonized by the Holy See.

Along the outside wall of our Sacred Heart Chapel we have stained glass windows remembering four of the English Martyrs:

Thomas More - martyred at Tower Hill, London, in 1535

Margaret Clitherow - martyred at York in 1586

John Fisher - martyred at Tower Hill, London, in 1535

Cuthbert Mayne - martyred at Launceston, Cornwall, in 1577

We ask the English Martyrs to pray for us.

FOLLOWING ON FROM LAST SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Anyone who would like to talk about their vocation, please speak to one of the priests here or contact:

Vocations Director: Fr Paul Kine on 0208 674 3704 or vocations@rcaos.org.uk

For our diocesan website go to www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations

RECYCLE YOUR SPECTACLES VIA VISION AID OVERSEAS

Our Repository Team is supporting Vision Aid Overseas with its initiative to recycle spectacles, not by sending these spectacles overseas but from the income generated from recycling. This income supports visually impaired people in developing countries. If you would like to also support this initiative, please place your old spectacles in the box situated at the Repository or leave them at the Priests' House in an envelope marked 'Vision Aid Overseas'. More information at www.visionaidoverseas.org Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 2nd May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am - The People of our Parish

10am - Paulino & Primitiva Marcha RIP (1st Anniversary)

11.30am - Alex Musa Kanneh RIP (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY 3rd May (Saints Philip & James)

10am - Roxanna Van Oss RIP

TUESDAY 4th May (The English Martyrs)

10am - Dolly Fernandopolie RIP

WEDNESDAY 5th May (Feria)

10am - For the people of India suffering the effects of the coronavirus

THURSDAY 6th May (Feria)

10am - Remo Ianarelli RIP

FRIDAY 7th May (Feria)

10am - Miriam Hassam RIP

SATURDAY 8th May (Feria)

10am - John & Ivy Harding RIP

SUNDAY 9th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am - The People of our Parish

10am - Chrissy Caffery RIP

11.30am - Jose Alberto Perez Ruiz RIP