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Minnie Vinnies at St Mary's

Turning Faith into Action

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) is a well-known charity that helps disadvantaged people in the community and offers friendship to those who are lonely. Many of you will be aware that our parish has a well-established SVP group made up of volunteers. You may not, however, have heard that the Society has developed its own national programme for primary school children. It is aimed at young people between 7 and 11, who with the permission of their parents, embark on a journey as 'Little Vincentians', or 'Mini Vinnies'. Their motto is 'Turning Faith into Action'.

See-Think-Do!

Last year, St Mary's launched a Mini Vinnies programme for a group of children in Year 4 who wished to join. Their goal is to identify those in need in our parish and for the children to follow the SVP maxim: 'See-Think-Do'.

Our children rose to this challenge by identifying ways in which they could help. Plans were soon formed, and among them were two special visits we carried out last year:

A trip to a local care home

St Mary's Mini Vinnies visited a care home in Shortlands, where the children met a large group of residents, some of whom never have visitors.

"As soon as we arrived they started smiling. One lady held my hand." Alice, age 9

It was a fantastic occasion – the children handed out the cards they had made to the residents, and together they sang songs from the song sheets they brought. The residents and children talked to each other with great interest.

At the end of the visit many of the children and residents were beaming with joy. Back at school our children reflected on the happiness they had brought to others by spending time with and listening to them.

Carols at the SVP Christmas lunch

Last December, the Beckenham SVP group held its annual lunch in St Edmund's Hall. The Mini Vinnies joined them to sing carols while the invitees enjoyed lunch. Afterwards, the children mingled with the guests and gave out the Christmas cards they had made. On our way back to school, one pupil said, **"They told us about their lives. I was amazed the world was different when they were children."**

Mini Vinnie meetings

Every two weeks, meetings take place in our school library. We nominate a Secretary, who takes the minutes and a President, who acts as spokesperson. We listen to the Gospel readings for that week and discuss what we would like to do. Our ideas have included ways to raise money for those in need.

The children have also set up a regular prayer club at playtimes to which younger pupils are also invited. This term we will be attending Mass at Westminster Cathedral as a final celebration of this year's amazing work.

SVP coffee morning on the 12th May

If you would like to know more about the Mini Vinnies, please feel free to talk to us at the SVP coffee morning in the Hall after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 12 May.



By Mrs Harrison, St Mary's, and Helen Thomas, SVP Beckenham

A WORD FROM FR STEVE

On Saturday 13th July we have our parish auction. Please do come along to support this event. It is a great way of bringing people together and supporting the parish financially. It is also tremendous fun.

Having said all that, in order for it to be a success we need people to get involved with the organisation. So please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to get involved. Don't delay.

Fr Steve

Please continue to pray for our new Catholics Mandy, Jagdev, Deborah, and Samantha; and also Elisabete and Chona who were confirmed at Easter. They are now continuing the final term of the RCIA course (mystagogy) when they will learn more about life as Catholics, Pentecost, and Evangelisation.

If you are interested in joining the next course starting in September, then please contact us on 020 8650 9650 or at beckenhamrcia@rcaos.org.uk

Cathy and Mary

LAW SURGERY

Monday 11 May from 7.00 pm

Please arrive on time as the lawyer will leave when the last person waiting has been seen.

Please remember that this service is to give one time advice on an issue. Please do not abuse the service by returning with the same problem.

The Salesian Sisters at 25 Village Way invite all those who can to come and join them to honour Our Lady by reciting a decade of the Rosary and sharing a cup of tea and a chat on **Wednesday 15th May** after the 10 am Mass. Weather permitting we will hold the prayer in the garden, near our newly installed grotto. Looking forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to come.



PARISH FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Saturday July 13

We have been really fortunate that a brilliant auctioneer with great experience of hosting successful fund raising events has offered us his services. Now all we need is a really strong team to organise the event.

We need a team to contact football clubs in London for tickets to games and for merchandise, golf clubs for 4-ball golf days, restaurants for vouchers for meals for two, theatres to ask for vouchers for tickets. We need people to organise the publicity, arrange the catering and decorations and probably do lots more things that we haven't yet thought of.

