

**SAINT CHAD'S CHURCH - SOUTH NORWOOD**

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**22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

<b>Saturday: 21<sup>st</sup> August St Pius X</b>	<b>10.00am:</b>	Fr Hugh Thwaite SJ RIP (9 <sup>th</sup> Ann) & Deceased relatives and friends of the Ogbemor Family
	<b>10.30am:</b>	
	<b>11.00am:</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>2.00pm:</b>	
	<b>6.30pm:</b>	Daphne McFarland RIP
<b>Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>8.30am:</b>	Josephine Ijeh RIP(13 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
	<b>10.00am:</b>	Deceased members of the Agyepong & Osei Family
	<b>11.30am:</b>	Charles Gale RIP; Thanksgiving Mass for the Onyealisi & Lawson Families
	<b>6.00pm:</b>	People of the Parish;
<b>Monday: 23<sup>rd</sup> August Saint Rose of Lima</b>	<b>9.30am:</b>	Souls in Purgatory & Wellbeing of the Murray Family
<b>Tuesday: 24<sup>th</sup> August St Bartholomew</b>	<b>9.30am:</b>	Rand Netto RIP
	<b>10.00am:</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>11.00am:</b>	
<b>Wednesday: 25<sup>th</sup> August St Louis; St Joseph of Calasanz</b>	<b>9.30am:</b>	Wellbeing of Leonie Sequeira
<b>Thursday: 26<sup>th</sup> August Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God FUNERAL MASS</b>	<b>9.30am:</b>	Thanksgiving Mass for Gabriel Mejas and Blessing of Grandson
	<b>12.30pm:</b>	<b>Nelson Samuel RIP</b>
<b>Friday: 27<sup>th</sup> August St Monica</b>	<b>9.30am:</b>	For the Conversion of Francis Truc (From the Luu Family)
<b>Saturday: 28<sup>th</sup> August St Augustine</b>	<b>10.00am:</b>	All Holy Souls from the Luu Family
	<b>11.00am:</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>2.00pm:</b>	
	<b>6.30pm:</b>	Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady from Felicia Ogbemor Family & Friends

**MASES: Saturday: 28<sup>th</sup> August: 6.30pm:** Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady from Felicia Obebor Family & Friends; **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August: 8.30am:** People of the Parish; **10.00am:** Wellbeing of the Murray Family; **11.30am:** Isi & Angela Uduehi (25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann); **6.00pm:** Reginald & Dorothy Smith (F)

Please pray for those who have died recently and those who mourn their loss especially: Alice Ikiti; Fr Louise Mendy CSSp; Agatha Bernadine; Vester Egbujie; Patricia Anigbogu; Anthony Adjapong; Theresa Osarfo; Ignatius Ekeanyanwu; Sr Petronilla Umunnakwe; Sr Fidelia Adigo; Lawrence Okpokwu; Colleen Fernandez; Maria Victoria George David; Paul De Souza; Ernstina Dalgety; Fr Richard Diala; Pat Carver; Basil Ali; Barbara Baldeo; Rev

Fr Michael Boland; Rev Fr George Webster; Margaret Charles; Hermine Grocia; Rev Fr Frank O'Sullivan; Grace Walton; Evelyn Addy; Mark Carruthers; Kathleen Crabb; and all our deceased relatives and friends. May they rest in peace: ***(If you would like to include names of your deceased relatives please let us know.)***

Please pray for all who are sick in the parish: Cecilia Agyemang; Nigel Jean Baptiste; Sandra Ellis; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Matthew Nyame; Martin Gardner; Michael Hayland; Beautilyn Awe; Janet Moore; Lourdes Leitao; Kings Family; Stella Blake; Alice Berkoh; Cecilia Boakye-Agyeman; Nigel Blake; Mary Clerkins; Bridie Carter; Mina Pobee; Julie Hayfron; Esme Brewer; Chevanese Philip; Tom Finnerty; Cori-Matthew Blanc-Phillips; Theresa Mongan; Matthew Mendes; Beth Simon; Emmanuel Yakubu; Shelley Bunter; Adele Dewluish; Maria Stokoe; Annette Smith; Fredericka Nettey; Kusuma Munavira; Moira Edinburgh; Patricia Mellor; Vernon Sharland; Pat Mostyn; Tim Belgrave; Ted Stevens; Charlie Cowe; Isabella O'Brien. ***(It would be greatly appreciated if the parish office could be notified of the recovery of those on this sick list.)***

