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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) or go to our parish website (details above) and click onto the link for our YouTube channel or the link for the MCN media streaming company.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 11am until 11.30am (or when concluded), or when asked.

EXPOSITION

Every Saturday from 11am until 1pm for private prayer.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Every day after the 10am Mass until 1pm. (On Sundays all morning until 1pm).

REPOSITORY

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

26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY - YEAR B

First Reading:- Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm:- 18 (19)

Second Reading:- James 5:1-6

Gospel:- Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

EXTRA MASSES, CONFESSION TIME, EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Beginning on Thursday 7th October we will celebrate three extra weekly evening Masses at the following times:

Each Thursday at 6.30pm.

Each Friday at 6.30pm.

Each Saturday at 5.30pm. (The First Mass of Sunday and at the same time as Sunday evening Mass).

After the Thursday 6.30pm Mass we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction to finish at 7.30pm. After the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed confessions will be heard until Benediction starts.

This is part of our cautious and gradual progression in the parish at this still anxious time with covid. With the covid worries moving into Autumn and Winter, we will evaluate the situation and make any prudent changes.

STREAMING ON OUR NEW CAMERA

Those of you joining our 10am Mass from home through our streaming will have noticed that recently we have gone over to the new camera installed in our church. This process has been quite difficult as we have worked with the streaming company who installed the camera to send the streaming to our parish YouTube channel. Fr Krzysztof has spent so much time with the company trying to get them to do this in a satisfactory way. We are getting there! You can now join us on our YouTube channel or through the MCN media website. Both links are on our parish website (details near the top of the page).

We must thank Fr Krzysztof, with the help of Fr Daniel, for streaming the 10am Mass everyday for the past months by setting up his iPhone. We are very grateful for his wonderful and dedicated work in enabling those at home to join us for Mass.

LAST WEEK'S MASS COUNT NUMBER

To let you know that last Sunday the number attending Masses was 627. Before the covid pandemic we would normally have had a Sunday Mass attendance of about 1,500. So we can see how covid, and all that resulted from it, has impacted parish life. The same goes elsewhere.

CAFOD FAST DAY - THIS FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

CAFOD'S local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

Today, 26th September, one of the saints remembered by the Church is St Therese Couderc. She was born in 1805 in France, the fourth of twelve children to farmers Claude and Anne Couderc. As a child, St Therese attended Mass twice a week and she made her First Holy Communion in 1815. In 1822 her parents sent her to a boarding school at Vans until 1825 when she returned to attend school in their local area. After attending a mission given by a young priest, Fr Stephen Terme, St Therese was encouraged to enter the novitiate of a new religious order dedicated to education, the Sisters of Saint Regis. Instead of teaching, St Therese and another sister were sent to the mountain village of La Louvesc to help oversee the Shrine of John Francis Regis. Under her leadership the Shrine developed into a successful retreat house for women. Later the religious order split into two sections; the teaching ministry continued but a new section for retreat work was created known as the Sisters of Our Lady of the Cenacle. At the age of twenty-three, St Therese became the superior general of this retreat work. Financial hardships led to the demotion of St Therese and a series of wealthy women were put in place to oversee the retreat work, each one more disastrous than the last. St Therese continued to play an important, though unacknowledged, role behind the scenes and the work survived. During the last twenty years of her life, St Therese was granted many mystical graces and a revelation on the complete self-surrender to God. This became the heart of her spirituality and she wrote: *'The surrendered soul has found Paradise on earth.'* St Therese died this day, 26th September, 1885. She was canonized a saint by Pope Paul VI in 1970. The Sisters of the Cenacle still continue to lead retreats all over the world.

St Therese wrote: *'To surrender oneself is more than to devote oneself, more than to give yourself, it is even something more than to abandon oneself to God. In a word, to surrender oneself is to die to everything and to self, to be no longer concerned with self except to keep it continually turned toward God.'*

St Therese Couderc, pray for us.

REQUESTING MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

Due to a recent change in the law, requests for civil marriage certificates, wherever the marriage took place including churches, now have to be sought from the Registry Office.

As we priests and deacons of St Saviour's have been appointed registrars over the past years, we issued the marriage certificates for a wedding after having completed the necessary paperwork. We could also later give out copies. Now that the law on this has changed for everyone, we, like others, will return all our civil registers and documents back to the Registry Office. Of course, we continue to have our church marriage register and store all relevant church documents for marriage.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF OUR LADY

As St Ignatius of Antioch wrote: *'He who is devout to the Virgin Mary will certainly never be lost.'*

WALSINGHAM - PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

led by Bishop Mark Davies and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal with the theme - *'The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel of Life in Post-Pandemic Britain'*.

If you would like to book onto the coach leaving from Westminster Cathedral (Ambrosen Avenue, Victoria, SW1P 1QJ) on Saturday 23rd October at 7.30am prompt, please contact Domenica on 07913 434357. The cost of a seat is £20. A poster is displayed in our church porch.

THANK YOU FROM OUR SVP

Our SVP Group would like to thank those parishioners who responded so positively following the appeal from Francesca for furniture to help some men to be rehoused. The men were very grateful and also pass on their thanks to you.

'A DAY WITH MARY' AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

All are invited to attend A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, on Saturday 16th October. The entry procession is at 9.45am with Mass being celebrated at 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch or use local facilities. The Day ends at 4pm. Please note that because of covid restrictions face masks are required to be worn.

ST SAVIOUR'S CONGRESS GROUP MEETING 29TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

Dear All, thank you to those who attended our Parish Picnic in the park on 12th September and sorry to those who unfortunately sent their apologies.

It was lovely to see so many people face-to-face and enjoying a relaxing time catching up in the sun and playing games too.

We have our next meeting on **Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm** and will be reviewing the points previously discussed before the summer and how these can be applied to our Parish, in particular the Ministry Fayre and the work of the Congress Group.

The Zoom meeting link can be accessed on our parish website and we look forward to seeing many of you then. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Christine and Don

THANK YOU

for last week's offertory collection of £1,128, and for the second collection of £561.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 26th September (Twenty-Sixth Sunday)

8.30am - Carmelita Ferrer RIP
10am - Eulogio Lopez Padilla
11.30am - Mrs Bridget McGrath RIP
5.30pm - The People of our Parish

MONDAY 27th September (St Vincent de Paul)

10am - Michael Harding RIP (Anniversary)

TUESDAY 28th September (Feria)

10am - Adrian (In Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY 29th September (Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels)

10am - Mario Mirri RIP

THURSDAY 30th September (St Jerome)

10am - Michael McElroy RIP

FRIDAY 1st October (St Therese of Lisieux)

10am - Martin Keane RIP

SATURDAY 2nd October (The Holy Guardian Angels)

10am - Katerina David (Birthday)

SUNDAY 3rd October (Twenty-Seventh Sunday)

8.30am - The People of our Parish
10am - Gertrude Jackson RIP
11.30am - Timothy & Sabina Murphy
5.30pm - Una & Dean Margiotta (Intentions)