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Second collection today is for the Catholic Education Service

YOUNG PEOPLE!

I am always hoping and praying for more young people to be engaged with their faith and involved in parish life. I know I am not alone in this. Equally, I am well aware of my inadequacy, my inability to make this happen. Again, this frustration may well be the experience of the adult members of our parish.

Thankfully, there are people close at hand who are gifted in working with young people. Sue Longhurst is the Catholic Youth Ministry Co-ordinator for Bromley Deanery and over the last few years she has been encouraging young people to become involved in various initiatives which help them live out their Catholic faith more fruitfully. With the help of other adults Sue has made the CYM programme an effective instrument in helping young people believe they are valued and have a role to play in the Church.

One of the recent initiatives is the launch of the **Deanery Youth Council**. In a recent email to me and the priests of this parish Sue explained, 'The aim of the Youth Council is to give our older youth an opportunity to guide and shape the youth ministry events and initiatives going forward and to represent the needs of the young people in their respective parishes. It will provide them with an opportunity to gain experience as youth councillors, to engage in training to develop key leadership skills and to socialise with others from all over the deanery'.

There will also be an opportunity to get involved with bigger projects such as youth pilgrimages to Taize or the Camino de Santiago Compostela.

Sue is looking for 2 or 3 young people aged 15 years+ from each parish to attend the first Deanery Youth Council meeting on Saturday 19 October from 12 - 2pm at St Joseph's Church, Plaistow Lane/Orchard Road roundabout, BR1 2PR. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please let me know if you are interested and I can supply you with relevant information and a form to fill in.

WELCOME TO JOE GULLIFORD

Speaking of youth, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Joe who is studying for the priesthood at St John's Seminary in Womersley and will be with us until next summer as part of an extended parish placement. I'm sure he won't mind me saying so but Joe has a number of talents one of them being his ability to work with young people and get the best out of them. He arrives this weekend and I'm sure you will make him feel very much at home as he engages in the life and work of this parish.



ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

I came across this little gem from an old Readers Digest magazine: *The lion and the calf shall lie down together, but the calf won't get much sleep.*

Fr Steve

Please read p3 of the newsletter for more information on the Youth Council and also on the Catholic Youth Ministry Choir.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 7 December

We are looking for parishioners to join the Organising Committee for this year's Christmas Fair. Additionally, if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve the Fair, we would love to hear from you.

You can put in as little or as much time as suits you but if we all work together, we can make this year's event a huge success.

Contact Sue Owen on 07828 132921 or Email at sueowenwolf@gmail.com

Thank you.



ROSIE'S CHOIR

Rosie's Choir is about to resume after the summer break and would welcome new members. We meet twice a month and there is no audition or judgment, just a lot of fun. We sing a range of music from a variety of genres. Our first rehearsal is on Saturday 21 September from 2 - 4pm in No 11 Village Way. If you enjoy singing come and give us a try!

For more details contact claremcconkey55@gmail.com or tel. 020 8650 2650

MISSIO BOXES



Please would you bring your red Missio Boxes to the church for emptying. Either give them to a priest after Mass or bring them to the Parish Office. When they are emptied they will be left in the porch for you to collect. Please do not leave them in the church.

ST EDMUND'S CATECHISM GROUP

The group provides instruction in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

The course lasts for two years, and is intended for children in the parish who do not attend Catholic school. We start the classes for 2019/20 on Saturday October 5 with Mass at 10.00 am at St Edmund's Church. After that we meet monthly on the second Saturday.

For further information please email stedscatechismgroup@gmail.com



RCIA

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

We are starting another course on Thursday 19 September for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or who would like more information about the Catholic Faith. This includes adults (over 18) who were baptised as Catholics, but have little if any knowledge of Catholicism, and who are considering being confirmed.

The course will start with refreshments at 7.45pm at 11 Village Way, opposite the Church and next door to the Hall.

If you would like more information please contact Mary Deering on 0208 650 9650 or Cathy Denne on 07956914164 or mail us on beckenhamrcia@rcaos.org.uk. Or you are welcome to turn up on the night.

If you would like to attend a course but cannot do so on Thursday evenings please contact us for further advice.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

In our parish a small group meets to pray for all children and place them into the loving care of Jesus. If you would like us to pray for any child/children/grandchildren, write their name/s on a piece of paper, put it in a sealed envelope (to protect confidentiality) and mark the envelope clearly 'Mothers Prayers'.