***Mass Cards are available from the Presbytery during office hours or from the Repository.***

**OFFERINGS:** £710.19 Thank you; Family/Household Donation £5231.00 Thank you; 300 Club £40.00 Thank you;

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TWICE A WEEK: Tuesday 10am-12noon and Saturday 11am-2.00pm (This week: 12pm-2pm)**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Fr Ambrose would like to encourage all the Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to the housebound to resume that ministry again.

**CONFIRMATION 2020/2021:** Dear Parents/Guardians, The Confirmation team would like to invite all year 8 students (currently year 9/10) parents to a meeting on Friday 27th August 2021 at 7.00pm (N.B. Friday 9th July meeting date has been cancelled), only for children who were due to confirm last year 23rd May 2020. The programme will reconvene from Sunday 5th September 2021. The Confirmation service will take place on Saturday 30th October 2021.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Charismatic renewal resumes its prayer session from 9th August from 7.30pm-9.30pm and every Monday after that.

**CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES ACROSS THE WORLD:**

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the **CAFOD**

**website:** <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**Fr Uchenna will leave St Chad's finally for his new mission in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle on the 25th August. To celebrate his birthday which falls on the 20th August, we shall have a BBQ afternoon on the 22nd of August, in the garden of the Presbytery. His official farewell Mass and Celebration will be on the 7th November.**

**SOCIAL CLUB AGM:** The Social Club AGM takes place on the 11th of September @ 3pm everybody is invited.

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**PLANNED GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP DRIVE:** Parish will have a **Planned Giving and Stewardship Drive for 4 weekends beginning from the 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> September and ending on the 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> September.** It is an Archdiocesan project done across many parishes.

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**ALTAR SERVERS':** Altar Servers' gathering in **Aylesford takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

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**HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** A new Hall Management Committee has been formed to manage Hall bookings using a new system and a dedicated Hall phone line **(07542 790330: Weekdays 12noon-5pm).** I would encourage all those who use the Hall/Guild Room to contact the new team on the new number weekdays 12-5pm.

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**THANKS AND APPRECIATION:** Thanks so much to the Social Club for all the financial support they have given to the parish over the years. We shall continue to rely on them. At the same time a specific Fundraising Co-ordinating Committee has been initiated here. Details to follow soon.

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**THANKS AND APPRECIATION:** Thanks so much for your love and presence last Sunday when we sent Fr Bartholomew off to Scotland. The Spiritans are so grateful to everybody – particularly the organising committee. This weekend is Fr Uchenna's last Mass in St Chad's and we shall continue to rely on you, especially the committee, as we organize the farewell in the coming weeks.

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**VACANCY: Site Maintenance and Caretaker.** We are looking for an experienced person to join our site maintenance and caretaking team. Based on the Cathedral site in London SE1, which includes residential and office accommodation, as well as public access spaces and a car park. The primary function of this role is to provide handyman/maintenance services across the whole estate and act as a caretaker for the site. **The full advert is on the Diocesan website [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk) or email [hr@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:hr@rcaos.org.uk) for more details. Closing date 3rd September 2021.**  
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**REPOSITORY:** The repository will be open after 11.30am Mass on Sundays. Volunteers wanted in order to keep the shop open more frequently.

**KEYHOLDERS:** Fr Ambrose would like to meet all those who have keys to the Church or Hall individually. Please book an appointment with him.

