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Sunday 28th January 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(YEAR B)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 28th January 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

Racial Justice Sunday

6.15pm (Saturday 27th January 2024)

Mary & Joseph Vassallo RIP

8.30am Zdzislaw Sass RIP

(Coffee after this Mass)

10am For Journey Mercy (Aluha family)

(Coffee after this Mass) (First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

11.30am Thanksgiving – Joyce Ippoliti

(Hymn Choir)

(Coffee after this Mass)

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish & Racial Justice

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 29th January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Canon Francis Moran RIP

10am Intentions of Germain Burton

Tuesday 30th January 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Fr Paul Saunders RIP

10am For the return of lapsed Catholics

Wednesday 31st January 2024 (Mem)

Saint John Bosco, Priest

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Cecilia Clark RIP (84th birthday)

Thursday 1st February 2024 (Feria)

7.30am Fr Edeghonghon John

Ehichioya RIP

10am Christopher Aliefteh RIP

First Friday 2nd February 2024 (Feast)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Candlemas – Blessing of throats

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Ildiberto Dias Gomes RIP

Then Adoration until Benediction at 2pm.

7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the hall

Saturday 3rd February 2024 (Mem)

Saint Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop

10am Raffaella Forte RIP

Sunday 4th February 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YEAR B

6.15pm (Saturday 3rd February 2024)

People of the parish

8.30am Chidi Frank Collins RIP

10am Nora & Miah Moynihan RIP

11.30am Iris Bryan RIP

(Polyphony Choir)

4pm Benediction

5pm For all victims of war and violence

FATHER DEO'S RETURN

Fr Deo's flight was delayed until yesterday. He should be back in circulation by tomorrow.

NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;*

Monday – Saturday: 10am;

**Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass, until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.*

**Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);*

8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.

Adoration & Benediction:

Mon – Sat 9.30am

(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)

**Rosary: Monday – Saturday*

after 10am Mass

Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm

(Stations of the Cross during Lent)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK,

THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENT

& THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiery,

Anita Blaquiery, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman, Gerard Cowie,

Jean Cowie, John DeWaal, Audrey Draude,

Terry Folorunso, Giovanni Franco,

Rachel Gadd, Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Andrew McMillan

Margaret McSharry, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Mary Meyern, Elsy Mickle,

Thomas Pereira, Terezinha Po,

Sheila Price, Angel Rojas, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Peter Sequeira,

Christine Shaughnessy, Fr David Standley,

Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise, Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ,

Georgette Yoo Foo.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Raffaella Forte**,

widow of Raffaele Forte and mother of

Miranda Forte. Raffaella died on

Friday 19th January 2024, aged 86.

Funeral details to follow.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

After all morning Masses.

Please pop over to the hall and enjoy refreshments whilst mingling with your fellow parishioners. If you would like to be involved in some way with future coffee mornings, please speak to a member of the team or leave your details with the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next session, *for children only* takes place next Saturday 3rd February 2024 at St James the Great School from 10am – 11am. Please refer to your programme schedule.

PLEASE WOULD ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ENSURE THAT THEY GO TO THE SACRISTY THIS AND EVERY SUNDAY DURING THE PROGRAMME TO REGISTER FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN.

More dedicated catechists are required for future years. Please contact Fr Deo or Teresa Furtado if you are interested in volunteering your help.

CONFIRMATION:

Our next Confirmations will take place in **2025**, and the programme will be announced at a later date.

Organising the catechesis for this Sacrament is a massive undertaking, and relies on us having sufficient catechists to help deliver it. Much work needs to be done in order that we may continue to deliver a comprehensive programme going forward. If you are interested in becoming a Catechist, please speak to Father Deo or Deacon Ged.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and on our parish web site for information as and when it arises.

RECENT COLLECTION

21st January 2024

Basket: £1152.73;

Gift Aid: £617.42; Non G/A: £535.31

SUNDAY MASS COVER TODAY

We welcome and thank

Fr Tam Nguyen Van c.s., from the Italian Mission, who will be saying the 10am & 11.30am Masses today.

THE SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and
become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance
to all those you are calling to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. May
those called hear your voice and respond wholeheartedly
to become the person you created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of your Son,
Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,
so that we may love you more deeply and
serve you more faithfully.

We ask this through Christ, Your son,
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday - 14th February 2024.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day – Friday 23rd February 2024

Palm Sunday – 24th March 2024;

Maundy Thursday - 28th March 2024;

Good Friday - 29th March 2024;

Holy Saturday - 30th March 2024;

Easter Sunday – 31st March 2024.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

The Lent Fast Day will be Friday 23rd February 2024.

This year's appeal focuses on Fishers of fish
As opposed to fishers of people.

Also included in the appeal is an invitation to take part in a
sponsored walk of 200km in 40 days, which equates to 5km
a day. The collection for the Lent Fast Day takes place on
Sunday 25th February 2024, with special envelopes being
available shortly. Please see: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT AYLESFORD PRIORY

Please see the poster in the main porch regarding this event.
It takes place from Friday 23rd February to Sunday 25th
February 2024. The theme is exploring how to become
evangelising disciples. Please let Father Deo know as soon
as possible if you are interested in attending.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next course will take place on

Saturdays 20th April and 27th April 2024 at 2.30pm.

If you have not attended a course in the past three years,
you will need to sign up. You must attend both sessions.

Godparents are welcome to attend the second session in
particular. Please note that if prospective Godparents do not meet
the requirements laid down by the Church, they may only
participate as Witnesses to Baptism. Ideally, there should be a
Godfather and a Godmother, though where this is not possible,
there must be at least one Godparent.

Please pick up a Baptism Details Form from the main porch,
complete it and return it to the parish office. A date for Baptism
may be chosen following the course. Baptisms take place most
Sundays of the year at 1pm.

PLEASE HELP THE SVP

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED FOREIGN CURRENCY OR OLD STERLING NOTES AND COINS?

The SVP can gain some value from old notes and coins,
including legacy European currencies and old Sterling.
The proceeds all count towards the funding they need in order to
deliver help to those in need, and their work is all the more vital
and urgent during the present economic climate. If you would
like to join the SVP, please get in touch with the parish office.

If you know of anybody in need, just drop a note into the
presbytery, marking the envelope "SVP", and contact will then
be made confidentially in due course.

A DAY WITH MARY

Please see posters in the main porch for details of
forthcoming Day with Mary events, including their forthcoming
pilgrimage to Fatima.

SPUC JOB OPPORTUNITY

Please see the folder in the porch for details of the position of a
full time Administration Assistant, based in Kennington,
London SE11. Full details and application forms may be
obtained by email: lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk;
Closing date is Friday 9th February 2024

FLOWERS

We thank you for your continued generosity in providing funds
to help our devoted floral arrangers to beautify the church,
particularly for major Feasts and Solemnities. The cost of
flowers has risen dramatically in recent times, and we hope very
much that you will continue to help us to purchase them. There
is a special wall box in the main porch marked "FLOWERS",
into which you are kindly asked to make your donations.

THE RETURN OF THE FAMILY CHOIR

Please contact Louis Pearson to register your interest:
Louispearson1992@live.com or call 07931 792254.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This March, we celebrate the first anniversary of Caritas
Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John will
celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday
16th March 2024 at 12.30pm. Further details in due course.

ITEMS ON NOTICEBOARDS

If you would like something to be placed on the noticeboards,
please ask Father Deo or send your item to the parish office.
Please refrain from putting up any posters or depositing any
leaflets without having first checked with the clergy.
Also, kindly refrain from moving posters around.