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Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

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Parish & School News

Thank you for your contribution to the Parish collection: **this Sunday we hold a second collection for the annual contribution for Poor Parishes:** this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer Parishes in the Diocese. Thank you for giving what you can. Any monies donated last week via Gift Aid envelope have been saved for this weekend. Apologies for the mix-up of Sundays through the Leap Year, but **next Sunday a Second Collection will be taken for the annual CAFOD Family Fast Day. Thank you.**

Archbishop John writes: It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Archbishop Peter Smith, our beloved Archbishop Emeritus, died peacefully just before midnight yesterday, Friday 6 March 2020, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Chelsea having received the sacraments and prayers of the Church. Archbishop Peter's illness progressed very quickly following his diagnosis of cancer just a few weeks ago. He was a much loved brother, uncle, and friend; a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Rector of St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Bishop of East Anglia, Archbishop of Cardiff and Archbishop of Southwark until his retirement in July 2019. While Archbishop of Southwark, he also served from 2014-2015 as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Our gift to Archbishop Peter now is to pray for the repose of his soul, and to remember prayerfully his family, friends and loved ones at their time of loss. In a ministry that spanned almost fifty years, Archbishop Peter made an outstanding contribution to the Catholic Church across three dioceses, and nationally through his service on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Most importantly, he was a disciple who witnessed to Christ with straightforward, splendid faith and radiant joy. Together with the other dioceses in which Archbishop Peter served, we mourn him with enormous affection and deep gratitude for all he gave so willingly and selflessly to so many people. We now entrust our friend and brother to the Lord whom he served with such faithfulness, generosity and gentleness. May Archbishop Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sunday Masses: 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

8th - 15th March 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 1st March

Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support as these sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.** If you are a UK tax-payer and would like information on Gift Aid, Standing Order or Planned Giving for non-tax payers, please email the Parish Office. Parish Collection £584 Standing Order £400 Total: £984
Monthly Parish Care & Maintenance Fund £370

Following last week's annual Gift Aid appeal, thank you again to all our parishioners who donate either by Gift Aid envelope or standing order. If you missed the annual Gift Aid appeal on 1st March and you are a new parishioner who would like to support the scheme, then please contact Fr Adrian who can put you in contact with our parish Gift Aid organiser. If you are an existing Gift Aid donor using envelopes, then can you please collect your new box from the back of church ahead of the new tax year. **For our existing parishioners who donate by Gift Aid through Standing Order alone, a smaller selection of the 2nd Collection envelopes are available under your initial and surname.** We will be ordering separate envelopes for the monthly Parish Care Collection which can also be used for Planned Giving by parishioners who don't pay UK tax: more information will follow in due course, thank you.

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communion children who celebrated their 'First Confession' in the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday. There is a small break of over a week now, with the next Sunday group meeting at 5pm on Sunday 22 March.

Confirmation news: Bishop Paul Hendricks has said he will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year so applications will open in June. More details to follow.

Altar Servers rota

Sunday 08th Mar. Team 1 Sunday 15th Mar. Team 2
Sunday 22nd Mar. Team 1 Sunday 29th Mar. Team 2
Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday 5 April and
Easter Vigil/Sun 5/12 April from both teams please.
Sunday 19th Apr. Team 1 Sunday 26th Apr. Team 2
**Servers are asked to practice before each Mass so
please ensure that you turn up in BLACK SHOES at
least twenty minutes before Mass begins, thank you.**

Devotions During Lent: To encourage the opportunity of Lenten Devotions before Mass, a shorter form of the Stations of the Cross, suitable for families, will be celebrated each Sunday until 29 March. When the church is open, individuals are welcome to pray longer versions of the Stations privately and families may like to pray together at home via
<https://media.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-eng/stations-eng.html>

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

8th – 15th March 2020

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| Sunday 8 th | 9.30am | Ed & Claire Bellasis [Foundation Mass] |
| 2 nd Sunday of Lent Yr A (p. 155-157) | 11.00am | Catherine O'Brien RIP |
| | 6.00pm | Stations of the Cross (Shorter Form) |
| | 6.30pm | The needs of our Parish Family |
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| Monday 9 th (Feria) | 9.30am | Fred Bowden RIP |
| Tuesday 10 th (Feria) | No Mass | NB the church and Office are closed today |
| Wednesday 11 th (Feria) | 9.30am | James Prentice |
| Thursday 12 th (Feria) | 9.30am | Peter Raggett RIP |
| Friday 13 th (Feria) | 9.30am | Christine Head [Foundation Mass] |
| Saturday 14 th (Feria) | 9.30am | Thomas Mostyn [Foundation Mass] |
| Sunday 15 th | 9.30am | The needs of our Parish Family |
| 3 rd Sunday of Lent Yr A (p. 158-164) | 11.00am | Private Intention [Brown] |
| | 6.00pm | Stations of the Cross (Shorter Form) |
| | 6.30pm | Anne Quinn |
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Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

The sick and house bound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them in our prayers at every Mass.

Please remember all the sick of our Parish, those who care for them and those in any kind of need. **Individual names of the sick can be written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistery.**

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

Luke 10:20

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Rev. Peter Smith, Vera Ducker, John Moore, Teresa Kirby, Josephine Veglio, Reginald Ralph, Fred Bowden and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

The names of those who have died are taken from the Death Register, if you would like to include in prayer an individual whose funeral did not occur here please list their name on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued **NEW** guidelines about the Coronavirus alert which can be downloaded online <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf> The UK Government guidelines can be downloaded via: www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

- As should be our ordinary practice, it is important that anyone with cold or flu symptoms (or cold sore etc.) should refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only.
- Ministers of the Eucharist should sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion. This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel. **At St Mary Magdalen's alcohol hand rub is used before and after giving Holy Communion.**
- The Bishops' now request that **the Blessed Sacrament should be received on the hand only**. Although we have no cases locally, concern expressed amongst parish members has meant that only the Blessed Sacrament will be distributed during Holy Communion. The sign of Peace may still be given according to individual preference at the moment, but please use the alcohol hand rub next to the single-use Holy Water dispenser at the entrance.

Please note: Next Tuesday, 17th March there will be Mass at 7pm for the Feast of St Patrick.