Please post your envelope through the door of the Parish Office from where we will collect them and pray for them as we present our children to Jesus.

Enquiries may be made to the Parish Office on **020 8650 0970**

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION Catholic Education Service

This is on behalf of the Catholic Bishop's Conference to support Catholic education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Would you park on your neighbour's drive? If you wouldn't, why would you park on the church drive? We have barely enough space to accommodate the priests' cars and seldom room for those coming for meetings in the Presbytery.

**PLEASE DO NOT
PARK ON THE DRIVE**

FAITH IN ACTION AWARD

Reflective Session 4

Saturday 21 September 3.00 - 5.45 pm

St Edmund's Church Hall

Our Faith in Action candidates in the deanery and school groups will soon come together for their fourth and final Reflective Session of the year. Our candidates continue to show amazing commitment and enthusiasm to serving those in need in our parishes, schools and communities and will soon submit their final pieces in advance of receiving their awards in November. We ask you to remember them in your prayers over the next few months.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CHOIR

Come & Sing Taster session

Saturday 21 September 10.30 -12.30 pm

St Joseph's Church, Plaistow Lane, Bromley

Following great success and wonderful reviews for performances at the One Parish Mass and Latch Garden Party in July, the Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Choir embarks on its autumn re-launch and is on the lookout for new members!! We are holding a taster session when we will be warming up our vocal chords and showcasing some of the songs we will be singing. **All young people (aged 8yrs+) and adults** are invited to come along and get involved in what promises to be a fun and lively morning (light refreshments will be provided). Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings, beginning on 2 October from 7- 8.30 pm at St Joseph's Church. We look forward to seeing you there! (For more information email: susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org)

DEANERY YOUTH COUNCIL

19 October 12 noon - 2.30 pm

St Joseph's Church, Bromley, Upper Room

Bromley Deanery is launching an exciting new initiative called a Youth Council. This is a board of young people whose views and opinions will feed directly into the programme of youth ministry for the Deanery and will have a key role in making decisions on behalf of the young people in our parishes. The Youth Council will comprise 2 or 3 representatives from each parish, ideally aged 15yrs+. The Youth Council will meet up to three times a year - our first meeting takes place on **Saturday 19 October from 12 to 2.30pm at St Joseph's Church (Upper Room)**. This will be a fairly relaxed introductory meeting, to give us the opportunity to get to know one another, share some preliminary thoughts and pizza! So, if you would like to have your say, represent the youth in your parish as a Youth Councillor and make new friends from parishes all over the deanery, please see your parish priest or contact CYM Coordinator, Susan Longhurst to receive a **nomination form**

(email: susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org)

ALPHA YOUTH

Holy Innocents in Orpington is running an Alpha Youth Series for young people in Y9 up to age 19. There is a poster in the porch with links to the organisers and to the website for full details



Holy Innocents is also running an adult Alpha Course starting on Friday 20 September. They will run a lunchtime and an evening session. Again full details are on a poster in the porch.

THE MAGIC OF ITALIAN OPERA

Night Under the Stars

5 November, 7.30 pm at the

Royal Festival Hall

An evening of Italian opera classics.

Andrea Hixon is arranging a block booking to this event which is in aid of The Passage, the homeless charity in Westminster. Please see the flyer in the porch and if you are interested in coming leave your name and a telephone number with the Parish Office.

Father Gerard (Gerry) O'Brien RIP

Funeral

There will be the Reception of the Body at 6 pm on Monday 9 September, followed by a vigil Mass at St Agatha's Church, King's Road, Kingston Upon Thames, KT2 5JR

The Funeral Mass will take place the next day, Tuesday 10 September at 12 noon in St Agatha's Church, Kingston.

LIVE STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES

If you have friends and family who are unable physically to get to a church please tell them about our broadcasts and show them how easy it is to view them on a computer or laptop.



Living Well
Bromley

Living Well at Holy Trinity Church in Penge has come to the end of a very busy summer providing food parcels and meals to those in real need. Once again their stocks have run very low and so they are appealing for help.

Items which are particularly useful are: tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, longlife fruit juice, biscuits, rice, dried mash, cereals and shower gel.