**300 CLUB:** June Winners £40: Louise Archer; £30: Suzanne Luu. Thanks to all who participated in the 300 Club draw June 20-July 21. Cheque for £910 has been donated to the Church. Subscriptions are now due for the next year. Please drop this into the Presbytery at your convenience. New members are welcome to join. It's only £2 per month. Forms are available in the church porch.

**FLOWERS – DONATION BOX:** A new donation box for flowers and candles near Our Lady's altar.

**MISSIO – RED BOXES:** Parishioners are reminded to return their RED BOXES for the half year collection.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - LEPRA APPEAL:** *“Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; with your support we can achieve this sooner. Please help us beat leprosy – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate”.* See video link to Lepra Faith Appeal Presentation [https://donate.lepra.org.uk/LepraDonate?activity\\_id=16606](https://donate.lepra.org.uk/LepraDonate?activity_id=16606)

**DBS RE-CHECKS:** Dear Parish Volunteers, the Archdiocese has embarked on a major project of updating the data of all volunteers as well as a DBS re-check of all volunteers who are required to have a check. The Parish Safeguarding Representatives will be contacting all group leads for their support.

**REPOSITORY – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** The Repository is open on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July. We need volunteers to be able to open the repository in September for all Masses. If interested please write your name and contact number, the Mass which you attend and drop a note into the Presbytery.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK:** Archbishop John is calling the Archdiocese of Southwark to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese'. As part of an answer to this call the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (AEC) is developing a missionary volunteer network consisting of prayer, people and parish plans – *Some Definite Service*. What might be your particulate part to play in this, some definite service? For more information, visit: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds).

**FAREWELL PLANNING COMMITTEE:** As part of Fr Bartholomew's leaving gift there is an online autograph book where you can write a message and upload photographs. The site will stay live for at least 12 months and accept messages throughout this time. Your message will be viewable by Father and anyone else clicking on the link, but it will not be searchable online and access to the book is via the link below only. Please ensure that you have the rights to any photographs you are uploading, and most importantly, that if the photograph contains children, that you have the permission of the parent/carer to use their image. Here is the link: <https://www.theonlinebookcompany.com/OnlineBooks/FrBartholomewZubeviel/Content/Welcome> It is free to upload your message and full terms and conditions are available on the site. You will need to register your email address. If you or anyone you know, do not have an email address then we encourage you to handwrite your message, seal it in an envelope addressed to "Suzanne Luu" and leave it in the box at the church porch, Suzanne will upload the message for you to the online book. To contribute to Fr Bartholomew's Farewell gift, please make your donation here:

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=205> Thank you and may God continue to bless us all.

**SAFEGUARDING TEAM:** *"We would like your support with this project. Your Parish Safeguarding Representative has been requested to complete these re-checks with your assistance. When requested, please complete the necessary paperwork and supply your identification documents to support and expedite the process". Archbishop John Wilson*

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** It is recommended that houses be blessed annually. If anybody would like his/her house to be blessed by the Priests, please pick up a form at the entrance/exit of the Church. You will be attended to.

Confession is held every day after the 9.30am morning Mass and on Saturdays from 6.00pm – 6.30pm.

Please feel free to approach any of the Priests to talk about any of the Sacraments for yourself, friends or children, especially the Sacraments of Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Confirmation or Holy Eucharist.

The Priests are here to help and assist. Please feel free to knock on their door any day after morning Mass or during office hours.

**GAZEBO'S FOR HIRE:** St Chad's Parish pop-up gazebo's for hiring @ £25.00 per day. £50.00 deposit refundable on return in good condition.

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**CONFIRMATION MASS (2019/20 YR GROUP):** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am & 2.30pm; **Second Group (2021 YR GROUP)** March 26<sup>th</sup> 2022; Next Year's Group will be during the Year (2022)

**GARDENING VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** Fr Ambrose is suggesting that once a month, some people could volunteer to keep Our Lady's Grotto, the lawns and flowers tidy. Please contact the Parish Office on 0208 653 2806 or 07549 260379

**N.B:** Church Cleaning is now being carried out on Fridays.

Fr Ambrose is aware that some children were not baptised last year because of the lockdown. Parents or Guardians who wish to plan for baptism should feel free to contact the Presbytery on 0208 653 2806 during office hours. Please leave a message on the voice mail. Alternatively, you could send a text message to 07549260379.

