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of Evangelization.

## ULEZ AND ROMAN CATHOLIC TEACHING



WE ARE in the midst of the *Season of Creation*, a special period of prayer and reflection which the Catholic Church observes from 1 September to 4 October each year.

This year the Holy Father has indicated that he will publish a new letter on care for Creation at the end of the season, following up what he wrote in his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Back then Pope Francis wrote this about pollution in cities: **'The quality of life in cities has much to do with systems of transport, which are often a source of much suffering for those who use them. Many cars, used by one or more people, circulate in cities, causing traffic congestion, raising the level of pollution, and consuming enormous quantities of non-renewable energy. This makes it necessary to build more roads and parking areas which spoil the urban landscape. Many specialists agree on the need to give priority to public transportation.'** (Section 153)

This might well be the first time that pollution from cars was referred to in a papal encyclical: for some people it was one of many things they didn't like about the pope's letter. So many people don't want religious faith, or religious leaders like the pope, to become involved in issues of everyday life: far easier to see religion as a means of escaping from life's problems.

A distant God is much easier to believe in. The season is the best possible time, therefore, to take account of the recent extension of the Ultra Low Emission Zone to Greater London; moreover Catholics, because of what our Church teaches, are the best placed of all citizens to take account of it as well. The pollution caused by car use, especially in cities, is *to do with our religious faith*. This means at the very least that we need to heed the evidence about how much damage is done by pollution to people's health, particularly the health of children or people with conditions like asthma. There are many sources of evidence and places where people can get support - a good one would be the asthma support available through NHS London: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/london-clinical-networks/our-networks/london-babies-children-and-young-peoples-transformation-team/asthma/asthma-campaigns/>. As with everything else connected with the damage we are doing to our planet, the

issues are urgent: they demand critical self-reflection, changes in lifestyle and sacrifices.

Now I know that the extension of ULEZ to outer London boroughs like Bromley raises real challenges for people or institutions (such as our parish school) which have non-compliant vehicles. Central and local government need to fund the transition which we need to make. There are different ways in which cities can reduce the pollution caused by vehicles. But for Catholics the key thing is *take the issue seriously* and, as in other areas, sometimes say things which people don't want to hear. It is essential that we are guided by Church teaching and not by tabloid press campaigns.



### HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

As you will know the bishops lifted the remaining COVID restrictions in relation to the celebration of Mass before Easter - so the physical handshake/hug at the sign of Peace was restored, and so was permission for Holy Communion to be given to the Faithful under both kinds. The clergy team here decided earlier in the summer to begin to restore Holy Communion under both kinds from Advent. Offering the chalice to lay-people has been officially encouraged in this country since 1998, and I think was pioneered in this parish decades ago by Monsignor Strand: alongside this the ministry of lay-people authorised to assist with this has been a great source of strength in this parish, both during Mass and in relation to those who are sick or housebound. Unfortunately since COVID it has not been easy to rebuild our teams of ministers (especially as there have also been delays in getting necessary DBS checks), but we would like those who organise rotas to enable Holy Communion to be given from the chalice from Advent Sunday. There will be new safeguards to minimise the risk of infection; we realise that until the teams are built up again people may have to exercise their ministry more frequently. Of course, no one is under any obligation to receive Holy Communion from the chalice.

Fr Ashley Beck

### **SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING MEETING**

The next meeting to discuss and plan for events in the parish is on Thursday 28 September at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall. All our regular helpers have been contacted but we are happy for anyone with ideas to come along.

### **ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

If you would like a name included in the Anniversary Book, please complete one of the cards that are next to it and leave it on the ledge, from where it will be collected.

### **THANK YOU**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
Sheila and Peter Lake would like to express how grateful they are for the prayers and acts of kindness shown to them while Sheila was ill in hospital.

They were all most gratefully received and as you know Sheila is now making good progress.

A Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

### **MOROCCAN EARTHQUAKE**

Many of us have been distressed by the sufferings of the people of Morocco following the recent earthquake. Some of you will know that a parishioner of ours, Ruth McConkey, used to work for the *Moroccan Childrens Trust*. If you would like to make a donation to help victims of the earthquake here is the link to their website:

<https://moroccanchildrenstrust.org/>

### **LAW SURGERY**

We are pleased to announce the restart of our monthly Law Surgery commencing on Monday 2 October 2023 at 6.00 pm in the **Presbytery**, and every successive first Monday of the month, 6 November and 4 December until the end of this year.

