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OUR PARISH IN FOCUS

UNLESS EXEMPT PLEASE CONTINUE TO 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. Go to our parish website (details above) and click onto 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.

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Mass books, along with hymn books for the 10am Mass, are available as you come into the church and at the front of the Sacred Heart Chapel.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS - YOU CAN READ THEM AGAIN AT HOME

First Reading:- Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 144 (145)

Second Reading: - Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: - John 13:31-33,34-35

GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

CONFIRMATIONS - THANK YOU

At the 11.30am Mass last Sunday Fr Chris, with the permission of our Archdiocese, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 45 young people who had been preparing over these past months. It was a very joyful celebration for our parish. Please do remember these young people in your prayers.

We take this opportunity to congratulate our newly confirmed young people and to thank their parents/guardians, sponsors and our catechists for all their work and support in bringing these young people to this happy day in their spiritual lives. Also we give thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the celebration of the Mass so wonderful

ANOTHER OF OUR PARISHIONERS ACCEPTED TO BEGIN TRAINING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

In last week's newsletter we informed you that one of our parishioners, Ronald, was returning home to Ecuador to begin training to become a priest.

During the past week we were delighted to hear that another of our parishioners, Machir, heard that he had been accepted to begin training for the priesthood for our Archdiocese of Southwark.

We thank Ronald and Machir for all the good work they have done recently in our parish of St Saviour's. We wish them all the very best in continuing the discernment of their vocation and in their training for the priesthood. Please do remember them in your prayers.

FUNERAL MASS

We have one Funeral Mass here this week. The Funeral Mass of Casimir Santhiapillai takes place on Wednesday, 18th May, at 11am.

We extend our sympathies to Casimir's family and friends.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS FUNDRAISING CD

The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross Bookshop in Catford will be selling a fundraising CD, made in conjunction with the "Day With Mary" after all of our Masses next Sunday, 22nd May, (including Saturday evening). Proceeds will go to fund various overseas missions including orphanages and works among lepers, as well as the life and Apostolate of the Sisters. As Franciscans, the Sisters receive no salary for their work, but rely entirely on charitable donations and fundraising initiatives like this one to support their missions, apostolate and way of life. Cash and card payments welcome. CDs cost £10.99 and contain 17 of your favourite "Day With Mary" hymns. Please be generous – God will reward you!

THANK YOU for last Sunday's collection of £2,048. Also for the second collection of £1,010.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

This Friday, 20th May, one of the Blessed remembered by the Church is Blessed Colomba of Rieti. She was born Angiola Guardagnoli in Rieti, Italy, in 1467 to a poor family. While she was being baptised as a baby, a dove flew into the church and settled on her. After that, she was always called Colomba (dove). As a small girl, Blessed Colomba learned to spin and sew, repairing the clothes of the local Dominican friars. As a teenager, Blessed Colomba discerned through prayer that God wanted her to dedicate herself to him. She took a private vow of chastity and spent her time in prayer, deciding to become a Dominican tertiary. When it was revealed that her parents had arranged a marriage for her, Blessed Colomba cut off her hair and sent it to her suitor as a way of letting him know her intentions to follow God. Blessed Colomba started to experience spiritual ecstasies, which led her to leave Rieti and journey by foot to Perugia. She was welcomed there and she was credited with saving the city from a bloody civil war. She founded a convent there and began to work with the poor, causing people to admire her sanctity. Blessed Colomba spent eleven years in Perugia. In her last illness she was often tormented by diabolical visions. But she then became consoled by a vision of St Dominic, who brought her a garland of flowers, assuring her that soon she would be with him in heaven. She died on 20th May 1501 at the age of 34. The whole city turned out for her funeral Mass. During the Mass, just as happened at her baptism, a dove flew into the church and settled on her coffin, remaining there until the Mass had finished. Colomba was beatified as Blessed by Pope Urban VIII in 1625.

There is a story that soon after arriving in Perugia, Blessed Colomba encountered a woman carrying three loaves of fresh bread. She asked for a taste, but the woman insisted that Blessed Colomba take a whole loaf. When the woman reached home and discovered that she still had three loaves of bread, she then searched for Blessed Colomba, who explained: *"Don't be surprised. That which is given for the love of God is never diminished but increases."*

Blessed Colomba of Rieti, pray for us.

