

# ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**LEWISHAM HOSPITAL** - The Catholic Chaplain resides at the Brockley Parish House - 020 8691 1322. In an emergency please ask the staff to bleep the on-call priest.

## **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 every day 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.

## **THANK YOU**

for last week's Offertory Collection of £1340.

## **DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER**

Any items for next weekend's newsletter must arrive by 1pm on Tuesday 21st December.

## **19TH DECEMBER 2021**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**First Reading:- Micah 5:1-4**

**Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 79**

**Second Reading:- Hebrews 10:5-10**

**Gospel:- Luke 1:39-45**

### **TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:**

**God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Our First Mass of Christmas takes place on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. We then celebrate Mass at Midnight. On Christmas morning our Masses will be at 8.30, 10 and 11.30.

**For those who normally travel to St Saviour's by bus, which will not be running on Christmas Day, please note you can travel by bus, and get home, for our 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.**

### **CHRISTMAS POSTERS**

As you come into the church, where the newspapers are usually displayed, you will find a Christmas poster for you to take away and display in your window or door at home. It is a way of reminding passers-by of the true meaning of this time of year.

### **HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO THOSE TRAVELLING AWAY OVER CHRISTMAS**

Some of our parishioners will be travelling away for Christmas to be with family or friends. If we will not see you in St Saviour's over Christmas, may we take this opportunity to wish you a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

### **CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Making a good confession, and receiving God's forgiveness, is a wonderful way of preparing to welcome Jesus at Christmas. These are the times before Christmas when confessions will be heard in St Saviour's:

*Monday 20th* from 10.30am until 11am.

*Tuesday 21st* from 10.30am until 11am.

*Wednesday 22nd* from 10.30am until 11am.

*Thursday 23rd* from 10.30am until 11am and from 7pm until 7.20pm.

*Friday 24th* from 10.30am until 11am and from 4.30pm until 5.30pm.

### **SHEETS GIVING DETAILS OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES, SERVICES AND CONFESSIONS**

By the newsletters you will find a cream-coloured sheet for you to take away giving details of all the times of Masses, Confessions and Services here over the Christmas and New Year period. Please take one home and refer to it each day. Please pass a copy on to anyone that you know would be interested.

### **THANKS FROM THE CLERGY FOR CARDS AND GIFTS RECEIVED**

The clergy wish to express their thanks for all the Christmas cards and gifts they have already received. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Please accept these words as their personal 'THANK YOU' to you.

**FRS CHRIS, CLIVE, KRZYSZTOF, DANIEL AND  
REVDS MATTHEW, JAVIER AND CARLOS  
WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY  
CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS.**

## **SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS**

One of the saints remembered by the Church this Tuesday, 21st December, is St Peter Canisius. He was born in 1521 in Nijmegen, now in the Netherlands. His mother died shortly after his birth. St Peter went to study at the University of Cologne, where he earned a masters degree at the age of 19. While there he met one of the founders of the Society of Jesus and St Peter became the first Dutchman to join. Through his preaching and writings, St Peter became one of the most influential Catholics of his time. He led the counter-reformation in Austria, Bavaria and Bohemia with great energy. In his last twenty years it was estimated that he travelled more than twenty thousand miles preaching the Catholic Faith to others. In Vienna he personally looked after the victims of plague, making him a popular figure with the locals.

In 1547, St Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent. He wrote his 'German Catechism' which defined the basic principles of Catholicism in the German language. St Peter was offered the post of Bishop of Vienna, but he declined, wishing to continue his travels for the Faith. In 1591, at the age of 70, St Peter suffered a stroke, which left him partially paralyzed. However, he continued to preach the Faith and write with the aid of a secretary. He died in Fribourg, Switzerland, on 21st December 1597 and was canonized a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

In a letter to his religious superior, St Peter wrote about how to relate to opponents of the Catholic Church. *'It is plainly wrong to meet non-Catholics with bitterness or to treat them with discourtesy. For this is nothing else than the reverse of Christ's example because it breaks the bruised reed and quenches the smoking flax. We ought to instruct with meekness those whom heresy has made bitter and suspicious and has estranged from orthodox Catholics. Thus, by whole-hearted charity and goodwill, we may win them over to us in the Lord.'* Good sentiments for all of us to follow in our discussions with others about our Faith.

