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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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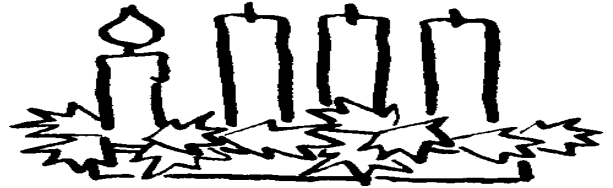
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Parish Newsletter

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First Sunday of Advent



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SUNDAY MASS: 9.30 am and 11.00am. Also Saturday at 6.00 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday at 9.00 am, other Weekdays at 10.00 am.
No Mass on Thursday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 10 am and 8 pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 10.30—11 am & 5.15—5.45 pm and at call.

VARIATIONS: Please see the Weekly Diary for any changes to the above times.

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Father Patrick will be available for parishioner consultations after Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 1.00pm, and then from 4.00 pm until 8.00 pm. It is not necessary to make an appointment to see him at these times. The parish office is open from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**TAKE TIME TO REFLECT THIS ADVENT
(A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PAUL)**

Advent is a special season of the year—and yet it can sometimes pass us by because we've so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them. To sign up, please visit www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

**AN INVITATION TO ALL ST MARGARET'S PARISHIONERS
FROM FATHER LUKE**

Father Luke will be celebrating his 90th birthday on 18th December 2018. To celebrate this event, he will be saying a special Mass in the school chapel of St Philomena's secondary school, Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3PS on Sunday 16th December at 12 noon, followed by a get together and light refreshments in the school hall afterwards. Note we will be using the entrance in Shorts Road SM5 2PB. (Opposite the end of Alma Road). Father Luke looks forward to seeing you there.

WESTMINSTER, SOUTHWARK, BRENTWOOD, ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON DIOCESES are having a day of prayer to communicate a renewed vision for Catholic Charismatic Renewal entitled at St Aloysius Church, Phoenix Rd, Euston, on Saturday 8th December, starting at 11 am and finishing with mass at 3.30 pm.

MINISTERS ROTA

The New Ministers Rota commencing on 20 January 2019 is now being prepared. If there are dates when Ministers are **not available**, please notify Shirley Orbell by Sunday, 9 December 2018.

We are in need of Welcomers, Readers and Linen launderers (small items used at Mass). If you are able and would like to help with any of these ministries, please contact Shirley before 9 December by phone or email via the church office.

SUNDAY COFFEE

We are looking for volunteers to serve coffee after the 9.30am mass on Sunday. It's a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and perhaps form new friendships. You can do it on your own or the whole family can participate. If you spare an hour or so, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with Shirley Orbell and she can add your name to the rota.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2019

Could the parents of children (in Year 3) who would like to make their First Holy Communion, as well as those who are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation (aged 13 years plus) please contact the parish office. This is so that the leaders have an idea of the number of candidates and can use this information to plan their programmes.

We are in the process of organising a joint meeting for parents of First Communion and Confirmation candidates to be held in church on Sunday 16th December at 3.30pm. We should be able to confirm this date by next weekend; please listen out for further announcements by Father Patrick. There will also be a notice on the newsletter dated 9th December 2018.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES LEAFLETS

Can you help by delivering some of our Christmas leaflets to homes around our church? Our aim is to distribute 2000 leaflets this year before Christmas. We need volunteers to deliver bundles of 200 leaflets. The distribution areas are explained on a poster in the meeting area. You can select an area convenient to yourself and then let Geoff Balls know via the Parish email (carshaltonbeeches@rcaos.org.uk)

YOU ARE INVITED TO COFFEE & MINCE PIES ETC

By Anne Dodwell, in aid of St Raphael's Hospice, Cheam and The Manna Day Centre for the Homeless, London Bridge, on Friday 14th December 2018 from 10.30am to 1pm. Please email or phone Parish office for details of Anne's address.

