

Saturday 27th January St Angela Merici	10am Deceased members of the Mortlake Deanery 6pm Sean Parsons RIP
Sunday 28th January 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10am Liliana Rodrigues Ints 5.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 29th January	No Mass
Tuesday 30th January	10am Jonah Nissan and family
Wednesday 31st January St John Bosco	10am Christiana Boothway RIP
Thursday 1st February	10am John Hughs RIP 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord	10am Carol Blades Ints 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Holy Souls 10:00pm All night vigil Mass
Saturday 3rd February St Blase	10am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary 6pm Josh Yemi Tarrant RIP
Sunday 4th February 5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	10am Hugh O'Connor RIP 4pm Rosary and Benediction 5.30pm People of the Parish

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, Shirley Monaco and Gemma Morgan.

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	£806.36
Contactless	£407
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1612.36

Christmas Crib Collection **£137.30**
for Friends of the Holy Land and Catholic Children's Society

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)
Reflections on today's readings

The theme of authority dominates our readings today. In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, we see that, at the time of Moses (around the 13th century BC), the Israelites longed for a prophet who would speak God's word to them and lead them on the pathway to life. Through Moses, God makes this promise to them: *'I will raise up a prophet like you for them from their own brothers. I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all that I command him'* (Deut 18:18). Our gospel reading from Mark shows that this promise was fulfilled supremely in Jesus Christ, whose authority astonishes the people assembled in the synagogue of Capernaum. In the gospel reading, Mark makes a clear distinction between the teaching of Jesus and that of the Scribes, the official interpreters of Jewish Law. Scribes never expressed their own judgement or opinion. They always began by citing their authority and supported whatever they said with quotes from the great masters of the past. And their focus was on the external observances of the Law rather than its spirit. Their teaching failed to make much impression on the people because it lacked the power of personal conviction. Moreover, the scribes did not always practice what they preached (cf. Mt 23:3).

The people immediately recognized that Jesus was a different kind of teacher. *'His teaching made a deep impression on them'* (Mk 1:22). Why did the teaching of Jesus have such an impact? In what way was it different from the teaching of the scribes? The words of Jesus had the power to move people's hearts. They had the ring of truth about them because they came from personal experience. Jesus did not just repeat what others had said. He spoke with his own voice, his own authority. People listened to Jesus primarily because he was a living witness to the truth of God's love. He showed this love by the way he lived. People experienced God's mercy and compassion in his actions. He reached out to the sick and less privileged, those who were neglected or excluded by society. In today's gospel we see him freeing a man tormented by an *'unclean spirit'* (cf. Mk 1:23-26). This action moves the people to exclaim: *'Here is a teaching that is new, and with authority behind it; he gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey him'* (Mk 1:27.) The authority of Jesus' teaching is manifested, above all, in his actions.

We tend to associate authority with people in positions of power in society, like political or religious leaders, people we see as *'authority figures'*. In this sense, Jesus did not have any power at all. He was not a worldly king with political or military power. And he was not of the priests, who held religious power in Roman Judea. Nor did he have the authority of a scribe based on tradition. The only authority he had was the supreme confidence that what he did and said was God's will and God's truth, and the source of this authority lay in his intimate communion with his heavenly Father, his *Abba*, who, on the occasion of his baptism, had affirmed him as his *'beloved son, in whom I am well pleased'* (Mk 1:11).

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PARISH NEWS

THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA OF OUR LADY

WALSINGHAM WEEKEND SAT 18TH/SUN 19TH MAY 2024

Half board accommodation, bed, breakfast and evening meal.

The bus will leave Our Lady and St Peter church on Saturday at 7:30am and return Sunday at approximately 5:30pm.

Total cost is £138 per person including travel. To secure a place this will need to be paid by Sunday 18th February 2024.

Please put your details on the sheet at the back of the church if you wish to come.

Should you require further details contact Jackie O' Dwyer on 07952 773395



CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £68.65 through their crib offerings, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those they support in your prayers.

Apostolic Nuncio

Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendice from the Apostolic Nuncio will visit the parish on Sunday 4th February and say Mass at 10am.

Jury Service

Fr Philip will be on Jury Service from 12th February.

First Friday All Night Vigil and Devotions this Friday

The Vigil Mass will be at 10pm on Friday night.

Legion of Mary

Junior Praesidium Our Lady of Morning Star meet on Tuesdays at 3:50pm.
Junior Intermediate Praesidium Our Lady of Guadeloupe meets on Sundays at 11.15am.

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 28th January 200 CLUB

1	14	Tony Browne
2	67	Kate Dixon

LEGACIES

Help provide for the future of our Parish by including the Parish in your will



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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Discussion and talks on the Catholic Faith - 15th February 2024

We will be holding discussion and talks on the Catholic faith in the Parish Hall on 15th February at 6:30pm. The first subject will be the Sacrament of Confession.

Racial Justice Sunday - 28th January

There will be a second collection this weekend.

Weekend in Paris 10/11 Feb

Places are still available. There is a leaflet with all the details at the back of the church.

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

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

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

NOTICE BOARD

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST - FOUNDATION DIRECTORS NEEDED

The Archdiocese of Southwark's Education Commission's key strategy to support and protect Catholic education for the future is the development of Catholic Academy Trusts. If you believe in Catholic Education and have enthusiasm to work with our schools to deliver the best outcomes for our children and young people and can work strategically then you can make a valuable contribution to the Trust board of one of our Trusts.

Christ the Redeemer Trust is a new Catholic Education Trust, established to serve the Catholic schools in Kingston and Richmond Deaneries. The Trust will support schools by removing administrative burdens on Headteachers and Governors enabling them to concentrate on the quality of learning and experiences of the young people in their care. Expertise in HR, IT or systems is desirable, and the Trust is keen to attract Directors that reflect the parishes, families and schools it serves. If you are interested, further information can be found at the Education Commission website or contact Penny Pemberton at pennypemberton@rcaos.org

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA Fri 7th – Fri 14th June 2024

A Day With Mary are organising (see poster on the church noticeboard)

If interested *E-mail contact:* adwmary.uk@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY - SPUC Admin Assistant

Full-time (35hrs per week) Administration Assistant required based at Kennington.

Duties will include :

- Responding to supporter enquiries by post, email and telephone
- Packing and despatch of materials
- Data entry and general support to SPUC's administration and finance departments with day to day tasks

Salary details available on request. For full details and application form, please contact Lucille Mc Quade at lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk on 0207 091 7091

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