If you, as an individual or together with your friends would like to volunteer for this please send an email to the Parish Office, with Auction in the subject line or contact Fr Steve.



CLAVER SISTERS GARDEN PARTY

Next Saturday 18 May

12 noon - 4 pm

Just one week to go before the Claver Sisters Garden Party.

The Sisters are still happy to accept your donations: bottles, cakes, jams and marmalades, plants, toiletries, books and DVDs. If you have any unwanted gifts or luxury items these would be most welcome for the hamper and the raffle.

Volunteers to man the stalls are very welcome

And don't forget to come and bring your friends along! Rice and curry, tea and coffee will be available.

Claver Convent details on newsletter masthead.

This year all the money raised will go towards helping to protect immigrant female workers in Lebanon.

Alpha — don't miss out

Week 4

14th May 2019

How can I have **faith**?

Week 5

21st May 2019

Why and how do I **pray**?

Week 6

28th May 2019

Why and how should I read the **Bible**?



Tuesdays from 7.45pm
@ St Edmunds Hall

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

July 13 at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary during 2019, please apply as soon as possible for an invitation from the Archbishop. Get in touch with us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk Please let us have the location of your parish in the title of your email.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

In the Southwark Diocese it is necessary for couples wanting to get married to contact their priest **six months** ahead of their intended wedding date. This is to allow sufficient time for them to attend the obligatory Marriage Preparation Course and also for the clergy to complete the necessary paperwork. Our clergy would prefer to be given a year to complete the paperwork and suggest that couples do not set a date for their wedding until they have spoken to a priest or deacon.

Once you have decided to get married please email the Parish Office with your names and an address and we will send you a preliminary marriage application form plus an enrolment form for the Marriage Preparation Course. If you intend to get married at a church other than St Edmund's our clergy are still responsible for all the paperwork. As a growing number of our parishioners were born outside the UK we will need to obtain documentation from their previous parishes. This can take some considerable time. There is also extra work to be completed for those who are having their ceremony abroad or for those who have had a previous marriage. So, in short, as soon as you decide to get married, please start the ball rolling by contacting the Parish Office.



YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work.

This programme has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 7th – 9th June call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

HOLY TRINITY FOOD BANK - PENGE

Thank you for your donations for the Food Bank which have been delivered to Holy Trinity and by now are probably with those who need them. We are still happy to accept items for the Food Bank.



ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Friday 31 May: Meet at Hayes Station at 10.30 am for a linear walk from Hayes Station to Farnborough Village via Keston Ponds - about 6 miles - bring picnic lunch. Bus back from Farnborough. Contact Roger Crockett - (0783 3702 644 or Mortimer@live.co.uk)



DAY WITH MARY

For those of you who were unable to participate in the Day with Mary, or are just curious about what happens we have recorded the proceedings which can be viewed through the church website at www.saintedmunds.net.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Theme: Discernment and vocation

24 - 26 May

Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering whether God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chances to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering whether God is calling them. More information available from www.fcjsisters.org

JEAN VANIER 1928 - 2019 RIP

We remember in our list of the recently dead Jean Vanier. Jean, a man of vision and inspiration founded *L'Arche* (The Ark): a federation of communities now in many countries around the world, where people with developmental disabilities live with those who care for them.

He also co-founded *Faith and Light*, which works with those coping with developmental disabilities as well as their families and friends.

He believed that each person has an intrinsic value and that those with and without learning disabilities can learn from each other and develop in community. His immense legacy will surely continue well into the future.

To love someone is to show to them their beauty, their worth and their importance."