**CLARIFICATION ABOUT FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD DONATION:** For the sake of clarity, it is necessary to state that this is absolutely not a levy nor is it in any way a compulsion. It is a Scheme that people are invited to voluntarily participate if they wish to give extra financial assistance to the parish because of the dire financial situation we find ourselves now. But please nobody should feel compelled either by the project or even by the suggested minimum amount. And nobody should feel inadequate either.

**QUOTE:** When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer. (Corrie Ten Boom)



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**BACKGROUND TO THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** As people who have done them, know, the Life in the Spirit Semianrs is a wonderful course which has been responsible over the years for opening Catholics up to new levels of the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives. It is a course that orginated in the Charismatic Renewal, but is now being offered by Southwark diocesan agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis as the fruits of the course have been recognised. Pope Francis has even asked that they be run wherever possible across the Church to help equip people spiritually to become missionary disciples. Although it is not ideal to do the course online, several groups have been running them on line and found them just as effective as when they are done in the traditional manner. God will use whatever means He has at his disposal for those who are spiritually hungry because as we know it is the attitude of our hearts and sense of expectancy which brings about personal change and transformation. The Life in the Spirit seminars are just a means for this to happen. The sessions will involve a few songs of praise, a talk and then a small group sharing discussing the talk. During the week participants will be encouraged to read the Acts of the Apostles and meditate on a short scripture quote every day. The themes of the talks are God's love (1), Salvation(2), New Life in the Holy Spirit(3), Repentance and Faith(4), Prayer for Baptism in the Holy Spirit(5), Growth(6) and Transformation(7). Talks 4&5 will be given on Saturday 22nd May 2pm-5pm, when there will also be a special prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on participants. This will be led by a Vincention priest in Ireland called Fr Pat Collins CM. Archbishop John Wilson, the archbishop of our diocese will be giving talk six on Growth in the Spiritual life. Links again are - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss> or via <http://bit.ly/2021LISS>  
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**GIFT AID DONOR BOXES:** Parishioners are advised to pick up their GAD boxes from the Church Porch/Presbytery. Please come with your Gift Aid Numbers.  
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**MASS INTENTIONS:** We would like to encourage parishioners who want to book for Masses and **want it to be in the bulletin to book in advance, please pick up an envelope from the church porch.**  
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**PARISH PLEDGE FORM:** The Parish Pledge form is available to download from the parish website, alternatively you can also get a hardcopy after Mass.  
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**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED TO MANAGE PARISH WEBSITE:** We are looking for any person or persons who would like to help the parish to manage and update website from time to time, once website upgrade is completed later this month.  
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**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Fr Bartholomew Zubeviel and Fr Stephen Dias are leading a group of pilgrims to the **Holy Land from 8<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The cost for the flight, hotels and half-board is £1295.00 for the ten days. There are limited spaces remaining.** For bookings and further information regarding the itinerary, please contact Fr Bartholomew.

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**LIBRARIES CONSULTATION: SOUTH NORWOOD LIBRARY FACING POTENTIAL CLOSURE** – In response to the borough’s unprecedented financial deficit, the council has launched an online survey asking residents how they use the libraries service and what their views are on proposals to close five of its 13 library buildings. The buildings at Bradmore Green, Shirley, Sanderstead, South Norwood and Broad Green will close unless viable alternative plans are found that require no public money. At this stage of our consultation we want to hear your views on the proposals, ideas for our library service and suggestions for alternative ways we could use library buildings. We will use this information to help us further develop our options and consult you again on these, before taking a proposal to cabinet for a decision in summer 2021. Libraries consultation website and questionnaire: [www.croydon.gov.uk/library-consultation](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/library-consultation) Phone number (answerphone) for requesting paper copy: 0207 884 5159 Email address for enquiries: [librariesconsultation@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:librariesconsultation@croydon.gov.uk)

