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Today's second collection is for Pax Christi.
Next week the second collection is for our local SVP.

PEACE SUNDAY AND REFUGEES

EVERY YEAR the worldwide Catholic Church keeps New Year's day as a Day of Prayer for peace in the world, a custom begun by Blessed Paul VI fifty years ago this month. In this country we shift the observance to a Sunday later in January. We mark it in our parish by a second collection for our Catholic peace organization *Pax Christi*. This year the Holy Father's message for today is entitled *Migrants and Refugees - Men and Women in Search of Peace* (available from www.vatican.va) and focuses on the links between the experience of refugees and the Church's search for peace. Here are some extracts:

'...it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited. ... government leaders should take practical measures to welcome, promote, protect, integrate and, "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good, to permit [them] to become part of a new society."...the increased numbers of displaced persons is one of the consequences of the "endless and horrifying sequence of wars, conflicts, genocides and ethnic cleansings" that had characterized the twentieth century. To this date, the new century has registered no real breakthrough: armed conflicts and other forms of organized violence continue to trigger the movement of peoples within national borders and beyond. ...Many destination countries have seen the spread of rhetoric decrying the risks posed to national security or the high cost of welcoming new arrivals, and thus demeaning the human dignity due to all as sons and daughters of God. Those who, for what may be political reasons, forment fear of migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia... A contemplative gaze the wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth... When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations

as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce. Milestones for action offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating. "Welcoming" calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights. "Protecting" has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited "Promoting" entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees. Among many possible means of doing so, I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people... "Integrating", lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community... Proposals for international cooperation ... 2018 will lead the United Nations to draft and approve two Global Compacts, one for safe, orderly and regular migration and the other for refugees. As shared agreements at a global level, these compacts will provide a framework for policy proposals and practical measures. ...they need to be inspired by compassion, foresight and courage, so as to take advantage of every opportunity to advance the peace building process. ... from Saint John Paul II: "If the 'dream' of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees' and migrants' contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more a universal family and our earth a true 'common home'." [18] Throughout history, many have believed in this "dream", and their achievements are a testament to the fact that it is no mere utopia.'

PARISH NEWS

CATECHISTS

Would all catechists look at the boards in the porch to see details of a couple of training days for those involved in sacramental preparation.



FOLK CHOIR SONGBOOKS

Those who come to the 5.30 Mass will have noticed that we have completed our new songbooks (hurray, at last!) and this of course means that the old ones are no longer needed. If you would like to keep a copy of the old book please ask a member of the choir after 5:30pm mass within the next few weeks. Any that aren't taken will be recycled.

As well as keeping the old favourites we have added about 50 new songs in this book. The Folk Choir would gladly welcome anyone who would like to join us in learning them: practices are held weekly on Thursday evenings. Whilst we try to make music of a high standard we are also a fun and social choir.

If you are interested in joining us then please speak to a member of the choir after Mass or contact us at: stedsfolkchoir@gmail.com Marion on 020 8658 3942 or Sarah on 020 8650 5389.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS on Saturday 3 February at 11 am (finishing at 12.15). Refreshments served. See the poster in the porch for further details of how to attend, or contact the Parish Office promptly.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Just a reminder that our safeguarding reps are Angela Cummins and Yvonne Epale.

If you perform any of the following roles, you need to be DBS checked:

Pastoral Assistant, Catechist, Children's Liturgy, Altar Server's Co-ordinator (MC), Music Leader, Youth Club Leader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

If you are unsure of your status or if you have started the process to be DBS checked but not complete it, please get in touch by emailing the office.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

We are looking for new volunteers for the refreshments after 9.30am Mass. Usually this would be 2 or 3 times a year. The new rota will start in March.

It is a great way of meeting people and it would be lovely to see some new or old faces, men or women.

If you are interested please contact Bernadette Lyons at bernylions@hotmail.com or telephone 078877 92385

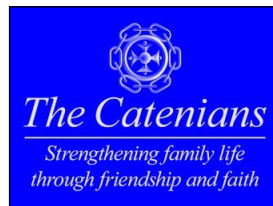


BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course will be held **next Sunday 21 January at 3.00 p.m.** in the Hall.

There is no need to book - just turn up.

You will be able to arrange a date for your child's Baptism, but please remember that there are no baptisms during Lent.



BECKENHAM CATENIANS

Sausages &/or Family Quiz!!

Do you remember the appeal in November for new members to join the Beckenham Circle? (If not check out our notice board in the porch.) If any of you want to find out more there is a special meet-

ing on Monday 22 January at The Club (next to Ask Restaurant), at 8pm which will be followed by a Sausage & Mash Supper - for more details and to book please contact Sandy (07779 619701) or Don (07914 355921).

Additionally or alternatively if you'd like to bring your wife or family to a Catenian event there's our annual Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz on Saturday 10 February at 7pm in the Parish Hall at Hayes. We'd love to see you at both or either.

