

----- Saturday 18th February	10am	Catarina Fernandes RIP
	6pm	Bernadette Marchetti Ints
Sunday 19th February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	Julia Okon RIP
Monday 20th February		No Mass
Tuesday 21st February St Peter Damian	10am	Leslie Dancer RIP
Wednesday 22nd February ASH WEDNESDAY	10am	Liana Lloyd RIP
	7pm	Mr and Mrs Fernandes Wellbeing
Thursday 23rd February St Polycarp	10am	Elsie Cornally RIP
Friday 24th February	10am	Abina Dale RIP and Michael Dale
	10:30 to 1pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30 (Latin Mass)	Mr and Mrs Coleridge
Saturday 25th February	10am	Mary Janaway Birthday
	6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th February First Sunday in LENT	10am	Chrystal Lepel
	5:30pm	Magdalena and Gerard Oberding RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:
Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, James Gledhill, Florisa Di Valentino, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Paul Gismondi, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Anthony Lydekker, Jason Moreno and Josephine Moreno.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Together the Catholic parishes of Barnes, East Sheen, Ham, Kew, Mortlake, Putney, Richmond, Roehampton and Wimbledon Common form Mortlake Deanery.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week
Sunday's offering was £707.30
Standing Orders £400
Contactless Donations £222.00
Total £1329.30
Fr Philip's Anniversary Collection £790.70

Thank you for your generosity

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
Tel: 020 8788 7420

Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
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PARISH VOUCHER SYSTEM

Those people who will require a school reference when applying to a Catholic School need to participate in this. By signing the vouchers the parish keeps a record of your mass attendance which is referred to when signing school reference forms.

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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How are we to react when someone is unkind to us, or even worse, causes us harm of some kind? How are we to react to those who do evil to us? Jesus answers those questions in the first half of the Gospel today. (Matt 5:38-42) Jesus says we are not to take revenge. Just as last Sunday, when Jesus took Old Testament teaching and moved it beyond externals (Matt 5:21-37), today Jesus again takes Old Testament teaching and gives it deeper meaning. Today, concerning revenge, Jesus quotes the Old Testament, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." (Ex 21:24; Lev 24:20; Deut 19:21). Originally the law of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth was meant to ensure that punishment for a crime was not excessive, that the punishment suited the crime. But as time went by, people began to use "eye for eye" as a way to justify their own actions, in other words, to justify revenge. In reaction to this, Jesus responds, "But I say to you" and gave examples of non-retaliation. So, Jesus is saying to us to consciously control feelings of revenge. Violence is not the Christian response to violence. When Peter cut off the right ear of the high priest's servant in Gethsemane (John 18:10), Jesus healed his ear (Luke 22:49). I once heard of a parent whose child was causing problems. The parent responded lovingly and said to the child, "I will love the sin out of you!" It seems to me that this is a helpful way to understand the non-retaliation Jesus requests in the Gospel today. How are we to react when someone is unkind to us, or even worse, causes us harm of some kind? How are we to react to those who do evil to us? We are to love the sin out of them. Not "eye for eye" but "love for eye."

How are we to react to those who do not like us, to those who hate us, to those who are our enemies? To answer this, Jesus takes a second Old Testament quotation in the second half of Gospel today and deepens it (Matt 5:43-48). He said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'" (Matt 5:43) The Old Testament said to love one's neighbour, as we heard in our first reading (Lev 19:18). There is no explicit statement in the Old Testament to hate your enemy but that was a common understanding by Jesus' time. Jesus responds to that, "But I say to you" and he gives examples of the Christian way of loving. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matt 5:44) Previously Jesus asked not to take revenge and now in this teaching, Jesus goes a step further and says we are not only not to retaliate, but to go beyond that and wish our enemies well.

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

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PARISH NEWS

Celebrating Fr Philip's 25th Ordination Anniversary

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR KIND GIFTS TO FR PHILIP FOR HIS ANNIVERSARY AND TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION



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A Day reflection on St Joseph for his feast, Saturday 18th March, starts 10am.

The parish council asked for a day of reflection in Lent with the theme of St Joseph, the day will consist of Mass, talk on St Joseph and adoration, starting at 10am with Mass and finishing approx. 1.30pm. Do come along.

Clergy Support Fund - Second Collection Next Sunday 26th February

Next week we will be holding the Clergy Support Fund second Collection. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people.

As you leave Mass today you will be offered a Clergy Support Fund envelope. A donation to this fund will ensure a dignified retirement for all our priests.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elsie Cornally who passed away recently

CHURCH CLEANING

There will be Church cleaning every **1ST** and **3RD TUESDAY** of the month at 11 am. Please do come and help. Many thanks

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 19th February 200 CLUB

1	127	Natascha Crundwell-Uberbacher
2	49	Madeleine Archbold

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com or phoning **07708632289**

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p. Please speak to: **John O' Reilly 07977 538671.**

LOURDES by AIR - 5 - 9 June 2023 5 Days £560

Fr Philip is leading a pilgrimage to Lourdes. The package includes Return flights inc. taxes. 23kg bag in hold, 4 nights in 4* hotel on half board, Lourdes city tax, guided tours and a daily pilgrimage program.

Extras: Single room supplement (£30 x 4 nights = £120), compulsory travel insurance, snacks and drinks, optional excursion, entrance fees and any other costs of a personal nature.

If you would like to come a deposit of £200 per person is required.

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