



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including appointments and arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

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SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2019 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 9th
9.30am Mrs Françoise Vanoli RIP
6.30pm Marie-Anne Xiberras RIP

Sunday 10th **5th Sunday in Ordinary time**
9.00am Sarah McDonagh RIP
10.30am John Charles Anthony Holland (Tony) RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 11th
9.30am Wellbeing of the Jones Family

Tuesday 12th
9.30am Carmel McCarthy RIP

Wednesday 13th
9.30am Pauline Welham RIP

Thursday 14th **Ss Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Feast**
9.30am Kevin Galligan Birthday

Friday 15th
9.30am Martin McDonagh RIP

Saturday 16th
9.30am Carmel Hurley RIP
6.30pm Flannan Hehir RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.
Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.
Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call.
Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.
Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *Due to the new data protection rules we are unable to have names on the sick list unless we have written permission from the person to publicise their names. Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Edith Campbell, William Hardy, Cornelius O'Reilly, Ethel Maud Ward, Lucinda Potesta, Joseph McGuckin, Louise Maud Dawson, Antonio Ferritto, Bronislaw Jaroszynski, Mary Ellen Miles, Julia Woodhams, William Lovely, Margaret North, Elsie Brady, Harold Ladlier, Harold Mays, Bridget Woolgar, Florence Brockwell, Ellen McKay, Magdlen Saxby, Alice Burgess, Kevin Flynn, Ryan Wrathall, John Wall, Alfred Robert Frederick Brockwell, Michael Higgins, Patrick Howard, Susanna McMahon, Kathleen Brocking, Victoria Tanousis, Ernest James Priest, Fanny Margaret Cork, Morwen Short, Margaret Radley, Georgina Helen Petit, Selene Robinson, Peter Mulvaney, Alicia Coll, +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

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| First collection | Gift Aid | ££529.41 | Loose | £424.54 |
| Retiring Collection | Gift Aid | £10.00 | Loose | £66.66 |

TOTAL £1030.61

Diocesan Directory

Copies of the Diocesan Directory for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. They cost £3.00 each. Please place the money in the papers box in the porch.

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 137:1-5, 7-8.

This is a rare Sunday when the three readings touch the same theme: the call of God to mission. Isaiah, Paul and Simon Peter received the call of God, and each in his own way experienced personal unworthiness in the light of God's power and holiness. On seeing the huge catch of fish, Peter felt how far he was from Jesus because he was a sinful man. Paul called himself the least of the apostles, not even deserving the name of apostle. Isaiah after hearing the angels sing of God's holiness felt himself wretched, lost, a man of unclean lips.

If we rely entirely on our own resources then personal unworthiness will prevent us from doing anything. However, true humility recognises that with God's help all things are possible. It is a lesson that Paul took to heart when God assured him that our weakness serves to make more room for God's grace to work. 'My power is at best in weakness.'

The psalm of the day thanks God for help in days of trouble.

*I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.*

The next two lines are a perfect link with Isaiah's vision of the heavenly liturgy.

*Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.*

One line in the last verse might well have been Peter's prayer.
You stretch out your hand and save me.

Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and all things are possible. But focus on the storm and we start to sink.

On the day I called, you answered.

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

Our Organist and Pianist Maggie will be having a hip operation this week, so there will be no-one to play the organ for the next two months on Saturday evenings for the 6.30pm Mass. Is there anyone in the Parish who could help out by playing either the organ or piano on a Saturday evening? We have three hymns: Entrance hymn, Offertory hymn and Recessional hymn. Please see either the parish secretary or Frs. Anthony or Pius if you can be of assistance! Thank you.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham

St George's Cathedral, Southwark 21st -23rd February 2019.

Further details are on the church noticeboard.

St Patrick's Night Dinner

The parish St Patrick's Night Dinner will be held on Friday 15th March in the Cloister at 7.30pm. The price is £10.00 per head, drinks extra. The menu will comprise soda bread and toppings; bacon, parsley sauce, cabbage & potatoes, apple pie & custard, cheese and biscuits. Please sign up on the notice at the back of the church.

Joel's Birthday Fundraiser!

Come along and join in with a Ceilidh & Curry Night to Celebrate the Joel Community Night Shelter's 5th Birthday – Saturday 16th March 7.30pm at St. Peter's Church. Full details on the church noticeboard.

