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The second collection today is for Racial Justice

AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH

Several years ago, during the New Dawn Charismatic Conference at Walsingham, I was asked to visit a travelling community's campsite just outside the village. There had been some tension between the owner of the field and the visitors. It was thought that if a priest took the time to say a few prayers with them and bless their families, perhaps the situation would calm down and the travellers move on peaceably. The visitors had agreed I could come.

It was a cold and dank night when I arrived at the camp and I was grateful for the company of a friend of mine, a burly Irishman who was not only acquainted with some members of the community but even more importantly was highly qualified in one of the martial arts!

As it turns out I needn't have been concerned. Doors opened and young and wizened faces peered out into the darkness, objects were held up for a blessing, young women turned their new-born infants towards me. There was the occasional faint smile but for the most part expressions were serious. In all my encounters that evening hardly any words were spoken but as I left the site I felt from them an air of silent gratitude.

As I reflect upon that nightly visit to a community of strangers and a way of life I barely knew, I realise what I encountered was a cautious respect for me and a reverence for what I was doing. There was no red carpet laid out as I arrived so to speak, and why should there be, but I knew I was valued and welcome.

"You are not on the margins of the Church... you are at the centre... You are at the heart of the Church."

These are the words of Pope St Paul VI in his

homily given at a Roma traveller site in Pomezia, Italy in 1965.

This Sunday the catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Day. The theme this year is, 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales.

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week the clergy of the South East area of London of the Southwark Diocese were asked by Archbishop John to attend a pastoral meeting at a venue in Dartford. Fr Ashley, Deacon Sean, Deacon Duncan and I attended this meeting. What we experienced from our Archbishop and our fellow priests and deacons was both uplifting and challenging. From his talk there were references to the call from God to each one of us to be holy and to go out as missionary disciples in the mission of the Church, to be in close friendship with God and each other, for our inner life to be vibrant and alive and the courage to go where God sends us in order for him to find us.

Archbishop John's words were addressed to the clergy but so much of it applies to all of us. On this Racial Justice day let's hold out the hand of friendship to all peoples that they will know with certainty they are valued, welcomed and loved.



MESSAGE FROM FR STEVE

As many of you know the Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging us to participate in the preparations for the dedication of England to God as Our Lady's Dowry. However, I believe I may have given the wrong date for our participation in the prayers of dedication i.e. 25th March - the Feast of the Annunciation.

The correct date is Sunday 29th March.

What we are invited to say and do will be made clearer nearer the time.

In the meantime, we are being encouraged to pray the Angelus and I would like you to join with me in praying this at the end of each Mass.

LAW SURGERY

Monday 10 February in no11 from 7.00 pm

Please arrive on time - you will be seen in order of arrival and when the last one waiting has been seen the surgery will close.

If there are **Readers** who have not received an email from Deacon Duncan Aitkins about a proposed meeting would they please collect a copy of his letter from the Sacristy this weekend.

WATCH & PRAY FILM CLUB

There was a great start to the film club last Sunday.

All who came seemed to enjoy the film and definitely enjoyed the popcorn.

Next film show on the 16th of February.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN Course for Altar Servers

We will be running a course for Altar Servers starting on Sunday 1 March. The course is both for those who are already serving but are not yet members of the Guild, and for those who would like to start serving. For further information and to receive a registration form, please e-mail Ruth McConkey: rmcconkey05@gmail.com or come to the Sacristy before Mass.

CONVENT OF ST ELISABETH, BELARUS

The Sisters of St Elisabeth's Convent will be with us after all Masses this weekend to raise funds for the help they provide for those in need in Belarus.

The sisters will be bringing some of the beautiful items that they have and we hope you will give them your generous support.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

The CYM Careers Fair will return for a third year on **Saturday 8th February from 11.30-2pm at St James the Great Church, Petts Wood**. Come and take part in 'mock interviews', receive one-to-one careers advice from industry professionals, find out about the range of opportunities relating to modern day apprenticeships, peer ministry and GAP year opportunities and receive practical tips to help craft the perfect CV. **We encourage you to reserve tickets to receive updates on the contributors for 2020 and special workshop sessions for popular industries. Don't miss out - reserve your place now by visiting our website:**

<http://www.bromleydeanery.org/career-fair-08-02-2020/> or through Eventbrite by searching 'cymcareerfair'.

