

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 5.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 5th February St Agatha	No Mass
Tuesday 6th February St Paul Miki and Companions	10am Barry McCorkell RIP
Wednesday 7th February	10am Amy McMenemy Giancarlo Fois RIP
Thursday 8th February St Josephine Bakhita	10am Natalie Pell Wellbeing 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 9th February Presentation of the Lord	10am Clara Senghore Ints 10:30am To 1pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm (Latin Mass) Sr Mary Carmel Ints
Saturday 10th February St Scholastica	10am Paul Moorhond Ints 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th February 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	10am Roger Chadder RIP 5.30pm Anna Roache RIP

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	£617.01
Contactless	£166.00
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1183.01

Second Collection for Racial Justice **£224.55**

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

"The patience of Job" is an expression with which we are all familiar. Twice in the first two chapters of the book, the Lord says, "There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil" (Job 1:8; 2:3, see 1:1). He was a really good man, but four major disasters befell Job in one day causing him to lose everything except his wife, and yet he kept his faith in God. He said, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!" (Job 1:21) But then it changes. Job questioned God about suffering. He demanded answers from God. He did not deserve to suffer but yet he had suffered one catastrophe after another. In our first reading today (Job 7) we heard, as we might describe it, Job complaining. He depicted life as if it were slavery. When reading this and other similar complaints by Job we wonder why we have the expression, "the patience of Job" and wonder should it be "the impatience of Job!" He is reacting against having to suffer because he knows he did no wrong. Near the end of the book (chapter 38 onwards), God answers Job but not with the type of answer Job expected. God answers Job by asking him questions about the universe and about creation and of course Job did not know the answers. Then Job said, "I have spoken but did not understand; things too marvellous for me, which I did not know...I disown what I have said and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:3, 6) So in the Book of Job the answer to the mystery of good people suffering is that it is a mystery we cannot understand. It is all somehow taken into God's plan, and when we suffer, we can ask questions like Job and wrestle with God over it, but suffering is also a call to us to trust in God no matter what, to continue loving God like Job at the beginning of the book when he was patient.

After leaving the synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus went to the house of Simon Peter and Andrew, and cured Peter's mother-in-law and all the sick who came to him. Commenting on today's readings, Pope John Paul II said,

"One can say that the ancient figure of Job, the just man struck with terrible suffering, —undeserved from the human point of view—is a big question for mankind of all ages. Man continually poses the question about the reasons for human suffering and about its meaning in the context of the entire worldly existence. The Gospel gives the answer. Christ, always close to those who suffer; Christ, who at the end will take the cross on his shoulders—a sign of disgrace—and will finish his life on it, is himself the answer. God gives in him the answer to Job of the Old Testament and to all Jobs down through the centuries and generations. The answer is discreet and at the same time strong and definitive. Christ is this answer." (Pope John Paul II, homily visiting a parish, Sunday February 7, 1988, my translation).

So in our suffering of whatever kind, turn to Jesus as the people in Capernaum did. As Pope St. John Paul II said, Jesus is the answer to Job's questions about suffering. Jesus knows all about undeserved suffering. He said on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Mark 15:34)

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PARISH NEWS

Apostolic Nuncio

Welcome to Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia from the Apostolic Nuncio who is visiting our parish this Sunday, 4th February, and celebrating the Mass at 10am.

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.

Amen

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

For what reason are the sacraments necessary for salvation?

For believers in Christ the sacraments, even if they are not all given to each of the faithful, are necessary for salvation because they confer sacramental grace, forgiveness of sins, adoption as children of God, conformation to Christ the Lord and membership in the Church. The Holy Spirit heals and transforms those who receive the sacraments.

The 200 Club

As it is now a new year, payments need to start again. Thank you very much for everyone that has started to pay and we would be really pleased if you could all start again.

Payments can be made at the end of each Mass at the weekends in the Sacristy with Helene, Jackie and Andrew. Thank you all very much.

THE WINNERS OF SUNDAY 4th February 200 CLUB

1	59	Catherine Sheridan
2	36	Mrs M Doyle

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.

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



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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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND THE GIFT AID SCHEME

Please remember to Gift Aid your Mass Intention donations if you are a taxpayer.

For every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

NOTICE BOARD

CHORAL SINGING

St Mary Magdalene (C of E) Church, Wandsworth Common is holding a Come and Sing Fauré Requiem on Sunday 25 February 2024. This is aimed at those who have some choral experience and can read music though perhaps not fluently.

The cost is £15, with under 18 years free, which includes use of the music scores and delicious tea including home-made cakes. Singing will start at 2pm and finish at 5pm with a performance to which all are welcome. Tickets are available via <https://smmcomeandsingfaurerequiem.eventbrite.co.uk> or at joinin@smmwandsworth.org.uk. Barry Holden, Director of Music at SMM will conduct the afternoon.

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 Mortlake 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. 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**

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