8.15 MONDAY MASS

From this Monday Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

Thank you to the Salesian Sisters for allowing us to share their Chapel. Adoration will continue there on Monday evenings.

PARISH 300 CLUB

Following the Christmas draw for £500 and £250 may I draw your attention to the fact that there are currently 32 members with subscriptions outstanding for 2017, all of whom will have had at least two reminders. I would very much appreciate it if these subscriptions could be brought up to date as soon as possible. A cheque for £39 per number should be dropped in to the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks, Anthony Pontifex

Thank you to those who have responded to this item. It proves that some people do indeed read the newsletter! We still have a way to go so if you haven't sent your cheque in yet we would be happy to receive it.

The 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity put together by Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) takes place from **18-25 January** with a range of Services at local Churches. (Please see the posters at the back of the Church for details.) As part of the Week there are Pulpit Exchanges on Sunday 21 January and here at St Edmund's we will have a guest speaker at 11.00 am Mass and will also provide a guest speaker to the Redeemed Christian Church of God at their 10.30 Service. Do come and spend time with your fellow Christians in Beckenham at as many of these Services as you can. Everyone is Welcome!



LENTEN PREPARATION

To help us prepare for Lent, three stand alone talks have been organised for next month. The title of the talks is **'For the Word of God is Alive and Active'** (Hebrews 4:12) and the speaker is Dr. Fr Fio Mascarenhas SJ. His desire is for us to become joy-filled disciples. The talks are here at St Edmund's on 6th February, at St James' Petts Wood on 7th, and at St Joseph's Bromley on 8th.

I can't urge you enough to come to any or all of these evenings as Fr Fio is an excellent international speaker with a powerful message. Please take a look at the posters at the back of the church for more detailed information and make a note in your diaries. Not to be missed!

INTERNATIONAL DAY

We are celebrating International Day in our Parish on January 27. This will be in the form of Mass at 12 noon, followed by a reception in the Church Hall. We need volunteers to make this a success. If you are able to help with this event please get in touch with Sandy Misquitta on misquittas@outlook.com or 07779 619 701.



St Edmunds Youth Club News for 2018

St Edmunds Youth club is restarting in January here in Beckenham

We will meet on the fourth Saturday of the month from 7 to 9pm at the Parish Hall

The next meeting dates are:

27th January 2018

24th February

Refreshments are provided and it's a great opportunity to meet friends, make new ones and to join in with the activities.

St Edmunds youth are also welcome to attend Bromley Youth Club - see flyers in the porch for further details about both clubs

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

A date for your diary

Are you worried about dementia? On **Monday March 5** at **7.30 p.m.** there will be a talk and discussion about spotting the first signs of dementia and what we can do about them. It will be held in the main hall of Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, Addiscombe. Refreshments and cash bar available. All are welcome.

More details are available from John Woodhouse 0790 8888 586 (by text) Norwood Catenian Circle

ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 3 February, Feast day of St Blaise.

The walking group are planning a walk to the Well of St Blaise in Bromley. Details of meeting time and route to follow next week.



Bishop Challoner School is looking to receive applications from people who would be interested in finding out more about the role of becoming a trustee of the charity which runs the school.

Trustees often are drawn from those who have a current or historic connection to the school. They are responsible for the schools strategic development, spiritual wellbeing and the appointment of staff. The constitution of the school provides that a majority of members must be Catholics. Prospective trustees must be able to pass DBS checks and undertake training in safeguarding.

The board contains a mixture of skills which include:

Accountancy

Legal

Educational

Business

Marketing and communications

If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact Margaret Brocklehurst at: brocklehurstm@yahoo.co.uk

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

27 January 2018

St George's Cathedral, Southwark

11.00 am - 4.30 pm

Please see poster in porch for more details

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14

8.00 am	Church	Suha Wright RIP
9.30 am	Church	For the people
11.00 am	Church	John & Pierre Champetier and Nancy & Stephen Dennis RIP
5.30 pm	Church	Monica Grima RIP
7.00 pm	Church	Kathy Maleczek RIP

Monday 15

8.15 am	Church	Will Foley RIP
10.00 am	Church	Douglas Arthur RIP
7.30 pm	Salesians	Adoration

Tuesday 16

8.15 am	Claver	Dec'd benefactors and promoters of the Claver Sisters
10.00 am	Church	Mary Brown RIP

Wednesday 17

8.00 am	Challoner	Community Mass
8.15 am	Claver	May O'Reilly RIP
10.00 am	Church	Fr Charlie Byrne PP - wellbeing and intentions
7.30 pm	Church	Margaret Baker RIP

Thursday 18

8.15 am	Claver	Benny Green RIP
10.00 am	Church	Grace Chorley RIP & Brian & Jean Justice RIP
8.00 pm	Claver	Adoration

Friday 19

8.15 am	Claver	Maureen Finch RIP
9.10 am	St Mary's	Private Intention
10.00 am	Church	Frances Dyer RIP

