

# 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 £1,596.

**26TH DECEMBER 2021**

## **THE HOLY FAMILY**

### **YEAR C**

**First Reading:- 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

**Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 83 (84)**

**Second Reading:- 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

**Gospel:- Luke 2:41-52**

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

**They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

## **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 Christmastime 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.

## **SATURDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

'Called in the Gospels 'the mother of Jesus', Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as 'the mother of my Lord'. In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (Theotokos).' - (Catechism of the Catholic Church, section 495)

## **FROM OUR PRIESTS**

The priests wish to express their appreciation for your kind Christmas 'Thank You' offerings for their work in the parish.

## **THANKS TO PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR HELP IN THE PARISH**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parishioners who helped to make Advent and Christmas such a special time here at St Saviour's. Also to thank those who over the past year have helped out in the parish in any way. Your good efforts and work are very much appreciated. We are so fortunate to have so many parishioners who voluntarily help out in St Saviour's.

## **NEWS FROM FR DAVID FOR OUR PARISH**

Thank you for all your prayers and messages for me and thank God that I am fully recovered. The Archbishop has asked me to study canon law in Rome for the next two and a half years. leaving here in January. Please be assured of my prayers for you and keep me in yours. My email remains [davidhowell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:davidhowell@rcaos.org.uk)  
Thanks very much! Fr David

## **PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of The Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end.  
Amen.

## **MASS TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR**

We will celebrate Mass on New Year's Eve, beginning at 11.30pm, so that parishioners can gather in church to spiritually welcome in the New Year of 2022.

### SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

Let us prayerfully reflect on some spiritual words associated with this special holy time:

**'The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families.'** (Pope St John Paul II)

**'How precious is the Family, as the privileged place for transmitting the Faith.'** (Pope Francis)

**'God has become a child so that we might love Him, so that we may dare to love Him, and, as a child, He places Himself trustingly into our hands.'** (Pope Emeritus Benedict)

**'The greatest male saint who ever lived, was not a deacon, not a priest, not a bishop, not a pope, not a hermit, not a monk. He was a husband, father, and a worker... Love St Joseph a lot. He deserves your affection. And it will do you good to get to know him because he has great power before the Lord and before the Mother of God.'** (St Josemaria Escriva)

**'The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life.'** (Catechism of the Catholic Church- section 533)

**'The liturgy of this Sunday invites us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth, a wonderful model of human and supernatural virtues for all Christian families. Let us meditate on the mystery of this unique family: we can find in it values and teachings which today are more indispensable than ever to give human society sound and stable foundations.'** (Pope St John Paul II)

### SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES FOR 2022

We have recently received copies of the Diocesan Directories for 2022, giving details of all the parishes, Mass times, schools, priests, deacons etc. around our Diocese. You can purchase a copy for £4 at our repository.

### ST SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We remind parents/guardians that that final day for applications to join our Reception Class is 15th January. And the final day for applications to join our Nursery is 31st March. For information and enquiries please contact our school office when the new term starts on 02088524283.

### 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. **These envelopes can also be given in after Christmas.** 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.

### 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 received. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Please accept these words as their personal 'THANK YOU' to you.

### 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."

### OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

Our Christmas Crib is 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', which gives support to the suffering Church in many parts of the world. **Your offerings can be given in the wall box on your right as you leave the church through the side door or at the back near Our Lady of Lourdes statue.** Many thanks.

### THE NEW YEAR OF 2022

For a long time now many of us have struggled as we had to face up to the difficulties of covid. Let's pray that as we journey through 2022 we may find life getting back to what we think of as normal. We have missed many parishioners who have not been able to attend Mass because of their fears and situation during these past months. We look forward to welcoming them back to St Saviour's and Mass in the near future. Continue to stay safe.

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

#### SUNDAY 26th December (The Holy Family)

8.30am – The People of our Parish  
10am – Jaime Eduardo Restrepo RIP  
11.30am – Eric Macey RIP (30th Anniversary)  
5.30pm – Margaret Samuels RIP

#### MONDAY 27th December (St John the Apostle)

10am – Maurice Tydings RIP

#### TUESDAY 28th December (The Holy Innocents)

10am – Anton Navaratnam RIP (3 Months Mind)

#### WEDNESDAY 29th December (St Thomas of Canterbury)

10am – Mary Osborne RIP

#### THURSDAY 30th December (Octave of Christmas)

10am – Canon Jack Madden RIP  
6.30pm – B Collymore RIP

#### FRIDAY 31st December (Octave of Christmas)

10am – Tony Loftus RIP  
6.30pm – Michael Dedman  
11.30pm – Bernie O'Sullivan RIP

#### SATURDAY 1st January (MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)

10am – Chude Family (In Thanksgiving)  
5.30pm - Florin Stoica RIP

#### SUNDAY 2nd January (Second Sunday after the Nativity)

8.30am – The People of our Parish  
10am – Paul Ng RIP  
11.30am – Rita Dolan RIP  
5.30pm – Peter Loi RIP

**FRS CHRIS, CLIVE, KRZYSZTOF, DANIEL AND REVDS MATTHEW, JAVIER AND CARLOS WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMASTIME and a HAPPY NEW YEAR**