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'THAT'S POPE LEO - HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF THE WORKING CLASS'

This Saturday is the feast of St Joseph the Worker, a special observance established by Pope Pius XII some years ago to coincide with 'May Day', associated with the struggle for workers' rights throughout the world (and the reason why Monday is a bank holiday) - it's particularly important this year because we're in the middle of a special *Year of St Joseph* set up by Pope Francis a few months ago. Because we know Joseph was a carpenter, the Church sees him as a model for our affirmation of the value and dignity of human labour. In the three Catholic dioceses in London (Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood) there is a traditional *Mass for Migrants* as part of our observance of the feast, normally in one of three cathedrals: this year it has been live-streamed from the church in Forest Hill.

The feast day is important for another reason. One hundred and thirty years ago this month, in May 1891, Pope Leo XIII published the first papal letter explicitly addressing the condition of industrial workers, known by its Latin title *Rerum Novarum*. This letter began modern papal Catholic Social teaching, shown most recently in Pope Francis' encyclical from last October, *Fratelli Tutti*, the focus of our parish Lent course. Pope Leo broke new ground by attacking the exploitation of industrial workers and calling for their rights and dignity to be respected, affirming the importance of Trade Unions and (as a last resort) the right to strike. The Church's witness for workers - including migrants - continues to be inspired by what Pope Leo did; the heading of this piece is a quote from the film *Angela's Ashes*.

As you may have noticed from publicity in the parish St Mary's University is putting on an international conference this week to mark the anniversary, now sadly completely online, linked to our Master's programme in Catholic Social Teaching. Speakers include the journalist Will Hutton, former President of Ireland Mary McAleese, Professor Tina Beattie, Professor Philip Booth, *The Tablet* Rome correspondent Christopher Lamb, and many others, including speakers from the Institut Catholique de Paris, the Catholic University of Louvain and universities in the Americas and in Australia. The conference runs from Wednesday to Saturday, comprising ten webinars, and is free of charge and open to all - please email me if you'd like to register (you're not committed to joining in all the webinars: you can take your pick). I must stress that this is a gathering open to all, not simply academics: it's essential that all Catholics know about our tradition of Catholic Social teaching in relation to 'the world of work.' The conference is not simply about the encyclical - but about wider working conditions and issues relating to them.



The conference is also timely. When we began planning this conference (in December 2019) nobody foresaw the Covid-19 pandemic and the effects this has had and is still having on work and employment, here and all over the world. Many people lost their jobs and face a difficult task to find new ones; many others were furloughed; for young people and many others towards the end of their working lives job opportunities have dried up; this has all been further complicated in this country because of economic uncertainty arising out of *Brexit*; mental health problems arising from the pandemic have seriously affected people's ability to work; for many working from home has been very difficult and stressful; the list of issues is very long. Many of you have direct experience of this and are living now with great uncertainty; these anxieties take their toll in terms of family life. Many of you too are aware of worse pressures on employment for family members and friends elsewhere in the world at the moment.

Part of what we bring as a Church to ways in which the world can reflect on these things - and Pope Francis has led the way by challenging so many conventional approaches to international economics - is what we teach about the *dignity of work*. The beginning of May and this anniversary comes shortly after Vocations Sunday last weekend when we prayed in particular for vocations to particular ministries within the Church: but we also reflect about how each of us has a calling from God; work is part of God's plan for men and women created in his image. This is why work should be valued, and those who do the work; this is why we reflect in this context the Church's efforts to support the victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery, but it also conditions our overall response as a Church to employment issues (e.g. zero-hour contracts, whether Uber workers are employees, sick and holiday pay conditions, Sunday working, rights to Union representation, no disclosure agreements and so on). Many years ago St John Paul II said that the issue of 'work' is the 'key to the social question'; these things really are important for all of us. Please pray this week for God's blessing on the *Rerum Novarum* conference.

Fr Ashley

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

This coming Tuesday 4 May is a day of prayer for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. St Edmund's will be open throughout the day for you to come in to offer your prayers before the Blessed Sacrament for those whose lives have been damaged or affected by this evil.

There will be a short prayer service at 1.00 pm. The 6.00 pm Mass will be offered for all victims of sexual abuse and after it we will pray a specially prepared Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows using the testimony of victims.

The services and Mass will be live streamed. All are welcome to come into the church for as long as they wish. On this occasion we will not be recording the names of those who come into the church.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation
Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian
of all who suffer from abuse and violence.
Comfort them and send healing
for their wounds of the body,
soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you
in your love for justice
as we deepen our respect for the dignity
of every human life.

Giver of peace,
make us one in celebrating your praise,
both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



CHURCH PREMISES - NO 11 VILLAGE WAY

You will all be aware that the last year brought significant financial challenges to many. At St Edmund's we have been lifted by our parishioner's generosity but we are still in a difficult financial state.

