

# ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

**22ND MAY 2022**

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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 15:1-2,22-29

Responsorial Psalm:- Psalm 66 (67)

Second Reading:- Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel:- John 14:23-29

### GOOD NEWS FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

## THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IN PERSON IS RESTORED FROM PENTECOST SUNDAY, 5TH JUNE

The Bishops of England and Wales have said that Catholics should return to Mass in person from Pentecost onwards. Pentecost Sunday is the 5th June. The Bishops say that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation no longer apply.

During these times of the pandemic Catholics were allowed to view Mass online. This will no longer apply. Virtual viewing of Mass will not fulfil the Sunday obligation.

The Bishops add however, "We understand there will be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care of the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday obligation. Here at St Saviour's we will continue to stream our daily 10am Mass on MCM Media for those who, for one of these serious reasons, cannot attend Mass in person.

There will be many Catholics in our parish of St Saviour's who have not been attending Mass during the pandemic and who will need to hear of this change by our Bishops. We ask those of you who come to Mass in St Saviour's to let other Catholics know of this change and, in a kind and gentle way, invite them to return to Sunday Mass from 5th June, unless impeded by the reasons mentioned above. The Bishops remind us that a beautiful hallmark of the Catholic Faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist.

### RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION UPDATE- SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE - UPDATE

Dear All, further to our recent item regarding the Racial Justice Commission's Survey Questionnaire this will be available on the Deanery website and can be accessed using a QR Code and downloaded onto your laptop or mobile for completion. The deadline will be 7th June.

Hard copies will also be available and further details will be given at masses this weekend.

We welcome your support for the success of this important work on behalf of the Commission and your prayers also.

Christine and Don

## THANK YOU

for last Sunday's collection of £1,685.

## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR CHRIS

Last Sunday, 15th May, Pope Francis canonized ten new saints of the Catholic Church in St Peter's Basilica.

One of these new saints is St Maria Francesca di Gesu. She was born in 1844 into a poor family near Turin, Italy, as one of eight children. Her father died when she was just four years old. She received an offer of marriage while a teenager, but St Maria turned the offer down in favour of a religious vocation. Her mother died when St Maria was nineteen years old and this caused her to move to Turin. There, St Maria entered the service of a local noblewoman, who treated her like a daughter, enabling her to spend her time in charitable works; teaching catechism to children and visiting the sick and the poor. In 1883 an event happened that changed St Maria's life. She went on holiday to the seaside town of Loano, where she spent time everyday praying in the church. One day, after leaving the church, she passed the construction site for a new convent. A stone fell down on a worker's head and St Maria tended to his wound and she gave him money so he could take time off work to recover. Her act of charity did not go unnoticed. Some women who were to occupy the new convent had been looking for a spiritual leader, and they felt that God had given them a sign in St Maria. After prayer and a period of discernment, St Maria joined the others in the new convent, dedicating themselves to the care of the sick and the education of children. She became the superior of these 'Capuchin Sisters'. In 1892 St Maria travelled to Montevideo in Uruguay, the first of four visits in which she founded and supported convents both sides of the Atlantic. In her twenty years as superior, she established eighteen convents in Italy, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. In 1904, during one of her visits to Uruguay, St Maria fell ill. She died of cancer and, as she requested, she was buried among the poor.

In one of her letters to her sisters, St Maria wrote: *'If we all begin by taking up our own cross willingly, we will find ourselves at the summit of the holy mountain without having felt its weight and without having put it off onto others.'* Let us willingly carry our own cross.

St Maria Francesca di Gesu, pray for us.

## ROSARY PROCESSION FROM OUR CATHEDRAL

Everyone is invited to join in the Rosary Procession, with the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue Of Our Lady, from St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 6HR, to Sacred Heart Church, Camberwell, on Saturday 28th May. The Procession will leave our Cathedral at 3.30pm. Please see the posters in our church for more details.

## THURSDAY IS 'ASCENSION DAY'

On Thursday, 26th May, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. **Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm.**

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Communications Day and there will be a second collection. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

## PARISH PENTECOST VIGIL - 4TH JUNE 2022

As part of our Parish preparation, the Congress Group will be organising a Parish Holy Hour Pentecost Candle lit Vigil on Saturday 4th June at 8pm in the church. This was last held 3 years ago and was a very spiritual community event.

The parish and wider community will be invited in a time of praise, worship, adoration, and prayers in preparation for the feast of Pentecost.

Parishioners are also encouraged to pray a Pentecost novena.

A Pentecost Novena is 9 days of prayer which falls between the Ascension and Pentecost. Resources can also be found on the Deanery website. Further information regarding this event which will be provided shortly.

Deacon Javier, Don and Christine

## 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 TODAY. 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!

## 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.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Fr John.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK AND THE FEASTDAYS

### 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

### MONDAY 23rd May (Feria)

10am – Doreen Andrews RIP

### TUESDAY 24th May (Feria)

10am – Canon John Ward RIP

### WEDNESDAY 25th May (St Bede the Venerable)

10am – Francis Anthony Carrigan RIP (Anniversary)

### THURSDAY 26th May (The Ascension of the Lord)

10am - Simone Goubo (In Thanksgiving)

6.30pm - Sulieman Khalaf Sulieman Alabawi

### FRIDAY 27th May (St Augustine of Canterbury)

10am - Leo Foy RIP (Anniversary)

6.30pm - Rangesh Mooroganah

### SATURDAY 28th May (Feria)

10am - Joanna Courtney (Well Being)

5.30pm - Tanya Louise Wilson (39th Birthday)

### SUNDAY 29th May (7th Sunday of Easter)

8.30am – Ted Foley (Anniversary)

10am - Teresa Cultran RIP

11.30am – Charlie Sawyerr (10th Anniversary), John Cole & Victoria Thompson RIP

5.30pm – The People of our Parish