

ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR PARISH IN FOCUS

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

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday at 5.30pm and then on Sunday at 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5.30pm .

WEEKDAY MASSES - Every day at 10am and Thursday and Friday at 6.30pm. See over for all the Masses this week.

STREAMED MASSES FOR THOSE AT HOME

The 10am Mass everyday is streamed on our YouTube channel. 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 - Saturday from 11am until 11.30am and Thursday from 7pm until 7.20pm. Please ask at other times.

EXPOSITION - Saturday from 10.30am until 1pm and Thursday from 7pm until 7.30pm (ends with Benediction).

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am until 1pm. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9.30am until after the evening Mass.

REPOSITORY

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

FIRST CONFESSIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Next Saturday the children in the current programme for First Holy Communion will be making their First Confession. Please do remember these children in your prayers.

31ST OCTOBER 2021

ALL SAINTS - YEAR B

First Reading:- Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 23

Second Reading:- 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel:- Matthew 5:1-28

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

We shall see God as he really is.

MASSES HERE ON TUESDAY - ALL SOULS' DAY

On Tuesday of this week, All Souls' Day, we commemorate all the Faithful Departed. As it is a day when many parishioners wish to come to Mass to pray for their departed relatives and friends, we will have four Masses on Tuesday; **8.30am, 10am, 1pm and 6.30pm**. On Tuesday our church will be open all day from 8am until immediately after the 6.30pm Mass. Please feel free to come into St Saviour's any time during the day to pray and, if you wish, to light a candle for your loved ones.

ADULTS WHO WISH TO BECOME CATHOLICS

Due to the interruption to our past parish programmes due to covid, we are now trying to enable those adults who showed a desire to become Catholics through our last parish RCIA course (Adults Seeking the Catholic Faith) to complete their full entry into the Church. We could not achieve this when planned because the churches had to be closed.

We are now planning our next 'Seeking the Catholic Faith' programme for those **adults who wish to become Catholics**, either by baptism or by being received into full communion with the Catholic Church after a previous baptism in another part of the Christian family. This programme is also for **baptised Catholics who did not go on to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and are now adults**.

If you are in these categories, please come to St Saviour's Church for the Introductory get together on Friday 12th November at 7.15pm (after the 6.30pm Mass). We will begin by meeting at the front of the Sacred Heart Chapel. At this get together we can get to know each other and also get information about how the programme works. We will then meet every Friday evening at 7.15pm, with a break over Christmas, until Easter Night, the traditional time when adults become Catholics. Each Friday evening a new aspect of the Catholic Faith will be explained and discussed to enable everyone to gain a good understanding of Catholicism. It is always a free choice for participants to go forward to become Catholics and no pressure is ever put on anyone. So please do come along if interested.

PLEASE RESPECT THE SOCIAL DISTANCING AREAS OF OUR CHURCH

Knowing that some parishioners are anxious about being close to others due to covid, we have kept two sections of the church benches marked off to keep people 2 meters apart. We know that some people come to Mass knowing that they have this extra reassurance. So please do respect this and do not invade their space by trying to sit close to them or remove the ropes between benches. Sadly some have left during Mass because of the actions of those not respecting their need for space. Please be sensitive at this still difficult time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Parents and guardians of children, who are in school years 3-6 and would like to receive their First Holy Communion (FHC) in 2022, are invited to register their interest. Please email: lewishamfhc@rcaos.org.uk with your name, your child's name and telephone number to receive information about the parent formation sessions and the children's schedule.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

In November we think about, and pray for, the Holy Souls. Let us today prayerfully reflect on the truth concerning the Holy Souls contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

'The human person, created in the image of God, is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. The biblical account expresses this reality in symbolic language when it affirms that "then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.' Man, whole and entire, is therefore *willed* by God.' (section 362)

'In Sacred Scripture the term '*soul*' often refers to human *life* or the entire human *person*. But '*soul*' also refers to the inner-most aspect of man, that which is of greatest value in him, that by which he is most especially in God's image: '*soul*' signifies the *spiritual principal* in man.' (section 363)

'The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not '*produced*' by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.' (section 366)

'All who died in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.' (section 1030)

