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OUR PARISH IN FOCUS

UNLESS EXEMPT PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING AND GIVE SPACE TO EACH OTHER

SUNDAY MASSES

8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5.30pm (church opens at 5pm).
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.

ROSARY

Monday – Saturday after 10am Mass

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 £1355.

12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

EDUCATION SUNDAY

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First Reading:- Isaiah 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm: 114

Second Reading:- James 2:14-18

Gospel – Mark 8:27-35

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

One of the saints remembered by the Church this Saturday, 18th September, is St Methodius of Olympus. He was born in the third century and became the Bishop of Olympus, present day Turkey. He is well known as a theologian who defended the Church teaching against heresies that were taking hold at that time. St Methodius particularly opposed the teaching of Origen which taught that: there is an inequality among the divine persons; that humans souls existed before Adam; that Christ's soul thus pre-existed; that there will be nothing material about the body after the resurrection; that there is no eternal punishment. When opposing the teaching of Origen, which he did vigorously, he always treated Origen with respect and from a position of humility. St Methodius gives us a wonderful example of how we should deal with those we disagree with, giving them respect, giving honour to them in humility and thus preserving both truth and peace. St Methodius died around the year 311. St Methodius left us many writings. Here are some of his words. They are from an early liturgical hymn. The story is of ten virgins escorting Christ, the Bridegroom, and His Queen, the Church, in a marriage procession:

'From on high, there has come, O virgins, the sound of the cry that wakes the dead, bidding us to go to meet the Bridegroom in the east with all speed in white robes and with our lamps. Awake, before the King enters within the gates.

Flying from the riches of mortals that bring only wealth of sorrow, from love, from the delights and pleasures of this life, I desire to be sheltered in your life-giving arms and to gaze forever on your beauty, Blessed One.

Chanting the new strain, our virgin choir escorts you, our Queen, to heaven, bathed in light. And garlanded with white lily cups, we bear in our hands light-bearing flames.

O Blessed One, who dwells in heaven's pure seat from all eternity, and governs all with everlasting sway, behold, we have come! Receive us too, O Father, with your Servant, within the gates of life.'

MASKS & FACE COVERINGS

UNLESS EXEMPT

WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO STILL CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE DO CONSIDER HOW THIS WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY YOURSELF, BUT OTHERS.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Today is designated as Education Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is designated as Home Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection to provide the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money enables a breath of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT BEGINS

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday sees the beginning of the annual four week Mass Count, which takes place in all parishes. The figures are used by the Diocese in their report to Rome.

ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH CONGRESS GROUP – PARISH FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK INVITATION – FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dear All

Further to recent announcements at Mass, we will be holding our Annual Parish Family Picnic on **Sunday 12th September 1-4pm at Blackheath near All Saints Church** as last year (see details below). This is dependent on good weather otherwise it will take place on Sunday 19th September instead. This was a very good event last year and will allow the Parish Community to gather together and rekindle lost friendships due to the pandemic. **Please bring your own food & drink** and spread the word to as many family and friends as possible. We look forward to seeing you there. Travelling from Lewisham: Buses 54, 108, 89, 202, 380 & 386 to Bus Stops at Royal Parade or the Clarendon Hotel. Location is on Blackheath near All Saints Church. This is the same location as last year when we had tight restrictions but please ensure that you also take whatever precautions you may feel are necessary.

Christine & Don

AYLESFORD

The Little Flower Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 26th September and will be led by the Grand Prior. The day will commence with a Gathering Service and Banner Blessing at 12noon. There will be time for private prayer before joining together for the Blessing of Roses on the Rosary Way. The pilgrimage will conclude with Mass at 3pm in Honour of St Therese of the Child Jesus. All are welcome.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish and grant us:

A new vision of Your glory

A new experience of Your power

A new faithfulness to Your Word

And a new consecration to Your service

That Your love may grow among us

And Your kingdom come.

Through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 12th September (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am – Mala Stanislaus RIP

10am – The People of our Parish

11.30am – Margaret C Ekechukwu (Birthday)

5.30pm – Anya Kent (Well-Being)

MONDAY 13th (St John Chrysostom)

10am – Leonard & Susan Roskilly

TUESDAY 14th (The Exaltation of The Holy Cross)

10am – Ailve Butler (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY 15th (Our Lady of Sorrows)

10am – Teresa (for Graces)

THURSDAY 16th (St Cornelius)

10am – John Hillier RIP

FRIDAY 17th (Feria)

10am – Nick Brack (Birthday Thanksgiving)

SATURDAY 18th (Feria)

10am – Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY 19th September (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am – The People of our Parish

10am – UCM

11.30am – Fr Louis Odudu RIP

5.30pm – Stephen Flaherty RIP (1st Anniversary)