CYM Musical 'The Crusader' – Audition dates (15th & 22nd February)

As part of the CYM programme we will be putting on a new, original musical! *'The Crusader'* is about a young Knight, who, on his return from the Third Crusade with King Richard the Lionheart, is delayed on his journey and presumed to be dead, yet survives to undergo a conversion of heart leading him to turn away from violence and warfare. There are many characters, sub-plots, fun-filled drama and action in this project that has strong themes of faith and forgiveness. Although ideally suited to Years 9, 10 and 11, we encourage **all** young people and members of the deanery community with a passion for music, acting, singing and stage production to get involved in this exciting production which we hope to perform in mid-late Spring. We will be holding auditions for actors/singers and musicians to be part of the orchestra on **Saturday 15th and Saturday 22nd February from 12-2pm at St Joseph's Church Hall, Plaistow Lane, Bromley**. For more information, please contact:

gullifordjoseph@gmail.com

or susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org

Faith in Action – Register now for 2020!

The Faith in Action Award launched in January – it was wonderful to welcome so many new candidates as well as returning candidates who are continuing their Faith in Action journey. Before our first Reflective Session on Saturday 15th February (St Joseph's Church), you can still register for this year's award through our website:

<http://www.bromleydeanery.org/faith-in-action-award-scheme-2020/>

or by emailing: susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org.

You can also register on the 15th Feb from 2.30pm onwards.

We look forward to seeing you for another exciting year!

FOLK CHOIR ANNIVERSARY

The Folk Choir will be 50 years old in September. We would like to invite all present and former members to join us at the 5.30 Mass on Sunday 27th September. Afterwards we are planning some food and drinks in the Hall with an open mic night.



If you are a former member, please contact us for more details. If you are in contact with any other former members, please pass this on to them.

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THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

SDC Bible Study Meetings

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has declared 2020 to be a year of special focus on the Bible. We are called to explore and celebrate the Word of God through the Scriptures, share the Word with others and respond to the 'God who speaks' in the way that we live.

SDC (Society of Christian Doctrine) would like to invite parishioners to their monthly meetings which take place at 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood SE19 3QU. The dates for this term are this **Friday 14 February; 13 March and 3 April.**

All are welcome. We start at 7.30 pm. The meeting will include reflections, readings and prayer. For more information call the SDC House on 020 8768 5159 or text John on 07986533292.

A MESSAGE FROM EASY FUNDRAISING

Thank you for raising donations for St Edmunds Church - with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up today. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stecb/?invite=U95BCP%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Thank you once again for your very generous donations for the refugee & asylum seekers at the Catholic Workers' House in North London. Fr Ashley delivered them to the house on Monday.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Close to a thousand parishioners **now** receive this weekly newsletter online. This has enabled us to reduce the print run by half. If you would like the newsletter sent to you in this way please send an email to the Parish Office.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' Year of the Word 2020



To mark the special **Year of the Word** Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on **Saturday 27 June.**

If there is enough interest we will organise a coach to take us to the Priory.

More details will be published in due course, but please put the date in your diary.



Friday 28 February

The Dilworth family's annual quiz in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care

Tickets £15 to include a light supper

Please see details on how to book on the poster in the porch

BOOK AN MOT FOR YOUR SOUL

Saturday 29 February

10.00 - 3.00 pm

Salesian House, 47 Surrey Lane SW11 3PN

The Salesians invite you to a change of heart this Lent and to experience an MOT for your soul. There are leaflets about this in the porch. Please take one and consider joining them for the day.

Witness and Worship - 13th March

We welcome you to join us for this evening of praise and worship starting at 7:30pm in our Church, where we will have up to 3 guests sharing testimonies of their inspiring journeys of faith with us. Please keep this evening free so to gather with us in prayer, before an uplifting time of fellowship and refreshments in the hall across the road. We look forward to having you with us! More details to follow in due course. If you have any questions in the meantime, please speak to Joseph or Fr. Steve.

