



PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART

PARISH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK IN THE CARE OF THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

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14th April 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

First Holy Communion Programme

Heart Speaks to Heart Communion Programme resumes this weekend after the 11.30am Mass and continues each Sunday from now until end of May.

Marriage Course

Marriage Preparation course begins on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm for those couples who have registered. A reminder to couples intending to marry in the church that they are required to give at least six months' notice of an intention to marry and they are required under Church law to attend a course of marriage preparation in the parish or with the Diocese.

Some couples may be married in a civil ceremony or in another religious ceremony which was not in a Catholic church. These marriages are not recognised by the Catholic Church. However, There are ways of regularising this situation. Any couple who wish to do this should make an appointment with either Fr Peter or Deacon Michael to discuss what they need to do.

A reminder that a Catholic is obliged to be married according to the Catholic Form of Marriage, that is in a Catholic Church, before a Priest or a Deacon and with two witnesses. Marriages in exotic locations or in a marriage venue are not recognised by the church.

RCIA

The RCIA meetings resume this Tuesday 16th April at 7pm in the Parish Centre

Musicians Rehearsals

Every Wednesday at 7pm in the church

Weekly collections

Last weeks first collection came to £782.48
The second collection for the Parish Renovation Fund came to £508.73
A great thank you for your generosity

Priest Training Fund Second Collection 21st April

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church



Thank you to all those who collected their Missio boxes. If you would like to donate to Missio by bank transfer or standing order, please email Hilary hilary174@icloud.com who will send you details

Hospital Admissions

For those who may be going into Hospital: Please let the parish know if you are going into hospital, or if you have to be admitted suddenly ask a member of the family to let the parish know so as we can contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain in the hospital to alert them of your presence. This will then enable you to receive Holy Communion and attend Mass during your stay. Sadly, on so many occasions the parish is only informed after the person has left hospital, and hence there was no visit from the Chaplain. It is also good for your family members to inform the Hospital that their loved one is a Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain. Please make sure you say the Roman Catholic Chaplain

Funerals

Arranging a Funeral. We have had a few situations recently where long-standing parishioners, who have moved away from the parish or have been in nursing homes have just had a funeral service without the presence of a Catholic Priest or Deacon. Please make sure that clear instructions are left to family members that as a Catholic, you would want a Catholic Funeral. It is very sad, as has happened recently when a faithful parishioner who was at Mass each week did not have a church funeral but instead the family arranged a "Secular Funeral" with a Funeral celebrant without any reference to the local Catholic church or parish. Please make sure instructions are left clearly as to your wishes.

Do Bosco Parish in Maridi, South Sudan

These are the latest photos we have received from Fr Michael the parish priest in Maridi. The photos show Fr Michael blessing the foundations for the new chapel at one of the parish outstations. It's raining heavily because the rainy season has begun, but the hope is that the construction of the new chapel will begin soon using the bricks made during the dry season.

This work has been made possible through the support of our parishioners who gave so generously towards the fundraising appeal. Thank you once again .



Schools return for the Summer term this week,

We wish all those returning to school, Staff and students a very blessed and happy Summer Term. We remember in our prayers all those who will be taking Public Exams in the next few weeks and those returning to University in the next few days.

Father David Standley RIP

Many parishioners may remember Fr David Standley, who was the PP at St Vincent de Paul, Battersea Altenburg Gardens for a number of years. Fr David Died before Easter. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark on Thursday 25th April at 10am

DAY OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL

given by Canon Gerard Bradley

For Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who weren't able to make the Advent event.

Saturday 27th April at St Catherine of Siena Church Chessington Begins with Holy Mass at 10.30 – Ends at 3pm Lunch provided.

Numbers please to Fr Peter Sebastian petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

The Parish Agenda	Mass Times, Intentions, Parish Events & Notes
Saturday 13th April St Martin, Pope. Martyr.	10.00am Mass 5.30-6pm Lectio Divina 7pm Mass
Sunday 14th April 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Mass People of the Parish 11.30am Mass George Donald anniversary RIP 12.30 First Holy Communion Programme
Monday 15th April	10am Mass Primary School Applicants 10.30am Stitching Together 7pm Marriage Course
Tuesday 16th April	10am Mass Natalina Mariano anniversary RIP 7pm RCIA
Wednesday 17th April	10am Mass Sr Mary Frances FMA birthday intention 7pm Musicians Rehearsal
Thursday 18th April	10.00am Mass Michael Whyte 12th year anniversary RIP 7pm-8pm Animated Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 19th April	10am Mass Norah and Ned Walsh anniverssary RIP 10.30am Adoration
Saturday 20th April	10.00am Mass People of the Parish 5.30-6pm Lectio Divina 7pm Mass Kitty Jacobson RIP
Sunday 21st April 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am Mass George, Julianna and Mabel Kennedy RIP 11.30am Mass Michael and Joh Bell anniversary RIP 12.30 First Holy Communion Programme

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