The format remains the same save for the change of venue from No.11 to the Presbytery until further notice. People will be seen on a first come, first served basis with a waiting room facility in the Presbytery.

The service is provided by a local firm of Solicitors who will endeavour to identify a wide range of legal problems and recommend appropriate future action to those in need of legal advice.

We are so grateful to the team for offering their professional services to our parishioners.

You may have noticed the scaffolding at the front of the church. Additional guttering is being installed to cope with the rain which has no where to run off and some of the front elevation needs repointing. This work will address the long standing damp at the front of the church.

### **CARITAS SOUTHWARK BULLETIN**

This diocesan group has published its first bulletin to keep you informed of the work that is being done. There are copies in the porch for those who wish to take one.

### **Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer**

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”.

The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.

Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative, the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

The second collection this Sunday is for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization. This provides the bishops of England & Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

### Formation Days 2023

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
and Lectors of the South East

Saturday 14 October ~ 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Venue: St Stephen's Church,  
26 Deepdene Road, Welling,  
Kent DA16 3QL

Saturday 21 October ~ 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Venue: Bishop Thomas Grant School,  
Belltrees Grove,  
London SW16 2HY

If you are an Extraordinary Minister or a  
Reader please put one of these dates in  
your diary now - you can attend  
whichever session you prefer.



## DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

**Sat 30 September**

St George's Cathedral

Registration for the Annual Diocesan Day  
for Catechists is now taking place.

Catechists are invited to register themselves  
online. The parish will still cover the cost of  
attending.

Please visit the website via this link for all  
the information about the day and to  
register: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23)

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**September 21 - October 26**

**Six Thursday evenings in the Church  
Hall Committee Room from  
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm**

This support group starts shortly.  
For more information ring the parish office  
on (020) 8650 0970.

## BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP RIP

Bishop Howard Tripp's first anniversary of  
death is on 3 October. There will be a  
Year's Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St  
George's Cathedral - the day after, on  
**Wednesday 4 October at 12.30 pm.**  
Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main  
celebrant.

This Mass will be simply the usual lunchtime  
Cathedral Mass, but it was felt important to  
mark Bishop Howard's first anniversary in  
some small way, in the place where he lies  
at rest in the Cathedral crypt.

## SOUTHWARK COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

**AUTUMN ASSEMBLY  
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER  
At St Edmund's**

Entitled 'The Right to Stay: Free to Choose'.  
Entrance is free. Lunch is provided. Everyone  
welcome.

Mass 10.00 am continuing afterwards in the Hall.

Keynote speaker Bishop Paul McAleenan.  
To reserve a place email [justice-  
andpeace@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:justice-andpeace@rcaos.org.uk)

## A JOURNEY IN FAITH

The RCIA course is for those who wish to  
become Catholics or would like simply to learn  
more about the Catholic Faith. We also  
welcome baptised Catholics who would like to  
be confirmed. The course for 2023/24 started  
last Saturday but it is not too late if you would  
like to join us. Our next meeting is on Thursday  
21 September at 7.30 pm in St Edmund's Hall,  
opposite the Church.

You can contact us on [faithhub.28@gmail.com](mailto:faithhub.28@gmail.com).

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

Tinned vegetables

Tea bags

Tinned pulses

Tinned rice pudding

Custard

Toilet paper

Soup

Long-life non dairy milk

Shampoo/shower gel/toothpaste/deodorant

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

Tel : 020 8778 7258

Email : [hello@livingwell.life](mailto:hello@livingwell.life)

Web : [www.livingwell.life](http://www.livingwell.life)

## TIME TO REMEMBER

Princess Royal University Hospital  
Annual Baby Memorial Service  
Sunday 8 October at 2.30 pm  
Holy Innocents Catholic Church, BR6 9UE.  
If you would like to attend please email:  
[kch-tr.annualmemorialservice@nhs.net](mailto:kch-tr.annualmemorialservice@nhs.net)