First keep peace with yourself, then you can also bring peace to others. ~ Thomas von Kempfen

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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REFLECTION – TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2019

God created everything for our good. God created man in his image and made him the crown of all creation. "How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?" (Psalm 116:12). As we reflect on God's goodness, viz., what God has done and is still doing for us, we cannot but see the need to be more grateful to God. Keeping God's commandments is basic in appreciating God's goodness. The Pharisees instead of keeping the commandments of so good a God, observed human traditions and wanted others to do the same. Let us appreciate God's goodness by keeping his commandments.

REFLECTION – WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2019

Jesus in the Gospel gives us a spiritual principle that "nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that makes him unclean" (Mark 7:15). What comes from within a man are from the heart and what one thinks. Conversion begins from thinking. Thoughts grow into words, deeds and habits, and can take over one's personality. No one should entertain evil thoughts lest they turn into action and hurt innocent people. We should daily submit our thoughts to God and ask for His sanctifying grace.

REFLECTION – THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2019

St Cyril and Methodius evangelised Moravia, Bohemia and Bulgaria. St John Paul II proclaimed them Patrons of Europe. Jesus commissioned his apostles and disciples to preach the good news and they did. Paul and Barnabas preached with great missionary zeal. Christians need pastoral courage to minister to others. If we are blessed to have heard the Gospel through the efforts of other Christians, we should be willing to hand it on to the next generation. The standard for holiness and heaven remains the same for all. Direct involvement in the work of evangelisation beginning from our immediate families is urgent.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 15th March 2019

Let's eat simply so others can simply eat!

CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who do not have enough to eat. On Friday 15th March can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? CAFOD thank you for your continued support.

The Passion of Jesus

On **Good Friday, 19th April**, 20,000 people will gather to watch the Easter story in Trafalgar Square. Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The 90-minute production is completely free of charge - a gift to Londoners and visitors. No tickets are required. There is a performance at 12 noon and 3:15 pm. The production is open air with visibility maximised using large screens. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. British sign language interpretation is provided. Further details are on the church noticeboard.

On **Easter Saturday, 20th April**, the Wintershall cast of players and animals moves to the High Street, Guildford, in their home county of Surrey. The play begins at the Guildhall at 12 noon and again at 2:30 pm and moves down the High Street to finish outside M&S. The free 90-minute performances take place amongst shoppers in the home town of many of the cast and crew. Come and see the High Street transformed into the stage for one of the greatest stories ever told. No tickets are required. Parental guidance is advised.

Important Upcoming Dates this Month:

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| Monday 11 th Feb | Confirmation Session 4 |
| Sunday 24 th Feb | Baptism Prep Class |
| Wednesday 27 th Feb | Parish Men's Group |
| Thursday 28 th Feb | FHC Parents Meeting |

Confirmation 2019

The next session (4) is on Monday 11th February. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31st March 2019.

First Holy Communion 2019

Please note the following dates for upcoming meetings and sessions:

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| Parent's Meeting | Thursday 28 th Feb | 7.30pm |
| Children's Session 5 | Sunday 3 rd March | 4 – 5pm |
| Children's Session 6 | Sunday 17 th March | 4 – 5pm |
| Children's Session 7 | Sunday 31 st March | 4 – 5pm |
| Children's Session 8 | Sunday 28 th April | 4 – 5pm |

Group 1 Rehearsal for Sacrament of Eucharist Friday 3rd May 4 – 5pm

Group 1 Sacrament of Eucharist Sunday 5th May 12 noon

Group 2 Rehearsal for Sacrament of Eucharist Friday 10th May 4 – 5pm

Group 2 Sacrament of Eucharist Sunday 12th May 12noon

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be on **Sunday 24th February 2019, at 2pm**, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: **27th February**, 27th March, 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them.

Altar Servers' Rally 2019

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is on Monday 6th May at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Bishop Paul Mason is the principal celebrant. The annual rally gives servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the church. Furthermore, the event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. If you have not attended before please take the time to 'come and see'. All servers and their families and friends are welcome. A poster with more details is on the church noticeboard. Altar Servers perform a very important role in liturgical services. After approx. 2 years regular serving, servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen for Altar Servers and receive the Guild bronze medal. If you or your children are interested in joining the ministry or if you have questions about the ministry, please speak to Frs. Anthony or Pius.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Course

The RCIA course is intended for adults who are seeking to be baptised and for Christians baptised in another denomination who would like to become Catholics. If you fall into either of these categories please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius. Arrangements for The Rite of Election will take place later in the year.

The Gospel offers a vision of life and of the world that cannot be imposed, but only proposed, as the good news of the gratuitous love of God and of peace. The message of truth and of beauty can help people escape from the loneliness and lack of meaning to which the conditions of postmodern society often relegate them. ~ Pope Francis