*St Peter Canisius, pray for us.*

## **"ST SAVIOUR'S CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE IN THE REPOSITORY**

This year, we are delighted to be able to have our St Saviour's Christmas Cards on sale in the Repository during the opening times. By now you will know that these cards are unique to St Saviour's Church, with designs incorporating beautiful images from our Church and biblical quotes and words which reflect the true meaning and spirit of Christmas. Please do bear this in mind as you are encouraged to buy these special cards. You will not get a chance to buy these cards anywhere else as they are specially designed, and they are very good value at £5.00 per pack of 8 bespoke cards. We are delighted that the comments made on our cards have been really positive all round and have been missed owing to the Lockdown of the past year. All proceeds from the sales will go into our Parish funds."

## **CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

The Christmas Envelopes, which are by the newsletters, are used for the collection at Masses on Christmas Day, which is the traditional 'Thank You' collection by parishioners to the priests of their parish for their work and service. Priests here receive no salary whatsoever for their work and depend on the generosity of parishioners for their personal income. The money in the Christmas Envelopes and the collection on Christmas Day will be shared equally by Fr Chris, Fr Krzysztof and Fr Daniel. Thank you.

## **FREE FOOD**

From 10.30am until 2pm there will be hot sandwiches and bagels available at the entry to the Church Hall on Tuesday 21st December. We give thanks to the SVP.

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO PRIESTS BY GIFT AID DONORS**

The new Gift Aid boxes of envelopes have not been able to be handed out for the years 2020/2021 or 2021/22 owing to the situation, unfortunately. If you are a member of the Gift Aid scheme, please use the "Christmas Offering" envelope at the back of the Church, for your Christmas donation to the Priests of St Saviour's. **NOTE: HOWEVER, YOU MUST WRITE YOUR GIFT AID ENVELOPE NUMBER ON THE ENVELOPE (OR ANY OTHER ENVELOPE YOU CHOOSE TO USE FOR YOUR DONATION).** Be assured that all donations given through the Christmas Gift Aid envelopes **will be added directly to the Christmas donations to the Priests of the Parish** and will also gain the extra 25% (at no cost to you) Gift Aid refund to the Parish. The Gift Aid Organisers request that all Gift Aid Donors wishing to donate to our Priests should kindly ensure that you ensure that you **write your Envelope Number on the envelope clearly.** Thank you."

## **FINAL DAY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

For several weeks we have announced that we are receiving applications of interest for children in school years 3-6 to make their First Holy Communion. Please note that today is the final day in which interest can be expressed by emailing: [lewishamfhc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:lewishamfhc@rcaos.org.uk)

## **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR ALL OF YOU FROM ESTHER & MATTHEW HUNT BACH**

In love and Thanksgiving for your love, support and kindness for our 25th Wedding Anniversary in August this year – the Thanksgiving Mass for all your individual personal intentions will take place for you **THIS SUNDAY 19th December 2021 at 11.30am** here in St Saviour's Church.

## **OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB**

Our Christmas Crib will be in our St Joseph's Chapel again this year. As in previous years, all the donations given by you at our crib will go to 'Aid To The Church In Need'. This church organisation gives support to the suffering Church in many parts of the world.

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS**

### **SUNDAY 19th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

8.30am – Memunata Musa RIP (Anniversary)

10am – UCM

11.30am – Thanksgiving Mass – Esther & Matthew Huntbach

5.30pm – The People of this Parish

### **MONDAY 20th December (Feria)**

10am – Joseph Rajakariar RIP

### **TUESDAY 21st December (Feria)**

10am – Joseph O'Brien RIP

### **WEDNESDAY 22nd December (Feria)**

10am – Stephen Flaherty RIP

### **THURSDAY 23rd December (Feria)**

10am – Fr David (Intention)

6.30pm – Melina Abraham RIP (Anniversary)

### **FRIDAY 24th December (Christmas Eve)**

10am – Nancy Kenny RIP (Anniversary)

6.30pm – Peter Hands RIP

Midnight – The People of this Parish

### **SATURDAY 25th December (NATIVITY OF THE LORD)**

8.30am – In Memory of the Quinn Family & Abadir Family & Ancestors

10am – Brian Coloe RIP

11.30am – Agnes (Pat) Farrell RIP

### **SUNDAY 26th December (The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph)**

8.30am – The People of this Parish

10am – Jaime Eduardo Restrepo RIP

11.30am – Eric Macey RIP (30th Anniversary)

5.30pm – Margaret Samuels RIP