

Saturday 9th September St Peter Claver	10am Peter Lee RIP 6pm Teresa Strolla and Michael Mager
Sunday 10th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Elsie Cornally RIP 5.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 11th September	No Mass
Tuesday 12th September The Name of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary	10am Mary Janaway Ints
Wednesday 13th September St John Chrysostam	10am Private Intention
Thursday 14th September	10am John King RIP
Friday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows	10am Steven Feeley RIP 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Ethan Andrew Ramirez
Saturday 16th September St Cornelius and St Cyprian	10am Fr James B Hurley RIP 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 17th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am Mary Doyle RIP 5:30pm Lucy Blades Birthday Ints

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

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 £661.18
 Standing Orders £400
 Contactless £144
 Total £1105.18

Thank you for your generosity

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 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6AD
 Tel: 020 8788 7420
 Head Teacher: Jeremy Tuke BA Hons PGCE
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This is a School Voucher Sunday

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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
GOSPEL REFLECTION

St. Matthew 18:15-20. Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying : "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbours' need.

There are, alas, millions of lapsed or lukewarm Christians who could and would have been active members of Christ's mystical body if their neighbours had fulfilled this grave obligation which Christ has imposed on us all. They are now a source of scandal to the weaker and youthful members of the Church, and an impediment to the possible acceptance of the faith by non-Christians. Would the Reformation, which has caused whole countries of the western world to lose almost all faith in Christ and indeed in God, have had such disastrous effects, if those who remained within the Church had put this law of fraternal charity into practice? However, it is no use crying over spilt milk! Let us see our present-day obligations and what we are doing to help our neighbours retain their Christian faith and practice. How much of the indifference to religion which the youth of today seems to be showing is due to lack of parental control and example? How many children of Christian families grow up as practical pagans because their Christian faith meant little or nothing to their parents? It is in the home that the religion of the next generation is firmly established or lost. When parents are loyal to their faith in their daily lives, their children will, as a rule, be loyal to it too; where parents are careless and lax their children will be still more careless and more lax.

Parents! the first neighbours and fellow Christians whom you must kindly and charitably correct are your own children. Their future salvation and your own too will depend on how well you fulfil this obligation. Parents who are obedient to Christ in this will find time and many opportunities to have a charitable word of help for an erring neighbour outside their household. On the other hand, the lax parents, who give little or no thought to getting to heaven or to their children getting there in God's good time, will hardly bother with their neighbour's salvation. Thus this cancer of infidelity and irreligion grows and spreads.

Let each one of us look into his past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellow-men on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained our brother." We have brought a prodigal son back to a loving Father and that loving Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life and especially in the next.

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PARISH NEWS

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffees in the hall after the Sunday 10am Mass

Margot Davis RIP

Please pray for the soul of Margot Davis who passed away recently.

We honour Our Lady because it was her birthday on Friday.



From Pope St. John Paul II in his Encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*, March 25, 1987:

The circumstance which now moves me to take up this subject once more is the prospect of the year 2000, now drawing near, in which the Bimillennial Jubilee of the birth of Jesus Christ at the same time directs our gaze towards his Mother. In recent years, various opinions have been voiced suggesting that it would be fitting to precede that anniversary by a similar Jubilee in celebration of the birth of Mary.

In fact, even though it is not possible to establish an exact chronological point for identifying the date of Mary's birth, the Church has constantly been aware that Mary appeared on the horizon of salvation history before Christ. It is a fact that when "the fullness of time" was definitively drawing near—the saving advent of Emmanuel—he who was from eternity destined to be his Mother already existed on earth. The fact that she "preceded" the coming of Christ is reflected every year in the liturgy of Advent. Therefore, if to that ancient historical expectation of the Saviour we compare these years which are bringing us closer to the end of the second Millennium after Christ and to the beginning of the third, it becomes fully comprehensible that in this present period we wish to turn in a special way to her, the one who in the "night" of the Advent expectation began to shine like a true "Morning Star" (Stella Matutina). For just as this star, together with the "dawn," precedes the rising of the sun, so Mary from the time of her Immaculate Conception preceded the coming of the Savior, the rising of the "Sun of Justice" in the history of the human race.

Her presence in the midst of Israel—a presence so discreet as to pass almost unnoticed by the eyes of her contemporaries—shone very clearly before the Eternal One, who had associated this hidden "daughter of Sion" (cf. Zeph 3:14; Zeph 2:10) with the plan of salvation embracing the whole history of humanity.

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.

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Day on the Family

Saturday 14th October 2023 Family Life International conference on the Family "War on the Catholic family"

We have the privilege to host this conference in our Parish, with some International renowned speakers on the Family. Please put the date in your diary. Starts at 9.15am with Mass and ends at 5pm. Bring a packed lunch.

Please pick up a flyer from the back of the church

Junior Legion of Mary

The Junior Legion of Lady meetings are on Tuesday afternoons at 3.40pm.

Diocesan Day for catechists - St George's Cathedral 30th September 2023

Places to be booked online at aec.rcaos.org.uk

Room Required

Middle aged Lady seeking room to rent. Please call 07906 227 113.



If you would like to donate towards the running of the Parish you can do so by scanning this QR Code into your mobile phone

Education Sunday - 10th September

Education Sunday is marked this year on 10th September - just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2023 is "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." Taken from Matthew 18:20.

We have a Second Collection at this weekend's masses for the Catholic Education Service.

RCIA Classes

Classes start at 7pm on Tuesday 12th September for anyone wishing to become a Catholic.

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 10th September 200

CLUB

1	75	Tessa Lydekker
2	130	Mrs J Nugent

NOTICE BOARD

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 6-8; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

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