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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 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.

ST SAVIOUR'S NURSERY APPLICATIONS

We remind parents/guardians that the final day for applications to join our Nursery is 31st March. For information and enquiries please contact our school office on 02088524283.

16TH JANUARY 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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First Reading:- Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 95 (96)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

PEACE SUNDAY

Today is designated as Peace Sunday, a Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth. We have a few envelopes from Pax Christi, which we have placed near the newsletters. As the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, Pax Christi relies on support from parishioners to continue their work. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Pax Christi can be contacted at St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY, by phone on 02082034884 or by email at info@paxchristi.org.uk

CHARISMATIC HEALING EVENT AT OUR CATHEDRAL

Everyone is invited to this Day of Healing organised by our Southwark Archdiocesan Catholic Charismatic Team. It will take place on Saturday 19th February from 10am until 5pm at our St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London, SE1 6HR. The speakers are Fr Pat Collins from Dublin, Fr Joseph Edattu from the Divine retreat Centre and Alice Hall from the Sion Community. The Day will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Teaching, Healing Testimonies, Prayer Ministry, Confession and a Eucharistic Healing Service. There is a poster up in our porch about this day.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE - POSTPONED FOR COVID SAFETY REASONS

We had advertised our Central Lewisham Christian Unity Service, which was arranged to take place on Sunday 23rd January, during the annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Due to concerns about the spread of the Omicron variant, it was felt by leaders that it would be safer for this Service to be postponed to avoid the possibility of infection. This is now the second year that this has happened. Apologies, but we want everyone to be safe and well.

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th January until 25th January. During this time please do remember in your prayers those working to bring unity to our family of Christians.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AT THE SUNDAY 10AM MASS

Please note that several benches at the front of our church will be reserved every week for the 46 Confirmation candidates attending our 10am Sunday Mass.

Please continue to pray for all these young people as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, as well as their families and our catechetical team.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

The first reading and Gospel of our Mass today focus on marriage. The Gospel is about Jesus at the Wedding at Cana, where he performs his first miracle. Below I have reproduced some of our teaching on marriage from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. I realise that many people have sadly had difficulties in their marriage, with the resulting pain, but we should never forget the wonderful teaching that reminds us of the ideal.

'Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb". Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery", its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realisations throughout the history of salvation, its difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. God himself is the author of marriage...Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures social structures and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics' (sections 1602 and 1603)

'The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; the covenant between baptised persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.' (section 1601)

'On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at this mother's request - during a wedding feast. The Church attached great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that henceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence.' (section 1613)

'The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble. God himself has determined it: "what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder. (Mark 19:6)'" (section 1614)

'Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest (or a witness authorized by the Church), the witnesses, and the assembly of the faithful.' (section 1663)

OUR CHRISTMAS CRIB

This year we thought that we would follow a tradition of the Church that the Christmas Crib remains until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February. As our Crib is in St Joseph's Chapel it is easier to follow this tradition this year. 2nd February is 40 days after Christmas and St Luke's Gospel tells what Mary and Joseph did. *'When the time came for them to be purified in keeping with the Law of Moses, they took him (Jesus) up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what is written in the Law of the Lord: every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord'.* So a tradition of the Church is that the Christmas Crib remains up until this 40th day.

During this extra time you can still make Crib offerings to help the work of 'Aid to the Church in Need', which gives support to the suffering Church in many parts of the world. Your Crib offerings can be given in the wall boxes on your right as you leave our church through the side door or at the back near Our Lady of Lourdes statue. Many thanks.

SCHOOL MASS

Last Thursday we celebrated a streamed Mass for our school community as they begin a new term. We are very proud of our parish school and we wish all the children, teachers and governors a very good term.

ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH PRAYER

We include our Parish Prayer below, which we recite before Masses, to help new parishioners. This prayer can also be recited at home to bring blessings upon St Saviour's:

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 16th January (2nd Sunday of the Year)

8.30am – The People of our Parish
10am – Union of Catholic Mothers
11.30am – Catholic Prayer Ministry (Thanksgiving & Departed RIP)
5.30pm – Samuel Hezekiah Green

MONDAY 17th January (St Anthony, Abbot)

10am – Mrs Teresa Gwomoh-Osafo (Well Being)

TUESDAY 18th January (Feria)

10am – Donor's Intention

WEDNESDAY 19th January (Feria)

10am – Pauline Reilly RIP

THURSDAY 20th January (Feria)

10am – Mark Crowthers
6.30pm – Kathleen & Geordie Duffy RIP

FRIDAY 21st January (St Agnes)

10am – Tarilate Beredugo RIP (4th Anniversary)
6.30pm – Emiliya Subramaniam (In Thanksgiving)

SATURDAY 22nd January (Feria)

10am – John & Louise Moorer
5.30pm - Lindsay George Appadou

SUNDAY 23rd January (3rd Sunday of the Year)

8.30am – Anne Butler RIP
10am – The People of our Parish
11.30am – Steven Yeung RIP
5.30pm – Eileen Hanlon