

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Stations of the Cross:** During Lent, we shall have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays after morning Mass and at 7:00pm in the evening, followed by evening Mass. On **Wednesdays**, after morning Mass, the school children from St Chad's shall lead us in a shorter version. Mass & Adoration takes place from 7:30pm in the evening.
- * **Lost Property:** Please would you call to the Presbytery during the Parish Secretary's working hours on weekdays if you have left something behind at Church?
- * **The Light of Christ Charismatic Prayer Group** Meets each Wednesday in St Edmunds parish hall Beckenham BR3 3NP commencing at 7.45 until 9.30pm. This week our Mass will be celebrated at 8.00pm, following prayer and praise, by Rev. Regis Rubaya PP at Our Lady and St Philip Neri, Sydenham with Lectio Divina to follow. This is a way of praying the scriptures and of cultivating friendship with God. All welcome. For more information call Tom Caluori 07982 999319
- * **Raffle prize donations requested:** We hold parish fund raising events throughout the year and need raffle prizes. All donations will be gratefully accepted.
- * **Mothers' Day:** At the **10:30am mass on mother's day, Sunday, 19th March 2023**, mothers are being encouraged to do the job of altar servers. There will be an hour's practice today after 10.30am mass. Any interested mothers for next year's Mother's Day altar serving, please meet Rita Fyneface, the altar servers coordinator.
- * **Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM):** Renewal and Enrolment on **Sunday 19th March 2023**. Come and celebrate with us on Mother's Day! If you would like to find out more about the UCM and how to enrol, please join us in the hall after 10.30am Mass.
- * **This Sunday: SVP talk and cake sales in Hall** after 10:30AM Mass.
- * **First Reconciliation Service** takes place at 4pm on the 25th of March.
- * **CONFIRMATION 2023:** Takes place in St Chad's on the 15th of April @12 PM.
- * **First Holy Communion** takes place on the 24th of June (11:30AM & 3PM).
- * **RISE UP Re union** for all those who went to FLAME at Wembley Arena. Come and celebrate. Tell your story about this amazing experience. What did it mean for you? How can we as the young people of St Chads Rise Up and put the message of FLAME into practice in our lives, in our parish and in our schools and community? **Friday 17th March from 6.00pm - 9.00pm in the parish hall.** Activities, snacks, DVD, discussion. Come along. Let's not leave FLAME as a past event but a light for the way ahead.
- * **Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Our Lenten Reconciliation service this year comes up on Friday the 31st of March from 7pm to 8pm. There will be a Mass at 8pm and it would be wonderful to celebrate together with thanksgiving God's forgiveness, at this Mass. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND TIME.** Thanks
- * **Paddy-Joe Fest** takes place in the hall on the 18th of March. Get tickets at the back of the Church. Want to see some Irish Dancing? See advert below.

COME CELEBRATE THE FEASTS OF ST PATRICK AND ST JOSEPH

At St Chad's Church Hall
TIME: SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 2023
7:30PM—11:30PM

PADDY-JOE FEST

ALL ARE WELCOME

LIVE MUSIC, RAFFLE, BINGO, LINCENSED BAR, IN-
INCLUDING CHICKEN & CHIPS

ST CHAD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
5 WHITWORTH ROAD, SE25 6XN
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Parish Priest: Fr Ambrose Ohene C.S.Sp.

Assistant Parish Priest: Fr Terkura Igbe C.S.Sp.

Parish Secretary: Karen Maria Dadson

Office Hours: Mon—Fri, 9:30am—12:30pm

Hall enquiries: stchadshallbookings@gmail.com

Or call the Presbytery DURING OFFICE HOURS



WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (12/03/23)

SUNDAY MASSES: VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6PM

DAILY MASSES: 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE SICK: 7:30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: **TUESDAY:** 10AM—12NOON,

WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, **SUNDAY:** 4:30PM— 6:00PM

CONFESSIONS: DAILY—BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES;

6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)

ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)

DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

MONDAY—CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);

* TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (6:30PM); SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY) —SVP (7:30PM ON ZOOM).

Contact: presidentA190305@svp.org.uk 07305119836.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Sick and Housebound: Cherlez Philip; Lucy Martin; Henry Aboagye-Brobbe; Beautilyn Awe; Alice Berkoh; Paddy O'Shea; William Curran, Roy Alleyne.

Recently Deceased: Jean Maher, Majorie Osamor, Paulina Philips, Cecilia Fapohunda, Philomena Fritchley, Trudy Obiandu, Canon Martin Lee, Fr James Carling, Fr James Keenan, Canon Michael Bunce, Fr James Hurley.

