

# 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 & 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.

## **TAMIL MASS NEXT SUNDAY**

We remind members of our Tamil community that their Mass will take place next Sunday, 9th January, at 3.30pm.

## **2ND JANUARY 2022**

### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

#### **YEAR C**

First Reading:- Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 147

Second Reading:- Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Gospel:- John 1:1-18

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

The world was made flesh, and lived among us.

#### **THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**

'The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East....In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation....Their (magi's) coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that 'the full number of the nations' now take its 'place in the family of the patriarchs' and is made worthy of the heritage of Israel.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church - section 528)

The Irish monk St Columba wrote the following words to God:

*'Be thou a bright flame before me,  
Be thou a guiding star above me,  
Be thou a smooth path below me,  
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,  
Today – tonight – and forever.*

This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ and reflect on the star which guided the three wise men to find Jesus in Bethlehem. The three wise men needed a guiding star as Jesus was not then known, but now that He is known He is the 'guiding star' leading us to God and human dignity.

Most of us are guided by something in our lives. Do we follow good guidance whereby we find God and the true meaning of life, or are we guided by misplaced ideas which lead us away from God and from our full dignity as a human person? The words of the hymn which we sing on Epiphany reminds us of true guidance, 'O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.'

#### **SEMINARIAN ON PLACEMENT WITH US**

At this time, we welcome Richard, a seminarian training for the priesthood, for a short placement to St Saviour's to gain experience of our Catholic parish life. We are delighted to have him with us. Please remember Richard in your prayers as he continues to prepare for Ordination.

#### **TWO FUNERAL MASSES THIS WEEK**

The Funeral Mass of William Hazelhurst takes place this Tuesday, 4th January, at 12noon.

The Funeral Mass of Ferick Smith takes place on Friday at 12noon.

We extend our sympathies to William's and Ferick's family and friends.

### SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

One of the Blesseds remembered by the Church this Wednesday, 5th January, is Blessed Paula of Tuscany. She was born in Florence in 1318. One day Blessed Paula had a vision of the Virgin Mary, who directed her to visit the local Camaldoli monastery, where she met Brother Sylvester, the cook, and their spiritual lives became forever linked. Brother Sylvester, after a wild youth, experienced a miraculous conversion, which led him to join the monastery. It was said that Blessed Paula found in Brother Sylvester "*the father of her soul*". Her earthly father had other ideas and took Blessed Paula to Genoa, hoping that she would forget the monastery. But Blessed Paula returned to the monastery and Brother Sylvester encouraged her to establish a convent with two other religious women. Blessed Paula spent most of her days in prayer, often forgetting to serve up the meals that Brother Sylvester had cooked for them. Blessed Paula revered Brother Sylvester saying, "*God filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and robed him with a stole of honesty and truth.*" One day Brother Sylvester ran through the streets asking the people, "*What is God? What is God?*" No one had an answer until he came to Blessed Paula who responded, "*God is love. God is love!*" With her support, Brother Sylvester became an advisor to many people in Florence. As he was illiterate, Blessed Paula would read him the Scriptures, which he would interpret for her. Brother Sylvester died in 1348 during the great plague. Afterwards he appeared to Blessed Paula and assured her, "*What was freed from the body had been assumed into heaven*". Blessed Paula outlived him by nineteen years. She died on 5th or 6th January 1357 after a brief illness, and the monks in the monastery mourned here as one of their own.

***Blessed Paula of Tuscany, pray for us.***

### IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS DATES FOR 2022

From the Southwark Directory for 2022 we share with you these important religious dates for your diary:

Epiphany - 6th January  
Sts Peter and Paul - 29th June  
Assumption - 14th August  
All Saints - 1st November  
Christmas Day - 25th December

#### Movable Feasts

Ash Wednesday - 2nd March  
Palm Sunday - 10th April  
Good Friday - 15th April  
Easter Sunday - 17th April  
Ascension - 26th May  
Pentecost - 5th June  
Trinity Sunday - 12th June  
Corpus Christi - 19th June  
Christ the King - 20th November  
First Sunday of Advent - 27th November

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS AT THE TOP OF THE NEWSLETTER

Each week at the top of our newsletter we note for you the Scripture Readings that we have for our Sunday Masses. We note them there to encourage you to take out your Bible at home during the week and to prayerfully reflect on what God is saying to you. This should reinforce, or add on to, your reflection at Sunday Mass. As St Jerome wrote, '*Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.*'

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

The clergy continue 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK AND SERVICE

This year the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 25th of January. During this time, we should remember in our prayers the important task of uniting all parts of our Christian family.

Our Christian Unity Service for Central Lewisham will be on Sunday 23rd January at 4pm in the Salvation Army Church, Albion Way, Lewisham, just a short walk from St Saviour's. All St Saviour's parishioners are invited to join Fr Chris at this Service.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE TEAM

During the restrictions due to the Covid pandemic, an online 'Building a Better Marriage' opportunity is being held from 9am-1pm on Saturday 8th January 2022. **There is no group sharing.** For further information contact Carole on 07983524727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

#### 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

#### MONDAY 3rd January (Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese)

10am – Canon Richard Hearn RIP

#### TUESDAY 4th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am – Thomas Mann & Deceased Relatives RIP  
12noon – William Hazelhurst RIP **REQUIEM**

#### WEDNESDAY 5th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am – Melanie Forbes RIP

#### THURSDAY 6th January (EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

10am – Maria & Vince Williams (Well-Being)  
6.30pm – Michall O'Gara RIP

#### FRIDAY 7th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am – Henry Joseph Doyle RIP (Anniversary)  
12noon – Ferick Smith RIP **REQUIEM**  
6.30pm – Joanna Courtney (Well-Being)

#### SATURDAY 8th January (Feria of Christmas Time)

10am – Chief & Mrs M C K's children (Family Thanksgiving)  
5.30pm – Max Wulfig RIP

#### SUNDAY 9th January (BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

8.30am – Francis White RIP  
10am – Amanda Estrada RIP  
11.30am – The People of our Parish  
5.30pm – Deceased Members of the Foley & McDermott Families

**FRS CHRIS, CLIVE, KRZYSZTOF, DANIEL AND REVDS MATTHEW, JAVIER & CARLOS WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MANY BLESSINGS THROUGHOUT 2022.**