Saturday 20

8.15 am	Claver	Colin Sears & Sears family
10.00 am	Church	Hazel Barnes RIP
6.00 pm	Church	Noreen Dowling RIP

Reconciliation on Saturday from 10.30 - 11.00am and from 5.00 - 5.55pm

Sunday 21

8.00 am	Church	Anne O'Leary & family
9.30 am	Church	Int of Von & Mick Westgarth
11.00 am	Church	For the people (Latin)
5.30 pm	Church	Dec'd members of the Slater & Taylor families
7.00 pm	Church	Juanita Chacaltana RIP (anniv) RIP

Second Sunday (B)

Suha Wright RIP
For the people
John & Pierre Champetier and Nancy & Stephen Dennis RIP
Monica Grima RIP
Kathy Maleczek RIP

Feria

Will Foley RIP
Douglas Arthur RIP
Adoration

Feria

Dec'd benefactors and promoters of the Claver Sisters
Mary Brown RIP

St Anthony, Abbot

Community Mass
May O'Reilly RIP
Fr Charlie Byrne PP - wellbeing and intentions
Margaret Baker RIP

Feria

Benny Green RIP
Grace Chorley RIP & Brian & Jean Justice RIP
Adoration

Feria (St Wulstan)

Maureen Finch RIP
Private Intention
Frances Dyer RIP

Feria (St Fabian)

Colin Sears & Sears family
Hazel Barnes RIP
Noreen Dowling RIP

The collection last Sunday came to £2444.63 plus an additional £900 given via ChurchApp or standing order.

Readings for Sunday 21 January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, B, Psalter II

Johah 3:1-5,10
Psalm 24
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Meditation - every Monday in no 11 from 5.30-6.15pm
Sunday 21 - 3 pm in the Hall - Baptism Preparation
Friday 26 - 7.30 pm - LSS Prayer Meeting in no 11.
Saturday 27 - International Mass and Reception
Saturday 27 - St Edmund's Youth Club in the Hall 7-9 pm
Tuesday 30 - **10.30** am - Requiem for June Chill RIP

FEBRUARY

Meditation - every Monday in no 11 from 5.30-6.15pm
Thursday 1 - Requiem for Terence Forrest RIP
Friday 2 - Requiem for Patricia Griffin RIP
Monday 5 - Requiem for Dorothy Pask RIP
Friday 23 - 7.30 pm - LSS Prayer Meeting in no 11.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The second collection on 28 January will be to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society



We pray for those who have died recently:

Dorothy Pask, Terence Forrest, Patricia Griffin, June Chill, John Winters and Ruby Desmond

Those whose anniversaries are this week: Lucy Denne, Sharon Oates, Peggy Brown, Tanya Clarke, Terry McGee, Baby William Paul 'Wotsit' Pemberton, Maureen Finch, Linda Turp, Samuel Sana, Emily Edwards.

We pray for the sick:

Peter Appleyard, Mary Atsu, James Bekoe, Kim Benardis, Christopher Browne, Edith Campos, Vienna-Marie Carpenter, Barbara Cole, Tony Cox, Ruby Desmond, Giacomo Dillon, Kate Dillon, John Dillon, Rita Dixon, Elizabeth, Ann Elmer, Martin Farquhar, Margaret Fennessy, Umberto Ferrando, Luigi Ferrara, Suzette Fox, Barry Gardiner, Baby Megan May Gavey, Isabelle Ghawi, Philomena Guard, Hans Halpin, Eileen Hayes, Pat Hibberd, Norman Holland, Frank Holmes, Dave Hustwayte, Dawn Hutchinson. Kathy Jobson, Alabooso Joe-Jim, Victoria Jovanov, Zara Kadi, Fr Peter Kelly, Keith Kench, Grace Knight, Peggy Lake, Anita Leslau, Sarah Lister, Mim Lodge, Charlie McCann, Jo McCarthy, Eamonn McGeeham, Kathleen McGeehan, Dominic McGrath, Jim McGrath, Natalie McGrath, Mickey McGuigan, Paul McQuinny and family, Patrick Metters, Eddie Mitchell, Gaynor Mullane, Dominic Nash, Sean O'Connor, Valerie Parr, Leonard Pope, John Quaife, Kieran Quinn (13 Months), Baby Isaac Ratinckx, Louise Ridge, Gabriella Rolls, Sandra Sekulic, Marie -Therese Sinon, Mike & Eileen Slemen, Rebecca Strong, Jo Subieta, Eleni Symeou, John Sylvester, Sarah Thornton, Barry Thorp, Katie Toone, Jeanne Tadier, Barbara Tucker, Shirley Turner, Annette Virdee, Hilary Walker, Jimmy Walters, Louise Walters, Patricia Weal, Terry Weal, Emma Winch, Freda Wukolz, George Wukolz, Maureen Young and Fred Wye

(Please advise the Office when names can be removed)