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**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE – BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE:** *DEAR HUSBAND & WIFE...* “**You are invited to give each other a gift by spending March 13 online between 10am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship.** The event is entitled ‘Building A Better Marriage’. It will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50. Booking is essential: telephone 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) Recent ‘Building a Better Marriage’ courses attracted the following comments from married couples who logged on: ‘The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them... The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable... We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course’”

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Dear Sister, Dear Brother, Dear Reverend Deacon, Dear Reverend Father, From 3rd December churches will be allowed to open again for public celebration of Mass and other acts of worship. The Bishop's Conference of England & Wales have issued a statement welcoming this news. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-welcome-return-to-public-worship/> For our schools, though there is no change and the previous guidance issued in October stands. Archbishop John has confirmed that it is not yet possible to permit the celebration of Mass in school or by relocating to a church for Mass. Similarly, it is not possible to permit a 'Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Communion'. **General guidance for gathering in large groups or mixing of 'bubbles' in school prohibits gathering for Mass or other liturgy that includes the distribution of Communion.** The protocols that have been set up for celebration Masses in parishes were designed specifically for the context of the parish community. In the different context of schools, we need to respect the existing adaptations schools have introduced to make those sites safe for pupils and staff. **In most cases that includes restricting 'visitors' coming on to school sites and requiring that any 'visitors' do not join existing school based 'bubbles'. In addition, it is important to recognise the health and safety needs of our priests.** Archbishop John continues to be heartened to hear of the many ways in which the children and young people who attend the schools and colleges in the diocese are engaging with the wider liturgical life of the Church. We will continue to review this decision and will revisit this after the Christmas break. Kind regards, Mrs Sharon Docherty Deputy Director – Religious Education and Spirituality



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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS:** The next RCIA course for 2020/2021 commences on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm in the church hall. This course is for any adult who wishes to find out more about the beliefs of the Catholic Church, any adult who wishes to be baptised or who has been baptised but has not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please contact Lesley on 07903 9880980 or the parish office on 0208 653 2806 for more information or just turn up on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** where you will receive a warm welcome.  
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**PRIEST TRAINING FUND DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION:** The Priest Training Fund, known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark. This year we have Priest Training Fund gift aid envelopes available. **You can also donate online via [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html) (select Priest Training Fund).** Please be generous today and keep our seminarians, and priests, in your prayers. Thank you.  
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**WE PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS** *"We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner."* **The Heart of the Church's Mission is Prayer**  
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**ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL:** St Mary's Catholic High School's Virtual Open Evening 2020 is now available on line at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im9U2dAzKc> where you can hear from the Headteacher and students of the school. We recognise that choosing a secondary school for your child is an important decision and hope that you will support St Mary's as the local Catholic mixed school in the heart of Croydon. Christ is the centre of our school and our core values of welcome, hard work and service are promoted in the Catholic ethos we share with students. Mr Patrick Shields Headteacher  
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**WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH GRIEF:** Woodside Bereavement Service are offering a support group for anyone bereaved during the Covid19 restrictions. **The group will be based at The Waterside Centre near South Norwood Lake.** Please ring 0203 256 2009 for further information.  
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**GIFT AID BOXES 2020-2021:** Gift Aid boxes are available for collection from the Presbytery during office hours or after Mass. Parishioners are reminded to produce their GAD number upon collection. Thank you.  
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**RIGHT TO LIFE: Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot.** Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. **The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill?** Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.  
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**PRAYER FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN:** This weekend, we pray for our youth and all the school children who have started a new academic year. May God continue to bless them and protect them from every harm.  
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**ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – VOLUNTARY FOUNDATION**