**Diary for the Week STARTING 2 DECEMBER 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SUNDAY	6.00 pm 9.30 am 11.00 am	Saturday (Vigil) Mass Family Mass Holy Mass
MONDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass
TUESDAY	9.00 am 8.00 pm	Holy Mass The Renewal Home Group
WEDNESDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am 4.15 pm 8.00 pm	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass followed by Coffee Club Intercessionary Weekly Prayer meeting (please contact Parish Office for details) The Bible Study Home Group
THURSDAY	No Mass today 10.00 am 7.30 pm	St Margaret's Mums & Toddlers Folk Group Rehearsal
FRIDAY	9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer & Adoration Holy Mass
SATURDAY	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Mass First Mass of Sunday

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Bible Sunday: Please bring your Bible with you as there will be BLESSING OF BIBLES at all Masses.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH on 8th/9th December after all masses. This collection **does qualify** for Parish Gift Aid so please use a 'spare' Parish Gift Aid envelope.

READERS

At one time the priest who celebrated Mass would read everything. Now we are fortunate in that we can be more involved in the celebration of Mass. One way we can participate is by doing one of the readings during the service. This is a vital and wonderful ministry that can help deepen and enhance our faith. This Youth Sunday we would like to focus on young people and send a special invitation to all who have received their First Communion to become a reader. If you are interested, please ask your parent to contact the Parish Office on your behalf.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Invitations to the above were mailed on 21st and 23rd November. If you are retired, but have **not yet received** an invite, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible

EPSOM & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOCIATION'S next dance is on 14th December 2018 at Rhodrons Club, Rhodrons Avenue, Chessington K19 1BA from 8.30pm to 11.30pm, phone 0208 397 2683 for more details.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Graham Wright (Roz Wright's husband), Connie Harrington, (Lynn Pougher's mother), Angel Bridi, John Ryan (Richard Thomson's brother-in-law), Steven Conroy, Anne Pelham & Paul Field (Father Kevin's sister-in-law & Nephew), Mike Nolan, Laura Bannon (Mia's Mother), Stephen Martin, Joe Ryan, Juliana Amaral, Nina Greenoak & Lauren Horwood (Juliana's granddaughters) Matthew Nelson (Ken's son), Peter Bushell (Marian Thurley's nephew), Jackie Sweeney & Ray Sweeney (Ita Haines' sister-in-law's sister-in-law & son-in-law), Liz Beddoe (Lynn Pougher's sister-in-law), Nora Chapman and Angela Kelly.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Terry Connor, Elizabeth Lamacraft, Serafina Hoskin (Rocco Giannetta's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Albert Tomei, John Doherty, Will Sadowski, Alan Price, Nora Barron, Albert Webb (Lynn Pougher's grandfather) Douglas Angus (Fr. Barry's brother) Eileen Killick (Paula Scatchard's mother) Kathleen Rush (Phyllis Cavey's mother) Daryl Thomson (Richard's brother) Vincent Tierney (Bride Stokes' brother) Sheila Quigley (Mike's sister-in-law) Andrew Coelho, Doris Reeves (Peter Begley's aunt) Kevin Donovan (Fr Kevin's friend) Charley Hickey, William Ward, Nicky O'Neill, Daniel Begley, Sarah McCormack, Elizabeth Donovan, Victor Roffey, Richard Milward, Dolly Borrett, Mercy Chrystopher (Grace Singarajah's sister) Margaret Rands, Faith Smith (Rowena Biden-Osborne's niece) Catherine Squires, Dagmar Staller and Lola Lobo (Una Pinto's sister)

LAST SUNDAY: Last Sunday's attendance was 200 and the Offertory came to £581.79 shared between £179.82 in loose money and £401.97 in Gift Aid envelopes. The Catholic Youth Collection came to £202.05 shared between 124.87 in loose money and £77.18 Giftaided Many thanks.

SAINT MARGARET'S ALMANAC

9th December	BIBLE SUNDAY: BLESSING OF BIBLES AT ST MARGARET'S
12th December	SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON
17th December	ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE (7.30 pm)
23rd December	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (JOINT SERVICE WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AT 5.00 pm)
18th to 25th January 2019	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY*
27th May 2019	PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD
16th June 2019	FIRST COMMUNION
23rd June 2019	FIRST COMMUNION (ADDITIONAL/ALTERNATE DATE)
13th July 2019	CONFIRMATION

***SERVICE** At All Saints, Carshalton on 24th January 2019, details to follow

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.