With the advice of our Finance Committee, Fr Steve took the decision to rent out No 11 Village Way on a year's lease.

This has brought in much needed regular income. The downside though is that as we move closer to re-starting some parish activities we will be unable to use No 11 for meetings, prayer groups, coffee mornings and lunches. We will need to make more use of the Hall Mezzanine but as this can only be reached by stairs it is not suitable for everyone to use. We will have to think of a way to enable some of our groups to continue to meet so please pray for some inspiration for us and get in touch if you have some ideas.

If you have a key to No 11 please return it to the Parish Office.

GIFTS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We are happy to let you know that Mary Seidel, who runs the Church Shop will be opening it on Saturday 8 May from 10.30 am until noon. Whilst primarily to give you an opportunity to purchase Holy Communion cards and gifts, anyone can come to buy items.

Please avail yourselves of this opportunity as the shop will not be opened again until restrictions are lifted.

BAPTISM

We are receiving many phone calls enquiring whether we are again holding baptisms. We are, but in line with government guidelines the limit on those attending has been set at six, of which one is the baby and one is the celebrant! A number of families have decided that they do not wish to wait until these regulations change and have had their children baptised.

We do not know when the restrictions will be relaxed but we are happy to book families into the church diary in anticipation of a change.

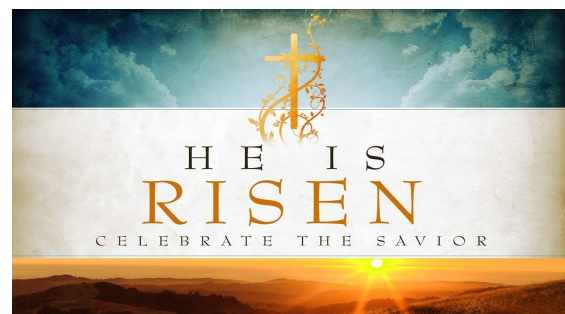
There is no baptism preparation class at the moment.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to the following children who were baptised during April.

Philippa Niamh Fear
Euan Daithi Martin Ryan
Ethan Nyle James Elkins

Our prayers to them and to their families.



HYMNS FROM A DAY WITH MARY

If you are missing attending a Saturday Day with Mary a newly recorded CD has been issued which you can listen to in the peace and quiet of your own home until the programme of events can re-start.

The CD was recorded in Farnborough Abbey by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate.

For online orders go to www.holycrossbooks.co.uk



HUMAN FRATERNITY FOR WORLD PEACE AND LIVING TOGETHER

A discussion of the document signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb will be held online on Sunday May 9 at 7 00 pm.

The speakers are Julie Siddiqi MBE (Together we Thrive), Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and Sheikh Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali.

The event is hosted by South London Interfaith Group.

The discussion will be followed by prayers, charity presentations and a virtual iftar (breaking the fast).

Please book on Eventbrite [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com/myevent?eid=150891431333)

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Questions may be submitted in advance to

chair@southlondoninterfaith.org.uk

The document can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/travels/2019/outside/documents/papa-francesco_20190204_documento-fratellanza-umana.html



PREPARE FOR PENTECOST

Life In the Spirit Seminars Online

I have come to bring life, and life to the full"

John 10.10

This is a unique opportunity to participate in The Life in the Spirit Seminars organised by the Southwark Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (SAE&C) with the support of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocesan team.

5 Tuesday evenings: 8.00pm - 9.30pm

4 May-1 June, including

Retreat Afternoon: Saturday 22 May

Speakers include: Archbishop John Wilson, Fr Pat Collins CM, Fr Paschal Uche, Barbara Mason, Kathryn Murrell and Teresa Carvalho

There is no charge for the course but you are encouraged to purchase the Participants Booklet.

More information and to register:

<http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>

or <http://bit.ly/2021LISS>

Places are limited (about 160) and the SAE&C want to attract people who have never done the Life in the Spirit Seminars

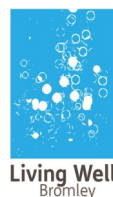
RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The programme is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 1-4 July, call or text +44788 7296983/+440797 3380443. Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Retrouvaille is also running virtual courses on Stress in Your Marriage and Rediscover Your Marriage. More information is on the website.



Living Well is in **desperate** need of the following.

Tinned vegetables
Tinned pulses
Tinned rice pudding
Custard
Toilet paper
Shampoo/shower gel/toothpaste/deodorant

We are sorry but the parish office cannot accept your donations at the moment and you will need to arrange for them to be taken to Holy Trinity.

Drop off times are Tuesday 11.00 am - 1.00 pm and Thursday 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm.

There are collection points at Sainsburys in Penge and on Beckenham Road and at Waitrose at Bromley South.