Music at the Saturday Evening Mass

This is just a reminder to anyone who would like to help or get involved with offering some music ministry for the 6pm evening Mass on a Saturday. Please get in touch with Joseph - gullifordjoseph@gmail.com. The idea would be to start sporadically, once a month or every fortnight, and to introduce contemporary hymns. You would be most welcome to be part of it.



GOOD BOOKS AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Dr Austen Ivereigh (Campion Hall Oxford) will be introducing his new book, *Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and His Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church*, in conversation with Fr Dushan Croos SJ, at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on Wednesday 12 February at 7.00pm. All are warmly welcome. Booking on Eventbrite or ljc@jesuit.org.uk

GREASE



Bishop Challoner School is putting on Grease - the musical on 12 and 13 February in their Main Hall at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £10 from the school.

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

Whole School Open Morning

Saturday 14 March

9.00 am- 1.00 pm



Masses this week

Monday 10 Feb		St Scholastica
7.30 am	Church	Helen Keane & family
10.00 am	Church	Chris O'Doherty RIP
Tuesday 11 Feb		Feria (Our Lady of Lourdes)
7.30 am	Church	John Murnane & his orphans & benefactors, living and dec'd.
10.00 am	Church	Welfare of Pierre Lane
Wednesday 12 Feb		Feria
8.15 am	Claver	Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters.
10.00 am	Church	Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP & Nancy & Stephen Dennis RIP
7.30 pm	Church	Antonio Allegretti RIP
Thursday 13 Feb		Feria
7.30 am	Church	The Judge Family
10.00 am	Church	Margaret Hanley RIP
8.00 pm	Claver	Adoration
Friday 14 Feb		Saints Cyril & Methodius
7.30 am	Church	Cornelius Donnelly RIP
9.00 am	Challoner	Mick McCafferty RIP
9.10 am	St Mary's	No Mass
10.00 am	Church	Monica Grima RIP
Saturday 15 Feb		Feria (Our Lady)
8.15 am	Claver	Ints of Sr Margaret
10.00 am	Church	Leonard Pope RIP
Confessions		
6.00 pm	Church	10.30 - 11.00am and 5.00pm - 5.55pm Kathleen Cowling RIP
Sunday 16 Feb		Sixth Sunday
8.00 am	Church	Pedro & Francis Fernandes RIP
9.30 am	Church	Von & Mick Westgarth & Family
11.00 am	Church	Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP & Nancy & Stephen Dennis RIP LATIN
5.30 pm	Church	Jackie Kendrick RIP
7.00 pm	Church	For the people

The Rosary is prayed from 9.40 every Monday - Saturday, before the 10.00 am Mass and following these Masses there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



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 **Thursday** of every month from 10.30 am to 12 noon in no11

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

Prayer Meeting last Friday of the month in no11 at 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

Mon 10 Law Surgery in no11 from 7.00 pm

Sat 29 Contemplative Saturday - no 11, 11 am-noon

MARCH

Fri 6 World Day of Prayer - 11 am St John's Church, Eden Park

Readings for the 16th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Cycle 2, Psalter wk 2

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalms 118

Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37



The second collection next weekend is for the Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria. Fr Francis Arinze Ayogu, MSP will be joining us and will make an appeal at all masses.

The collection last Sunday came to £1989.67 with a further £1461.93 through ChurchSuite and standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

We pray for those who have died recently: Sarah Muduroglu (nee Henderson) and Anne Lymbery

We pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Leonard, Derek Crawford, Colette Woods, Carmen Roper, Marion Ryan, Mary Morgan, Michael Lavender, Milagros Purvis, Fiona Davies, Doris Irene Connor, Frank Twynan, Fr David Rhys, Terence McNamara, Rumold Fleming, Michael Duffett, Ken Darryl Phelps.

We pray for the sick: Angela, Bernice, Rob Burns, Emma-Jane, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Christine, Leah Clent, John Crouch, Niamh Dawson, Giacomo Dillon, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Cecil Dutton, Ann Elmer, Felicity, Erika Geddes, Chris Grant, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Eileen Hayes, Kathleen Hayes, Jerry Jacob, John, Ellie Jones, Mary McGrath, Eddie Mitchell, Barbara Moyce, John Quaife, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Claire Shelton-Jones, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, Siobhan, Helen Solley, Angela Stolle, Patricia Weal and Charlie Wynn.