Please leave your donations in the church porch. We will take them from there on a regular basis and deliver them to Holy Trinity.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 8 Sept

8.00 am Church
9.30 am Church

11.00 am Church
5.30 pm Church
7.00 pm Church

Twenty third Sunday Education Sunday

For the people
Blanche Mascarenhas (3rd anniv)
Children's Liturgy
Patrick Chambers RIP
Terry Mallen RIP
Margaret Wymer RIP

Monday 9 Sept

8.15 am Church
10.00 am Church
7.30 pm 27 VW

St Peter Claver, Priest

For the Claver Sisters
Hirst & Fenton families
Adoration

Tuesday 10 Sept

8.15 am Claver
10.00 am Church

Feria

Therese Beston RIP
The Roberts family RIP

Wednesday 11 Sept

8.15 am Claver
10.00 am Church

7.30 pm Church

Feria

The Forgotten Holy Souls
All dec'd babies of the Dennis
family
Ints of the Denne family

Thursday 12 Sept

8.15 am Claver
10.00 am Church
12.30 pm Church
8.00 pm Claver

Feria (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

Anne Reagan (birthday)
Carmelo Montis & family
Requiem of Bernard Slonina
Adoration

Friday 13 Sept

8.15 am Claver
9.10 am St Mary's
10.00 am Church

St John Chrysostom

Maria Theresa De Souza RIP
Debbie O'Neill RIP
Siobhan Donnelly RIP

Saturday 14 Sept

8.15 am Claver

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

John Murnane & his orphans &
benefactors
Monica Grima RIP
Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP

*Confessions from 10.30 - 11.00am and from
5.00pm - 5.55pm on Saturdays and at other times by
request.*

The Rosary is said Monday to Saturday from 9.40 am and
there is Adoration for an hour after 10.00 am Mass.

DIARY DATES

Meditation every Monday in no11 from 5.30 - 6.15 pm -
except on Bank Holidays

Open door for the bereaved on the first Wednesday
of every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Law Surgery every second Monday of the month in
no11 at 7pm

Prayer Meeting last Friday of the month in no 11 at
7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 9 Law Surgery in no11 from 7.00 pm

Thu 12 Requiem of Bernard Slonina 12.30 pm

OCTOBER

Fri 4 Requiem of John Cranstoun 12 noon

Sat 26 Contemplative Saturday in no11 - 11.00am

DECEMBER

Sat 7 Parish Christmas Fair

Sat 21 Contemplative Saturday in no11 - 11.00am

COLLECTION

Our collection last weekend raised £1693.25, with a
further £1356.01 from Standing Orders and
through ChurchSuite. The second collection following
the appeal by Fr Honest on behalf of the Spiritan Fathers
raised a wonderful £2231.95.

I am afraid that the Church Shop will remain closed until
either repairs have been made to the security gate or it
has been replaced.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this is causing but
we are sure you will continue to support the shop and the
tireless band of helpers who staff it when it reopens.

No refreshments after the
11.00 am Mass this Sunday

Readings for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle 1 Psalter Wk 4

Exodus 32:7-11.13-14

Psalm 50

1 Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

We pray for those who have died recently: Rita Taylor, David Marshall, Peter Taylor, Fr Gerry O'Brien,
Bernard Slonina, John Cranstoun, John Macnamara and Steve Sturdy.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Malcolm Burnham, Charles Binang, Therese Beston, Rose
Greenan, Isobel Brown, Christiana Famiani, Blanche Mascarenhas, Maria Paes, Patrick Chambers, Thomas Hixson,
Edward Collins, Rosie Reed, Kieran Corrigan, Rob Young, John MacNamara.

We pray for the sick: Aondongu Akuha, Angela, Bernice, Emma-Jane, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Arthur Cromwell,
Christine, John Crouch, Fr John Cunningham, Ilean Curry, Giacomo Dillon, Colin Dowling, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas
Dunford, Cecil Dutton, David Edwards, Ann Elmer, Felicity, Chris Grant, Hans Halpin, Eileen Hayes, Maude Herring,
Jerry Jacob, John, Bernadette McGilloway, Mary McGrath, Eddie Mitchell, Barbara Moyce, Orla O'Regan, John Quaipe,
Brian Russell, Peter Sanders, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, Siobhan, Angela Stolle, Charlie Wynn and Patricia Weal.