**GOVERNOR'S REQUIRED:** *St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls are recruiting Foundation Governors. This is a voluntary service to catholic education. Foundation Governors need to be practicing Catholics and as well as providing strategic leadership and accountability, they have a particular role in upholding the catholic ethos of the School. The work is interesting and involves at least two evening meetings per term for which preparatory documents are provided to read in advance. We would particularly welcome people with a background in Media or Law but we would also welcome Governors with other skills. We also value the expertise that comes through the work of parenting. Free training is provided. If you would like to make a difference by contributing to the quality education of catholic women of the future please email our clerk [clerk@stphils.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stphils.org.uk) for more information.*  
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**LONDON JESUIT CENTRE:** Just as the prospect of being able to run some of our new programme was looking up we are faced with new Covid restrictions. However, the LJC is hosting some events and retreats online and planning in-person courses for later in the year.  
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Theology and Covid – a series of three online panel discussions from the Catholic Theological Association, with audience participation, on the impact of Covid on the life and practice of the Church.  
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Retreat in Daily Life – each month we are offering an online retreat over the course of a week. Theses retreats are individually guided with optional workshops on prayer.  
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Theology and Poetry – an online course with Kate Banks on the ways in which theology is expressed in poetry, with practical examples and exploration.  
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LJC Book Club – continues with a new book and discussion session each month.  
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You will find information on these and other LJC courses and events, regularly updated, on our website: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org).  
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**ST CHAD'S SOCIAL CLUB:** St Chad's Social Committee regret that all future events will be cancelled until further notice. If things change we will let you know. We wish you all well and please keep safe. Thank you.

**NB: NO CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH; Please do not block the entrances to the Church particularly the disable entrance. Thank you.**

**LONDON SW CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP:** *'London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults living, working or staying in London to meet for regular social and networking events. Please contact us on our Facebook page or [londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com](mailto:londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com). For our next event we are meeting on Sunday 1st March for 10.30 sung Latin Mass at St James Spanish Place W1U 3QY, followed by a walk in Regent's Park and lunch afterwards at Pizza Express Baker Street at 2 p.m. We aim to visit a different parish church each month, please join us in exploring new parishes and making new friends. If attending please contact Andrew Law on 07787231798'.*

**PAX CHRISTI:** Following the **Peace Sunday** appeal, young people have come forward to learn how they can be peacemakers. **If you are an interested teenager or young person and would like to join this group to see what might be done in the parish or your school please contact Tom on 07982 999319 or give your name in to the presbytery. Music Ministry** If you are a young person and would like to join the choir for the third Sunday of the month **contact Tom on 07982 999319 or give your name in to the presbytery.**

**SPIRITANS PILGRIMAGE: Parish/Spiritans Pilgrimage to Prague/Poland in summer half-term Friday 22nd to Friday 29th May 2020:** Beginning from Prague in Czech Republic, There will also be tours of many sites of interest. **The weeklong pilgrimage is open to parishes and communities in London served by the Spiritans at the cost of £650 including flight, lodging, breakfast and dinner. Expression of interest is with £200 deposit before the end of November to enable booking of flights and hotel reservations.** Those who need a visa to travel will have to obtain this by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa applications. Contact the Parish Office or Juliet 07729391661. Please see the noticeboard for further information.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2020:** 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). **MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662**  
**Email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)**

**300 CLUB: 300 CLUB HAS DONATED £840.00 TO THE PARISH FUND.** Many thanks to its members. New members are welcome and will help the parish fund-raising efforts. Forms are available in the church porch. **SUBSCRIPTION IS ONLY £2.00 PER MONTH.**

**PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: CHANGE OF PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS**  
**[NORWOODSOUTH@RCAOS.ORG.UK](mailto:NORWOODSOUTH@RCAOS.ORG.UK)**

**WELCOMERS:** For the last year or so, there has been a team of people, regularly welcoming people to the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. The welcomers' hand out books and newsletters and offer a friendly face to all who attend these Masses. **We would love to extend this service to the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening and 6.00pm on Sunday too.** If you attend either of these Masses on a regular basis and would be happy to join a rota, please contact Angie Henley on 07939 049839 or email [angiehenley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angiehenley@hotmail.co.uk) Thank you.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** Parishioners are welcome to attend the **Divine Mercy Prayer Group every Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Guild Room.**