'The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.' (section 1031)

'From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God,' (section 1032)

We pray for the repose of the souls of all the relatives and friends of our parishioners of St Saviour's. We also pray for the departed family members of St Saviour's; priests, deacons, sisters and parishioners. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

Will be in our Parish to sell their Mission Calendar 2022 next weekend, 6-7th November 2021. Having a Mission Calendar is a way of reminding ourselves all year round of our duty to sustain the missions by our prayer and sacrifice. Please help the Sisters generously.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November we will offer 13 Masses for the repose of the souls of our departed relatives and friends mentioned of our Parish November Dead List. These are made up of the names you write on the purple sheets which are available by the newsletters. These Masses will be mentioned in our weekly newsletter under the list of Mass intentions.

PLEASE TAKE A FLYER - Divine Mercy Retreat here in St Saviour's : Saturday 27th November 2021

Divine Mercy Retreat here at St Saviour's on **Saturday 27th November from 2 - 4.30pm**. The day is led by the Divine Mercy Apostolate, Marian Fathers. Program includes: Procession and Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and inspirational talks on what the Message of Mercy means for today's society. The Flyers are now available for you to take away. We encourage you to take a few to give out to your family members, friends and any other Parishes you know.

ALL WELCOME - No booking required.

PARISH NOVEMBER DEAD LIST SHEETS

By the newsletters you will find a purple-coloured sheet for you to take away to put down the names of your departed relatives and friends that you would like remembered in our Holy Souls Masses in November. As we have still not returned to our normal Mass timetable we will offer thirteen Masses for those named on our Parish November Dead List.

After you have filled in your sheet please return it to one of the priests, or to the sacristy or priests' house.

ST SAVIOUR'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Applications are invited from parents of children in year 9 and above for the St Saviour's Confirmation beginning this December and continuing from January 2022 onwards. Parents need to email: lewishamconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk and include your child's full name, scanned or picture copies of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. Once received, parents will receive an email inviting them to attend the Parent & Candidate introductory meeting on 5th December. The Candidates induction meeting will be on 12th December. Finally, please note all meetings will be scheduled after the 10am Mass in the Parish Hall. For further details speak to either Fr Krzysztof, Rev Javier or Rachel Smith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY AT 10AM SUNDAY MASS - NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, we will restart the children's liturgy ministry at our 10am Mass. All children up to seven years old are invited to go up to the hall after the beginning of Mass for their own liturgy of the Word. Our catechists will lead this ministry. We ask a parent or guardian to accompany their child in the hall. Children who have already made their First Holy Communion should stay in the church for the whole of the Mass.

NOVEMBER PROCESSION IN LEWISHAM CEMETERY

The Procession in Lewisham Cemetery, Verdant Lane, will take place on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, at 2.30pm. Meet at the cemetery gate. After the Procession the clergy present will be happy to bless individual graves. All are welcome.

THANK YOU for last week's offertory collection of £1481.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 31st October (ALL SAINTS)

8.30am - The People of our Parish
10am - Frank RIP
11.30am - Valerie Anekwe (Birthday)
5.30pm - Elsie May Ferryman RIP (1st Anniversary)

MONDAY 1st November (Feria)

10am - Kathleen Hebborn RIP (Anniversary)

TUESDAY 2nd November (All Souls Day)

8.30am - Parish November Dead List
10am - Mary Coleman RIP
1pm - Nora Nettey RIP
6.30pm - Donor's Intention

WEDNESDAY 3rd November (Feria)

10am - Sean Carmody RIP

THURSDAY 4th October (St Charles Borromeo)

10am - Kathleen Garvey RIP
6.30pm - Parish November List

FRIDAY 5th November (Feria)

10am - Parish November List
6.30pm - Corey Amiame (Birthday Thanksgiving)

SATURDAY 6th November (Feria)

10am - Deceased Relatives & Friends of Congregation
5.30pm - Esther Fitzpatrick RIP

SUNDAY 7th November (Thirty-Second Sunday)

8.30am - Cathy Ricciardi RIP
10am - Gerald Patrick Keady RIP (Anniversary)
11.30am - Parish November List
5.30pm - The People of our Parish