Address : 66 Lennard Road Penge, SE20 7LX

Tel : 020 8778 7258

Email : hello@livingwell.life

Web : www.livingwell.life

IN THE CHURCH

Sunday 2 May

9.30 am Church
Hall
4.00 pm Church
5.30 pm Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ints of the McDaid & Doherty family
Private Intention
Adoration & Benediction
For the people

Monday 3 May

9.30 am Church
10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

Rosary
Peter Xavier De Souza (anniv)
Wellbeing of Sandra & Mark
Clapson

Tuesday 4 May

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

The English Martyrs Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Dennis Healy RIP
For the intentions and wellbeing of
those who have been abused.

Wednesday 5 May

9.30 am Church
10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria

Rosary
Welfare of Sandy Baron
Timothy Cribbens RIP

Thursday 6 May

10.00 am Church

4.30 pm Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria

Benefactors & promoters of the
Claver Sisters
Reception of body of
Frances Carroll (CLOSED)
Welfare of Silvia Nicole

Friday 7 May

9.30 am Church
10.00 am Church
11.00 am Church
5.00 pm Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria

Rosary
Ints of the Stewarding Team
Requiem of Frances Carroll (CLOSED)
Benediction
Rosemary McWilliams RIP (1st anniv)

Saturday 8 May

10.00 am Church
Confessions 10.40 to 11.00 am and 5.00 pm to 5.50 pm
6.00 pm VIGIL Church

Feria

Augustine Thomas RIP
Ints of Mervyn & Mary Shipsey

Sunday 9 May

9.30 am Church
Hall
5.30 pm Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Joseph Paul Keappock
Fr Paul Sanders RIP
For the people

Some intentions have had to be moved. This is unavoidable and we apologise that we are unable to contact some of those who requested the Masses that have had their date and times changed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is live-streamed each weekday from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.

There will be Benediction every Friday at 5.00 pm and on the fourth Sunday of each month there is Adoration and Benediction from 4.00 pm.

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B Psalter Wk 1

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalms 98
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Your offerings last week amounted **£2713.73**
Thank you

ONLINE GIVING – CORONAVIRUS

Whilst our church is closed the Coronavirus is affecting us materially as well as spiritually. Bills keep coming. A good many parishioners already give via standing order or electronically. This is a real lifeline for the church. If you can pay online, it not only assists with the admin but is also great for social distancing. Our bank details are:

St Edmund's Church
Sort Code: 60-02-12
a/c no: 14282887

To make your regular donations electronically, please click here: <http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/donations/>

Donations can also be given through ChurchSuite via the DONATE option.

During this time when we are all trying to keep safe, our priests would prefer that you do not call at the Presbytery without first making an appointment.

Our clergy can all be contacted by email and by phone (details on the front page).

Fr Ashley's day off is Monday, Fr Steve's is Tuesday and Fr David's is Wednesday.



We pray for those who have died recently: Raymond McGee, Helen Renshaw, Chris Durbin, Anthony Harte, Jeanette Micallef, Frances Carroll and Michael Bradshaw.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Kieran Fuller, Marie-Therese Jameson, Winifred Kourkgy, Nancy Galea, Dani Candasamy, Christopher McNamara, Shirley Lawler, Maureen Hodgson, Roland Doyle-Davidson, Stephen Barry, Rosalita Mamboyo, Gilberte Van Der Steen, Edward Burton, Mary Brown, John Cleary, Barbara Webster, Rosemary McWilliams.

We pray for the sick: Angela, Evelina Armani, Rob Burns, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Mark Clapson, Jorge Corrigan-Zorilla, John Crouch, Niamh Dawson, Giacomo Dillon, Bridget D'Souza, Helga de Souza, Alex Dufort, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Sarah Dunmore, Cecil Dutton, Suzanne Eilbeck, Antonio Ferrara, Felicity, Mary Flood, Flora, Sarah Gallagher, Erika Geddes, Gaetan Goa, Patsy Grey, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Margaret Halpin, Amelia Handy, Michael Harper, John Harrow, Pauline Hatfield, Eileen Hayes, Kathleen Hayes, Lesley Hill, Glen Jack, Honora Johnson, Catherine Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Antony & Richard Kirin, Andrew Kuzan, Rosy Lobo, Rose McDonnell, Mary McGrath, Paul McIndoe, Eddie Mitchell, Salvador Moreno, Barbara Moyce, Robert Moyle, Eva Perjesi, John Quaife, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, David Silk, Siobhan, John Stokoe, Philippa Tolley, Pauline Ullisak, Deborah Walcott-Grappie, Joan, Alfred, Susan & Wendy Waller, Jimmy Walters, Patricia Weal, Sue Wingfield, Terry Woollard and Charlie Wynn.