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**FREE GCSE TUTORING:** Qualified sixth-formers in our Parish are volunteering to tutor Y9-Y11s for English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business and History GCSE. **This will take place every Wednesday (from 4th September onwards) at 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church Hall. No need to book, just come along!**  
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**ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP:** The St Chad's Catholic Charismatic Renewal prayer group meet every Monday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the church for prayers, praise and worship and bible studies, you are warmly invited to attend. The contact person is Lawrence Egwu 07961 825 393 or 07837797967  
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**SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF ST CHAD'S: Need help with KS1 and KS2 Stats preparation for Entrance Exams?** Would like assistance with your English, Maths and Science? Private Tutoring available, EFL – English as an additional language, Qualified Primary Teacher PGCE status and Senco Experience. If interested please contact Felicia on 07719936412 to discuss the needs of your child/children or your individual needs.  
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**PRAYER OF ST CHAD:** Almighty God, Keep us, we pray, from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and ready at all times to step aside for others. Amen.  
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK ADOREMUS WEBPAGE:** The Diocesan Adoremus webpage: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/2018Eucharist.htm](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/2018Eucharist.htm) The Adoremus pages of the Bishop's Conference: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage)  
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK:** Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Code of Conduct. **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are advised to pick up the Code of Conduct from the Church porch.**  
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**CAFOD:** CAFOD Free Will-Writing Service. Including a gift to CAFOD in your will is a wonderful way to share your faith, hope and love with future generations. CAFOD offers a free will-writing service for supporters. To find out more, pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or call Hannah on 02070955367.  
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Our children's liturgy team has very few members these days. If you would like to join in and help to celebrate the liturgy of the word with the children of our parish, please contact Angie Henley [at-angiehenley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:at-angiehenley@hotmail.co.uk). You don't have to be a teacher to join the team. You just need to have a heart for sharing God's word with our children.  
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**FIRST FRIDAYS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** All parishioners are warmly invited to spend time before the Lord in adoration after 9:30am morning MASS or evening 9pm – 10pm. **COME LET US ADORE HIM!**  
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**LEGION OF MARY:** We need new members to join Legion of Mary, you are most welcome to attend our meetings on Wednesday at 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Auxiliaries can also join until they are ready to commit themselves as full members.  
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**LITURGICAL READERS:** St Chad's Parish is looking for confident public Readers to join the Liturgical Readers Group. Teenagers and Adults are all welcome. If you are interested please contact Irene on 07908688245.  
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**PRAYER ROOM:** The small room at the back of the Church is now open for quiet prayer and reflection. Feel free to go and pray inside whenever the Church is open. Mums and Dads maybe take your children inside before Mass or after Mass to help them pray in a different way. Everyone is welcome to use this quiet space.  
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**REMINDER:** The normal parish office hours are between 9.30am and 12.30pm. But anyone who would like to see the priest in the afternoon **outside the office hours YOU should call on Tuesday between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. No appointment necessary.**  
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**REMINDER: Anybody who is in possession of personal data of people regarding St Chad's Church is advised to contact the parish office for a piece of information about General Data Protection Regulations.**  
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**REPOSITORY – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** We are looking for **volunteers for the 10.30am and 6.00pm Masses on Sundays.** If interested please write name, phone number and Mass and leave in repository.  
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**REPOSITORY:** Help is wanted for all Masses. Any volunteers greatly appreciated. Your support helps keep the repository shop running, without which we would lose the service. Pop-in and see all the newly arrived Communion and Confirmation gifts.  
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**ST CHAD'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP: Request for Help St Chad's Baby & Toddler Group is looking for volunteers to help support the group from 9am-11am on Monday mornings, in the Church Hall.** If you can spare some time, either weekly or once or twice a month, please let us know. Without extra support it will be very difficult for the group to reopen. Please call the presbytery or, alternately, ring St Chad's School on 0208-771-3470 (ask to speak to Mrs Davern). Thank you.  
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**ST CHAD'S CARING SERVICE:** It is now 8 years since St Chad's Caring Service has been serving the community. By faith the service will continue free to all. Beautilyn  
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**300 CLUB:** New members are welcome and will help the parish fund-raising efforts. **Forms are available in the church porch. SUBSCRIPTION IS ONLY £2.00 PER MONTH.**  
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**CALLING ALL FOOTBALLERS AT ST CHAD'S (AGE RANGE 15 YEARS AND ABOVE) PLEASE CONTACT THE PRIEST'S FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**  
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**CATHOLIC SINGLES:** Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)  
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**GAZEBO'S FOR HIRE:** St Chad's Parish pop-up gazebo's for hiring @ £10.00 per day. £50.00 deposit refundable on return in good condition.  
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**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR): As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us.** One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop. Please could you let either me or the (the parish secretary) know if this applies to you so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.  
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**HOLY GHOST FATHER'S BRITISH PROVINCE:** The Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers of the British Province are happy to announce the recruitment of Spiritans Lay Associate. This group shall participate in the Spiritual and Charisms of the congregation. For more information contact Fr Bartholomew and Fr Emmanuel CSSp at [saintchadschurch@hotmail.com](mailto:saintchadschurch@hotmail.com)  
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The Ugandans in St Chad's Parish have formed a group who meet every Sunday in the church hall after 10.30am Mass, it is open to all Ugandans in the community. For more information, please contact Teddy on 07733630551 or Harriet on 07588893143



