

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

NEWSLETTER

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

Mass Book Page 140
1st Reading Genesis 2: 18-24

2nd Reading Hebrews 2: 9-11
Gospel Mark 10:2-16



MARRIAGE IS THE BOND OF UNITY

In marriage, a husband and wife form a unity, according to God's plan from the very beginning. A Christian marriage can be a witness to the world of the self-giving love of Christ.

← What God has united, man must not divide.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

The Mission of Religious - That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat 6 th	6:30 ^{pm}	Deceased member of the Ingram family	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 7 th	9.30 ^{am}	Arthur Donnelly RIP	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Our Lady of the Rosary
	11.00 ^{am}	Mr John Black RIP	
	2.00^{pm}	Walk and Picnic in Mayow P.Oark	
Mon 8 th	9.30 ^{am}		
Tue 9 th	9.30 ^{am}	School Harvest Festival Mass	
Wed 10 th	9.30 ^{am}		
Thu 11 th	9.30 ^{am}		
Fri 12 th	9.30 ^{am}		
Sat 13 th	9.00 ^{am} 9.30 ^{am}	Morning Prayer & Exposition People of the Parish	Saint Edward the Confessor
	6:30 ^{pm}	John & Julie Tierney RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 14 th	9.30 ^{am}		28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Saint Callistus
	11.00 ^{am}		

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PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our blue "Prayers for Wellbeing", and black "Prayers of Remembrance" books are located at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

Confession times are: Monday - Friday • 9am, Saturday • 9am & 6pm, Sunday • 9am, and by appointment.

COLLECTIONS

<i>Last Week</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
£391 not Gift Aided £357 Gift Aided £300 Standing Order Gift Aided £339 Parish Development Fund	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	Parish Development Fund

WALK & PICNIC IN THE PARK AT 2^{PM} ON 7TH OCTOBER

Sponsorship forms are available outside Church at each weekend Mass. If you can't join us on the day, then please sponsor Fr Regis. This year we will be holding the event at Mayow Park.

SECONDARY SCHOOL 2019

Fr Regis is available to sign Secondary School Supplementary Information forms every Monday between 3^{pm}-7^{pm}, and on other days by appointment.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB EVENTS

We are appealing for photos of the club for our 50th celebration. If anyone has old photos of the club we can borrow to put up a display in October when we celebrate 50 years of existence it would be great. We promise to look after them and return them in November.

Thursday 1st November - We have the Dualers (Tyber and Pete) back for the last time in the Club. Tickets are £12 each and are available now to purchase from the club.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS

The annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Bell Tree Grove, SW16 2HY on **Saturday 17th November 2018**. Forms to attend this event are available from the presbytery, for those who have not already received them via email.

LEWISHAM DEANERY SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

The theme of the next leg of our Spiritual Pilgrimage is **Mary the Signpost to Jesus**, on Thursday 11th October 7.30pm-8.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Sangley Road, Catford.

We invite you to bring an image/statue of Mary that has a special meaning for you, which we can display during our Prayer Service. After the Prayer Service please join with other members of the Deanery for refreshments in Hartley Hall.

HARVEST FAST DAY

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give, to help people like Longora who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat simply - perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal - and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Your Fast Day envelope is attached to this newsletter.

Please Give Generously, Thank You

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones whom we will remember at Masses throughout November. As from this weekend there will be a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you want remembered. Please write their names in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, as we will enter them in our November Remembrance Book.

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

After Mass next weekend - 13th/14th October - we will be collecting food donations for those less fortunate in our area.

At the end of each mass there will be an opportunity to bring donations of food to the altar for the Lewisham Food bank in Forest Hill and LewCAS Lewisham Churches for Asylum Seekers in Lewisham Way.

We suggest:- long life or powdered milk, tea, coffee, sugar(500g), cartons of fruit juice, pasta sauces, cooking oil, cereals, tinned sponge pudding, instant mashed potato, jam, rice/pasta, tins of meat soup, canned meat-not pork, fish, vegetables, fruit, biscuits, snack bars/treats, custard, toiletries, toilet rolls, disposable razors, shaving foam and Christmas pudding.

ADOREMUS

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

We were invited by Fr Regis to attend the Congress in Liverpool over the weekend of 7th - 9th September, 2018. We have been members of the parish for 21 years and both play an active part in the life of the parish. Having said that, we both felt sceptical about the Congress weekend, not really knowing what it would entail and what would be expected of us.

The weekend was a story of two halves, the first day being very dry and almost academic in its content, with seemingly little or no relevance to our lives, the life of the parish or our school. We were left at the end of the day feeling underwhelmed and uninspired. The second day, however, was completely different. It was much more uplifting and inspiring, with two fantastic keynote speeches from Bishop Robert Barron and a series of talks/discussions given by lay people from across the country, their stories showing how the Word of God is being lived in 21st Century. In particular the chat show style interviews with young Catholics highlighted how they discovered Christ in their lives. It was encouraging to hear them speaking about their experiences with such joy and pride. On reflection it seems that the church needs to support young people to find their own paths to their faith.

At the end of the weekend we felt privileged to have been part of the Congress and understood that the first day gave some context to the second day. We understood that there is a theological side as well as a practical side to the Eucharist and that to fully understand the Eucharist one needs to be aware of its deeper meaning, but we felt that if our parish and school and community could remember that love is at the heart of the Eucharist then perhaps the deeper understanding would follow.

The keynote speeches from Bishop Robert Barron were the highlight of the Congress. They were thought provoking, inspirational and gave us a new perspective on our faith. They have given us things to reflect on a daily basis, particularly around the 3 paths (2nd Keynote speech). They gave us a deeper appreciation of the mass and helped us to understand that the mass is an invitation from our Lord to share a meal with him.

We would highly recommend that you watch the videos of the keynote speeches. They can be found on www.catholicnews.org.uk. The links will also be on the parish website.

The weekend ended with the celebration of Mass at Liverpool Cathedral.

Barbara & Phil Cavanagh

Keynote 1 - <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Congress-Day/Bishop-Barron-1>

Keynote 2 - <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Congress-Day/Bishop-Barron-2>

SPUC - ABORTION BILL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has produced postcards, which are at the back of the Church, so that you can send a message to your MP urging them to vote against a **dangerous abortion bill** which is coming up in the House of Commons on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018**.

The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A JOURNEY IN THE FAITH (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The next course for those Interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, or for those who wish to become Catholics, will start at the beginning of October. If you would like more information please contact Fr Regis on: **0208 778 9460** or by email to: stphilip-neri@btinternet.com

PRISONER'S SUNDAY

Next week 14th - 20th our focus is "Boldly Go". As a community we reinforce the message of hope, for those who press on in the face of adversity, no matter how seemingly great or small. Hope after all is both a core Christian precept and a fundamental human value, and the seed from which positive change can grow.

Please do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

During Mass, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.