**MASSES WEEK BEGINNING 17 SEPTEMBER YR A**

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| <b>Sunday 17 Sept</b>                                  |           | <b>Twenty-fourth Sunday</b>   |
| 8.00 am  | Church    | Kathleen Patricia Gallagher   |
| 9.30 am  | Church    | For the people  |
| <b>First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass</b>            |           |   |
| <b>NO FAMILY MASS TODAY</b>                            |           |   |
| 11.00 am   | Church    | Private intention of Jim Conner   |
| 5.30 pm  | Church    | Mrs Catherine Yates RIP   |
| <b>Monday 18 Sept</b>                                  |           | <b>Feria (St Edith of Kemsing)</b>  |
| 10.00 am   | Church    | Dominic Geoghegan RIP   |
| <b>No Adoration</b>                                    |           |   |
| 11.30 am   | Church    | Requiem of Martin Forrest   |
| 6.00 pm  | Church    | Mary Kate & Charles Lennon RIP  |
| <b>Tuesday 19 Sept</b>                                 |           | <b>Feria (St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop)</b>                                |
| 10.00 am   | Church    | Owen Kehoe RIP  |
| 6.00 pm  | Church    | Marianne Martin RIP   |
| <b>Wednesday 20 Sept</b>                               |           | <b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest &amp; Paul Chong Ha-Sang, &amp; Companions</b> |
| 10.00 am   | Church    | Christine Wallner RIP <small>(12th anniv)</small>                               |
| 6.00 pm  | Church    | John & Pat McAvoy RIP   |
| 8.00 pm  | Hall      | Light of Christ Mass  |
| <b>Thursday 21 Sept</b>                                |           | <b>St Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>                                     |
| 10.00 am   | Church    | Wellbeing of Phil Lennon  |
| 6.00 pm  | Church    | John Keane RIP  |
| 8.00 pm  | Claver    | Adoration   |
| <b>Friday 22 Sept</b>                                  |           | <b>Feria</b>  |
| 9.00 am  | St Mary's | Dominic Geoghegan RIP   |
| 10.00 am   | Church    | Lily Beavis & Tony Colonnese RIP  |
| <b>Adoration and Benediction</b>                       |           |   |
| 6.00 pm  | Church    | In thanksgiving - the Ekong Family  |
| <b>Saturday 23 Sept</b>                                |           | <b>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest</b>                               |
| 10.00 am   | Church    | Benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters                                   |
| 6.00 pm  | Church    | Paul Stephens RIP   |
| <b>VIGIL</b>   |           |   |
| <b>Sunday 24 Sept</b>                                  |           | <b>Twenty-fifth Sunday</b>  |
| <b>World Day of Prayer for Migrants &amp; Refugees</b> |           |   |
| 8.00 am  | Church    | For the people  |
| 9.30 am  | Church    | For Milan on his birthday & the well being of his family                        |
| 9.30 am  | Hall      | For migrants & refugees   |
| 11.00 am   | Church    | Maria & Julius Jasiewicz RIP  |
| 5.30 pm  | Church    | Eimear Murphy RIP   |

*Confessions are every Saturday from 10.30 am - 11.00 am and from 5.00 pm - 5.55 pm. There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am.*

**We pray for those who have died:**

Jean Bryan, Martin Forrest, Doreen Jansen.

**We pray for those whose anniversaries are about this time:**

Bill Devlin, Ann Zacaroli, Marisia Nawara, Maria Okafor, Pat McAvoy, Evelina Rettie, John Stoneman, Marion Martin, Patricia English, Paul Stephens, Danuta Eberhardt.

**We pray for all members of our parish, and in particular those suffering from ill health, we pray too for their carers.**

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.

We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.  
Amen

Meditation every Monday (except bank holidays) in the Hall from 5.30 - 6.20 pm. Please respect the need to arrive promptly

**DIARY**

**September**

- Sat/Sun** **Parish Day in Hall**
- 16/17 *No Family Mass this Sunday*
- Wed 27 Funeral Service for Mrs Jean Bryan 11.30
- Thur 28 Social & Fundraising Mtg in Main Hall 7.00 pm
- Sat 30 Diocesan Day for Catechists at Amigo Hall, St Georges Cathedral Please book online asap.  
<https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/iu6nxig8>

**October**

- Sun 1 Collection for Living Well
- Wed 4 Requiem for Doreen Jansen 11.00
- Sat 7 Contemplative Saturday 11am - 12 in the Hall

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Sat 14 Formation Day 10am-4pm St Stephen's Church, Welling
- Sat 21 Formation Day 10am-4pm Bishop Thomas Grant School, Streatham