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**BEGINNERS LINE DANCING CLASSES:** Anyone interested to learn please come along to the **Church Hall 11.00am-1.00pm every Wednesday**. Contact Lorraine on 07984412530 or just come along.  
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**CROYDON NORTH MP:** Steve Reed MP Croydon North [www.stevereedmp.co.uk](http://www.stevereedmp.co.uk)  
Constituency office, 908 London Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 7PE. To advertise any upcoming events please email [steve.reed.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.reed.mp@parliament.uk)  
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**N.B. NO BALL GAMES ARE PERMITTED ON THE PARISH GARDENS AT ANY TIME.**  
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**NIGERIAN DIASPORA NETWORKING EVENTS:** NDNE put on networking events for Nigerians in the Diaspora and those interested in Nigeria. These networking events we hope will give likeminded individuals the opportunity to meet and make valuable contacts with Nigerians both remaining in the UK and those hoping to return to back to Nigeria. Our networking events will run once a month, and these monthly events will have different themes. One month it could be a social event the next it could be a business related event. We will have speakers both from Nigeria and the UK to speak at these events. For further information on NDNE contact [anthea.osammor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anthea.osammor@yahoo.co.uk)  
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**NUTRITIONIST:** St Chad's Parish Community, has now been blessed with a nutritionist. Juliana Ohene-Adjei who has successfully completed her four-year BSc Degree course with Honors (including nutritional modules) is available to offer her services to parishioners. She offers nutritional advice, well-being and weight management session. Julie will be promoting her **Health and Wellbeing Hub** at the summer fair, so please feel free to speak to her. Alternatively you can send an email to: [j.oheneadjei@gmail.com](mailto:j.oheneadjei@gmail.com) or write to Weatherill House Business Centre, New South Quarter, 23 Whitestone Way, Croydon CR0 4WF for a private consultation.  
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**PACT – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** Pact, the Catholic charity for prisoners and their families, ([www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)) is offering free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience necessary. All enquiries welcome. To find out more contact [ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk)  
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**RAINBOWS (BROWNIES & GIRL GUIDES) SPACES AVAILABLE:** Rainbows (girls aged 5 and 6) Tuesday 5-6pm term time Rainbows are part of the Girlguiding movement. Once girls are 7 they move on to Brownies Contact: Cathy 07722174562  
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**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:** St Mary's Catholic High School in Croydon is, as a result of recent successes, establishing an association of former students. If you would like to know more please email [alumni@st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk) or telephone 020 8688 3837.  
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