



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 24TH FEBRUARY 2019 – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr, Memorial

9.30am Reginald & Marie Boxall RIP

6.30pm Louis Briffa RIP

Sunday 24th 7th Sunday in Ordinary time

9.00am Tina Piccirillo RIP

10.30am Carlo Fievellino RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 25th

9.30am The Herd & The Finn Families RIP

Tuesday 26th

9.30am Liam Kearns RIP

Wednesday 27th

9.30am Patricia Cotmore RIP

Thursday 28th

9.30am Margaret Quigley & Family RIP

Friday 1st St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, Feast

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Gerry White

6.30pm Charles Parker 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 (2nd March 2019) 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

John McLaughlin Sim, Josephine Flynn, Kathleen Law, James Brooks, John Connell, Susan Thomas, Rose Pullen, Jorge Potier, Frederic Whelan, Ronald Macdonald, Charles Crawley, Edit Brown, John McSweeney, Elizabeth Heppel, Mary Ellen White, Bernard Mackey, Kate Goddard, Eugenie Connolly, Mario Porlanti, Sr. Declan Carroll, Eileen Murphy, Tom Costello, Vladas Dankis, William Wiseman, George Bruce, Annie Ashworth, Elfrida Medhurst, John Neilan, Robert Eurell, Angelo Pacitti, Rita Andrew, Joseph Alfred Smith, Agnes Guy, Hilda Davis, John Roycroft, Marjorie Lansley, William McDonagh, John Faith, Cyril Everest, Matthew Patrick O'Connor, Maureen Madden, Zena Kitchen. +++ **May they rest in Peace** +++

OFFERINGS

First collection	Gift Aid	£555.97	Loose	£542.50
Retiring Collection	Gift Aid	£8.00	Loose	£53.43

TOTAL £1159.90

Last week's retiring collection was for Racial Justice Sunday.

TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE

A REFLECTION OF PSALM 102:1-4, 8, 12-13.

Today's liturgy celebrates the compassion of God which removes our sins as far as the east is from the west. God's love is a positive energy that is greater than any negative force.

*The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

David, in the first reading, spared the life of Saul because he regarded the king as the Lord's anointed. But he had no such qualms about killing other enemies. The teaching of Jesus advocates forgiveness for everybody, not just the king. The ethic of loving every enemy, blessing the persecutor and turning the other cheek is a necessary consequence of accepting God as our Father. Sadly, it is an ideal which has been tried only too rarely. Christian love is to be a surge of positive energy that refuses to be diverted or polluted by the wrongdoing of others. In this way 'you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked'. We call that the unconditional love of God.

*He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.*

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks writes that the one word which can change the course of history is forgiveness. It breaks the cycle of hatred producing hatred. He identifies forgiveness as the most compelling testimony to human freedom. Pope John Paul II described forgiveness as a threshold that evil cannot cross. In the immortal words of Alexander Pope, 'to err is human, to forgive, divine.'

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

We send our thoughts and prayers to Maggie for a speedy recovery and hope to see her with us again very soon; and we thank three of our young adults, Christiana, Helena and Petra for helping us with our music at this time. We encourage parishioners, young or adult, to continue volunteering and assisting us.

St Patrick's Night Dinner

The 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.

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them--- every day begin the task anew. ~ St. Francis de Sales.

HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

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REFLECTION – SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

David seemed to have lived the demands of our Christian calling. Saul was after David to kill him for no just cause. Incidentally, Saul was tired and was asleep in the camp. Abishai thinking he was pleasing David suggested that they kill Saul but David refused. In the Gospel, Jesus commands that we love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. David was compassionate to Saul and left him a signal to move him to change his attitude. Let us emulate David and help those who hate us to amend their ways. Revenge is not a Christian attitude.

REFLECTION – THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

The book of Ecclesiasticus warns us not to be too sure of God's forgiveness that we heap sin upon sin. Our eternal salvation should not be put at risk by postponing reconciliation with the God of mercy. Jesus enjoins us to "cut off" whatever will lead us astray and deny us the joys of heaven. St Therese of Lisieux says: 'You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all.' No price is too dear to pay in order to maintain our relationship with God and we can all afford this price by God's grace.

REFLECTION – FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019

St. DAVID'S DAY

David was born in Wales and he was a great teacher and preacher, and is often shown as a bishop with a dove on his shoulder, sometimes standing on a small hill. Today as we celebrate the feast of St. David, a man, who throughout his life sought to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His words of wisdom still resound for us: "Be joyful, keep faith, and do the little things." Just like St. David, let us be witnesses of Christ in simple, yet profound ways.

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections, St Pauls Publishing

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 15th March 2019

Let's eat simply so others can simply eat!

CAFOD remind us that "No one should be beyond the reach of love and the care they need", and that "Through our global church network, we are able to reach the most vulnerable people in the most difficult locations". CAFOD however are unable to respond to one in three requests for help because they simply do not have sufficient funds to meet the demand. Once again it is suggested that we eat a simple meal in solidarity with those who live amongst drought, floods and storms. Please try to support the work of CAFOD and her sister agencies within the Caritas network.

The Passion of Jesus

Good Friday, 19th April and Easter Saturday, 20th April – Further details are on the church noticeboard.

Celebrate Twickenham! 2019



"Be strong and courageous! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9 NLT)

The annual Charismatic Catholic Family Weekend on **15th and 16th June 2019** at St Mary's University, for further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board, pick up a flyer at the back of the church or visit <https://www.celebrateconference.org/twickenham>

Important Upcoming Dates this Month:

Sunday 24 th Feb	Baptism Prep Class
Monday 25 th Feb	Confirmation Session 5
Wednesday 27 th Feb	Parish Men's Group
Thursday 28 th Feb	FHC Parents Meeting
Saturday 2 nd Mar	Confirmation 'Faith in Action' Day
Sunday 3 rd Mar	FHC Session 5

Confirmation 2019

The next session (5) is on Monday 25th February. 'Faith in Action' Day is on Saturday 2nd March; please ask Frs. Anthony or Pius for the permission letter. 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:

Parent's Meeting	Thursday 28 th Feb	7.30pm
Children's Session 5	Sunday 3 rd Mar	4 – 5pm
Children's Session 6	Sunday 17 th Mar	4 – 5pm
Children's Session 7	Sunday 31 st Mar	4 – 5pm
Children's Session 8	Sunday 28 th April	4 – 5pm
Group 1 Rehearsal	Friday 3 rd May	4 – 5pm
Group 1 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 5 th May	12 noon
Group 2 Rehearsal	Friday 10 th May	4 – 5pm
Group 2 Sacrament of Eucharist	Sunday 12 th 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.

London SW Catholic Social Group

London SW Catholic Social Group is a social group for 'young' Catholics which meets every month. For further details visit their Facebook page or contact Andrew on 07787 231798. Their next social evening is on Saturday 2nd March at 7.30pm at The Junction, 36 St Johns Hill, Clapham Junction, SW11 1SA London

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.

In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves.

~ Pope Francis