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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 & 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 TODAY

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

THANK YOU

For last week's Offertory Collection of £1528.

9TH JANUARY 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

First Reading:- Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 103

Second Reading:- Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel:- Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

TODAY'S FEAST - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

'The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering servant. He allows himself to be numbered among sinners; he is already "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Already he is anticipating the "baptism" of his bloody death. Already he is coming to "fulfil all righteousness", that is, he is submitting himself entirely to his Father's will: out of love he consents to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father's voice responds to the Son's acceptance, proclaiming his entire delight in his Son. The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to "rest on him". Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed - and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church - section 536)

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS ENDS

Today, 9th January, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. This ends the Season of Christmas. On Monday we move on to Ordinary Time before Lent. In Ordinary Time no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness, especially on Sundays. The beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, this year falls on 2nd March.

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.

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 on 0208 852 4283.

CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLMENT AT 10AM MASS

This Sunday during the 10am Mass we will have a short Rite of Enrolment for 46 of our young people to this year's Confirmation Programme. Please note that several benches at the front of the church will be reserved for them at this Mass.

Please keep all these young people, their families, and the catechetical team in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

3PM MEMORIAL MASS ON SATURDAY

A Memorial Mass for Mr Joseph Edman Elmo will take place here on Saturday 15th January 2022 at 3pm. Family members and friends are welcome.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Friday, 14th January, one of the saints remembered by the Church is St Felix of Nola. He was born in the early part of the 3rd century to Hermias, a Syrian centurion, who had retired to Nola in Italy. After the death of his father, St Felix sold off all his possessions, giving the proceeds to the poor. He then followed a religious vocation, being ordained a priest by St Maximus of Nola. In 250, when Emperor Decius decreed a ferocious persecution of Christians, Maximus fled to the desert in order to continue to govern the Church. Because soldiers could not find Maximus, they arrested and tortured St Felix instead. He eventually managed to escape from prison, legend says by the help of an angel, and he made his way to find Maximus, who was now near death. Both were still sought by the soldiers, but they managed to escape capture. Upon the death of Maximus, the people wanted St Felix to be their bishop, but he declined. Instead, he retired to a small farm, where for the rest of his life he grew crops to feed himself and the poor. St Felix died around the year 260, believed to be on 14th January.

Long after the death of St Felix, another saint, Paulinus of Nola, wrote a piece every year to celebrate St Felix's feastday. In one he said that while St Felix did not die a martyr, he was willing to offer his life as a sacrifice to God, providing an understanding of the term "confessor": *'This festive day celebrates Felix's birthday, the day on which he died physically on earth and was born for Christ in heaven, winning his heavenly crown as a martyr who did not shed his blood. For he died as confessor, though he did not avoid execution by choice, since God accepted his inner faith in place of blood. God looks into the silence of hearts, and equates those ready to suffer with those who have already done so, for he considers this inward test as sufficient and dispenses with physical execution in case of true devotion. Martyrdom without bloodshed is enough for Him if mind and faith are ready to suffer and are fervent towards God.'*

St Felix of Nola, pray for us.

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.

ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH PRAYER

We have been asked to include Our Parish Prayer which we recite before Masses to help new parishioners:

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

FIRE SAFETY

Hopefully, you will have noticed the fire exit signs around our church. When you take your place in the church for Mass or a Service, please take note of where your nearest exit is. Apart from the exits at the front of the church where you come in there is an exit via the sacristy door, which will be left open during Masses and Services, and through the doors behind the sanctuary area. The circular passageway around the sanctuary leads to this door. We also have a fire sensor in the sacristy corridor to alert people in the church and hall if smoke is detected. We also have extinguishers and fire blankets around the church.

Please help to keep St Saviour's safe by lighting and placing candles thoughtfully. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

CATHOLICS IN HOSPITAL

We remind parishioners that if ever they go into hospital, they should tell the staff that they are a Catholic and that they want the Catholic Chaplain to visit them. If you do not tell this to the staff then the Catholic Chaplain will not necessarily know that you are there and you may not get a visit. Hospitals are not always willing to pass on the religion of patients automatically due to the Data Protection Act. It is a terrible shame when Catholics are in hospital and they do not receive a visit from the Chaplain because the patient, or their family, have not made it known to the staff that they want the fact that they are a Catholic to be passed on to the Chaplain.

For Lewisham Hospital the Catholic Chaplain makes the visits and a priest always carries the emergency bleep so that a priest can be contacted 24 hours a day for help. The hospital staff or switchboard can help you to contact the priest on call this way.

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.'*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

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

MONDAY 10th January (Feria)

10am – Kathleen Golder RIP (Anniversary)

TUESDAY 11th January (Feria)

10am – Joseph Elmo RIP (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY 12th January (Feria)

10am – Ann Osborne RIP

THURSDAY 13th January (Feria)

10am – Lindsay George Appadou

6.30pm – Queenie McCusker RIP (Birthday)

FRIDAY 14th January (Feria)

10am – Antonio Thushanthan (Birthday Thanksgiving)

6.30pm – Maureen Coyle RIP (1st Anniversary)

SATURDAY 15th January (Feria)

10am – Eileen Hanlon

3pm – Joseph Edman Elmo RIP (*Memorial Mass*)

5.30pm – Mrs Phil Shiel RIP

SUNDAY 16th January (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am – The People of this Parish

10am – UCM

11.30am – CPM (Thanksgiving & Departed RIP)

5.30pm – Samuel Hezekiah Green