*This is a gentle reminder that cheques to the parish are no longer made out to St Chad's Church but to **RCAS Norwood South**. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless You.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A (12/03/23)

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| <i>Vigil Mass on Saturday</i> SUNDAY, 12TH MARCH <i>First scrutiny for those who would receive the Sacraments at Easter</i> | 6:30PM | Thanksgiving & Birthday: Patricia Church RIP: Rev. Barry Angus |
| | 8:30AM | Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Felicia Oben Birthday: Lynn Egwu |
| | 10:30AM | Birthday & Thanksgiving: Julian Salvatore Onyebuchi |
| | 4:30PM | 90 Minutes with Jesus |
| | 6:00PM | People of the Parish |
| MONDAY, 13TH MARCH | 9:30AM | Faithful departed of the Parish |
| TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH <i>ADORATION & BENEDICTION</i> | 9:30AM 10-12PM | RIP: Myrtle Campbell Unity of the Church |
| WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH <i>EVENING MASS & ADORATION</i> | 9:30AM 7:30PM | RIP: Floriano Menezes (54th Anniversary) Sick & Housebound Parishioners |
| THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH | 9:30AM | God's abundant blessings on all Parishioners |
| FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH Stations of the Cross ST PATRICK Stations of the Cross <i>EVENING MASS (DURING LENT)</i> | 9:30AM 10:10AM 7:00PM 7:30PM | Thanksgiving to St Patrick—the Luu Family HOLY SOULS |
| SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH | 10:00AM | RIP: Brian Green (3rd Year) |

1st collection: **£316.15**
 Gift Aid Donations: **£597**
 Dona/Online Donations; **£762.28**
Total: £ 1675.43
Tithe: £50

World Youth day Collection: Total raised so far - £1174.04. There will be a **PARISH YOUTH DANCE** on the 29th of April to help towards the full basic cost of £2590 for our 2 representatives.

2nd Collection last Sunday:
 CAFOD Lent Fast Day – **£257.61**

2nd Collection next Sunday: Poor Parishes

STANDING ORDERS / ONLINE DONATIONS

Please would you kindly consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish? Should you require help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



300 CLUB: Many thanks to all who are subscribed to the 300 club and to all those who co-ordinate it. The Parish & the Archdiocese are evaluating the club right now. In the meantime, and until the assessment is completed, all contributions to the club should be suspended. We shall update parishioners of the resolutions in the coming weeks.

Pastoral Message for the Launch of CARITAS Southwark

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ
 I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus as we continue our Lenten journey towards Holy Week and Easter. In this joyful season of renewal we seek the living water who is Christ himself. With the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel, we believe the Lord Jesus offers every person the gift of eternal life. He shows us that no one is beyond God's love; not you or me; not our neighbour; not the unknown stranger in our midst. The Lord Jesus asks us to be God's love for others, especially those in most need.

Today, I share with you the wonderful news that we are about to launch **CARITAS Southwark**. *Caritas* is the Latin word for love and **CARITAS Southwark** will be our Archdiocesan network to co-ordinate our practical loving service of others, putting faith into action.

Pope Francis said: '*.. there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.*' (EG 48) **CARITAS Southwark** will work with our parishes and schools to support them in serving those in need. Our volunteers have worked hard to get us to this point of a formal launch in a **Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 12.30pm on Saturday 18 March**. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the reception afterwards.

The Church has always served the poorest and the weakest. This happens today through our parishes, schools and social and charitable projects and organisations. In such challenging times, it is important that we strengthen and enhance our charitable outreach, rooted in our faith in Christ. This will build on the excellent work already taking place and provide encouragement and support for new initiatives. **CARITAS Southwark** is about facilitation and collaboration, building up our common bond of charity through a more considered identity whereby our Archdiocese can promote and recognise faith in action.

Many parishes already have projects in place. Others, as yet, do not have any specific or developed formal outreach. This is a time for all of us, clergy, religious, and lay faithful, to pray and reflect on the Scriptures, strengthened by the Eucharist, so as to discern how we live out the call to see and serve the Lord Jesus in our brothers and sisters in need. To all who already give their time and effort so generously in voluntary service to the Church's social mission, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

Across our Archdiocese, a tangible love of neighbour is shown through numerous social and charitable projects. Such apostolates, and new ones which will hopefully come to fruition, require that our hearts be touched by the love of Christ and opened to the needs of others. It is through us, sometimes in simple and seemingly small ways, that the love of Christ becomes real and is freely offered to people in need.

Thank you for your assistance in this important new step. With an assurance of my gratitude, and my prayers and blessing

Yours devotedly in Christ

✠ John Wilson

Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark

Please read the Archbishop's letter about Caritas on page 3 →