— Jean Vanier



PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE FORECOURT - LEAVE IT FREE FOR THE PRIESTS

Masses this week

Sunday 12 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Collection for Ecclesiastical Education	
8.00 am Church	Henry R King RIP
9.30 am Church	Mohomed Shahul Hamed Azeez RIP (Children's Liturgy)
11.00 am Church	Felix Feeny RIP
5.30 pm Church	For the people
7.00 pm Church	Deceased Salesian Sisters
Monday 13 May	Feria (Our Lady of Fatima)
8.15 am Church	John Murnane, his orphans & benefactors living & dec'd
10.00 am Church	Edith Ransford RIP
7.30 pm 27 VW	Adoration today
Tuesday 14 May	St Matthias, Apostle
8.15 am Claver	The forgotten Holy Souls
10.00 am Church	Monica Grima RIP
Wednesday 15 May	Feria
8.15 am Claver	Joseph Wauters & family RIP
10.00 am Church	Dec'd parents & friends of the Salesian Sisters
7.30 pm Church	Des Loftus RIP
Thursday 16 May	St Simon Stock
8.15 am Claver	Peggy Gwynn RIP
10.00 am Church	Margaret Fennessy RIP
8.00 pm Claver	Adoration
Friday 17 May	Feria
8.15 am Claver	Francis & Katherine Pratt & family RIP
9.10 am St Mary's	May Procession
10.00 am Church	Umberto Ferrando RIP (1st anniv)
Saturday 18 May	Feria (St John 1, Pope & Martyr)
8.15 am Claver	The Griffin family RIP
10.00 am Church	Ben Rapoz RIP
6.00 pm Church	Peter & Sheila Lake -40th anniv - in thanksgiving
Sunday 19 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.00 am Church	May O'Mahony RIP
9.30 am Church	For the people
11.00 am Church	All persecuted born & unborn children of the world.
5.30 pm Church	Johanna Pauline Piatek
7.00 pm Church	Ralph Tween RIP

Confessions on Saturday from 10.30 - 11.00am
and from 5.00pm - 5.55pm
The Rosary is prayed from 9.40am on Monday to
Saturday and there is Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament until 11.30 am following these
Masses.

DIARY DATES

Meditation every Monday in no11 from 5.30 - 6.15 pm
Open door for the bereaved on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon in no11
Law Surgery every second Monday of the month at 7pm in no11
Drop In for those living with memory loss and their carers is every Thursday at 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in the Hall.

MAY

Sun 12 SVP Coffee & Cake morning
Mon 13 Law Surgery in no 11 from 7.00 pm
Wed 15 Rosary and chat with the Salesians
Sat 18 Claver Convent Garden Party
Fri 31 7.30 pm - Prayer Meeting in no 11

JUNE

Sat 8 11-12 Contemplative Saturday in no 11
Sat 29 Celebration of Claver Sisters 125 years
and Silver Jubilee of Sr Mercy

JULY

Sat 6 Parish International Day
Sat 13 Auction Fundraiser

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 144
Apocalypse 21: 1-5
John 13:31-35

COLLECTION

The collection last weekend came to £1,969.83 with a further £3,530.33 through ChurchSuite and standing orders.



We pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Hill, George Davies and Jean Vanier.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week:

Wladyslaw Rokita, Bill Barr, Mary Carthew, Alice Duck, Pamela Tocher, Tony Kendrick, Janet O'Brien, Joanna Pauline Piatek, Silvana Verlengia, Umberto Ferrando, Anna Fleming.

We pray for the sick: Andrew, Ros Bennett, Bernice, Michael Beswick, Edith Campos, Emma-Jane, Fr Leon Carberry, Carmel Cardiff, Paul James Claridge, Arthur Cromwell, Joan Davies, Daniel Dennehy, Giacomo Dillon, John Dillon, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Rosanna Domenissini, Ann Elmer, Elizabeth, Olive Essien, Victoria Fenton, Hans Halpin, Anisah Hassan, Eileen Hayes, Kathleen Heneghan, Jim Henry, Catherine Hlland, Jerry Jacob, John, Sarah Marie Kench, Ken Kench, Keith Kench, Ann Kingston, Richard Kirin, Grace Knight, Anthony Maher, Marie, Paul McQuinny and family, Maria McWay, Eddie Mitchell, Orla O'Regan, Jonathan Parker, Catherine Phelan, Hilary Pitt, John Quaife, David Rogers, Rosa, Colleen Schroeder, Siobhan, Paula Shaw, Paul Stevenson, Louise Williams, Charlie Wynn, Barry Thorp, Francesca Weal-Walkington, Patricia Weal, Joan & Alfred and Charles.