FR JOHN O'DONOGHUE - 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD

Fr John, who was the parish priest here at St Saviour's from 1989 until 1998, is celebrating 60 years in the Priestly Ministry on Saturday 4th June at 12noon. This celebration of Mass will be held at St Thomas More Church, 420a Long Lane, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 5JW. All who would know him from his time in St Saviour's are invited to come along to celebrate with Fr John his 60th Anniversary. To help the organisers know the number to cater for, please contact 07801145501 or tfbreen@btinternet.com if you are attending. Donations to Fr John can be sent by cheque, payable to 'RCAOS St Thomas More's Catholic Church', to Tony Brooke, 14 Preston Drive, DA7 4UQ (07833707016) by 22nd May.

We wish Fr John a very Happy 60th Anniversary of Ordination and thank him for his ministry here in our parish.

DIOCESAN MASS OF WELCOME FOR THOSE WHO BECAME CATHOLICS ON EASTER NIGHT - TIME BROUGHT FORWARD TO 11AM

There is a general invitation across our Diocese, including St Saviour's parish, to those who became Catholics or received sacraments of initiation on Easter night this year, and to their sponsors, family and friends. The Mass will now be celebrated at **11am** on Saturday 21st May at St George's

Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London, SE1 6HR. No booking, just turn up.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION UPDATE- SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear all, following our previous presentation to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday Mass at St Georges Cathedral on the 13th February, the Racial Justice Commission has compiled a Survey questionnaire which will be circulated to all parishes within our diocese. This is intended to capture the experiences and reflections of issues regarding potential racism within parishes and the wider community. The information will help provide a valuable understanding of the impact that similarly affects our society to which the church has a moral duty to also challenge.

Please listen for further details regarding this which will be shared at all Mass presentations shortly. We welcome your support for the success of this important work on behalf of the Commission and your prayers also. Christine and Don

A REMINDER - DEACON JAMES FRIEDENTHAL HAS PUBLISHED TWO VOLUMES OF HIS HOMILIES GIVEN HERE AT ST SAVIOUR'S

We all remember Revd James, who retired a while ago from ministering to us at St Saviour's for thirteen years. His homilies were a source a great help to us as he reflected on the scriptures and Christian life. He has published two volumes of these homilies called *'From A South London Pulpit'*:

The first volume covers Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter through to Trinity Sunday. The homilies are all scriptural, with many references to the patristic authors and to modern biblical scholarship. The book can be purchased by going to the website www.lulu.com. Click on "shop now", and type in the book title into "search". The book will show up, click on it and then "add to cart". It retails at £22.50p.

The second volume of homilies covers the Sundays of Ordinary Time and feasts such as Corpus Christi and the Immaculate Conception. This collection of over a hundred of Revd James' homilies is available from www.lulu.com and retails for £24.50. To purchase a copy, go to the website and type the title into search; a picture of the book will appear, click on it and then click on "add to cart".

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

SUNDAY 15th May (5th Sunday of Easter)

8.30am - The People of our Parish
10am - Union of Catholic Mothers
11.30am - Mary Margaret Wilson RIP
5.30pm - Chief & Mrs M C K Orbih RIP

MONDAY 16th May (St Simon Stock)

10am - Catherine & Alice Stewart RIP (Anniversary)

TUESDAY 17th May (Feria)

10am - Josephine Azzopardi RIP

WEDNESDAY 18th May (Feria)

10am - Peace in the World
11am - Funeral Mass of Casimir Santhiapillai RIP

THURSDAY 19th May (Feria)

10am - Fr David Howell (Well Being)
6.30pm - Costello (Intention)

FRIDAY 20th May (Feria)

10am - Pascal & Fynn (Birthday Intention)
6.30pm - Marie Conroy (Birthday Intention)

SATURDAY 21st May (Feria)

10am - Kathleen Golder RIP (Birthday)
5.30pm - David Irihasi (In Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY 22nd May (6th Sunday of Easter)

8.30am - George Appadou
10am - The People of our Parish
11.30am - Jo-Anna Martina Cassidy RIP (5th Anniversary)
5.30pm - Mrs Eileen Hanley