

## NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**Be Compassionate as your Father**

We have no further to look, we see it in our neighbourhoods and in our families. We have quarrelled and fallen out with some of our neighbours and perhaps even fallen out with our relatives too. We might try our best to make peace in our neighbourhood or within the family through a mediator or more often than not we are at war-it seems we are made for war.

I have often wondered why this is? when our friends do something wrong it produces irritation and then leads to rockets been fired, which leads to an inevitable falling out, after years of friendship.

On the other hand, when we look at the saints who are close to God, they are peace-makers and they see all that God has created here on earth belongs to him, and it seems to me that they despise nothing. As they traverse the earth, they are full of compassion for those they meet, encounter or greet. They are unable to isolate themselves or treat all whom they meet as strangers. For they see all whom they meet as brothers and sisters of God.

This was brought home to me when I met Mother Theresa (now St Theresa of Calcutta) who welcomed everyone whom she met, as a child of God and in all that she did she exude compassion and love, and I can never forget what one of her patients said to me, ' father, I have not seen God, but seeing Rev Mother each day, I have touched God'.

In the light of our Lord, the Son of God everything disappears except our relationship with God our creator.

*Fr. Christopher Silva*

**MASS INTENTIONS****February 23, 2019**

6pm - Silvia Orwel RIP

**February 24, 2019**

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Darell Benjamin RIP

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confessions on Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment

**HOLY HOUR**

Every Saturday at 5pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY 6th of March**

A Day of Fast and Abstinence. Times of Service here, 9.15 am & 8 pm.

**Stations of the Cross**, Fridays at 8 pm and on the following Dates:

Friday 15th 8 pm, Friday 22nd 8 pm, Friday 29th 8 pm, Friday 5th April 8 pm, Friday 12th April 8 pm

If you are interested in leading the Stations on these Friday's please submit your details to Catherine at the Parish Office or alternatively e-mail her with your details and Please indicate what Fridays' you wish to lead.

**Parish Penitential Service:**

Tuesday 12th March 19, we will be having our Penitential Service at 8 pm. It's a good way to prepare for Easter.

Do put this date in your diary.

**Confirmation, RCIA & First Holy Communion**

Do remember our Confirmation Candidates who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

Also, remember our RCIA Candidates & Catechumens who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Finally, remember our First Holy Communion Candidates who will be making their First Reconciliation and then going on to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

**Readings for this and next Sunday**

1st Reading; Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm 102: 1-4, 10, 12-13 response v 8

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15; 45-49

Gospel –Luke 6; 17, 27-28

1st Reading; Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7,

Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16 response v 2

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15; 54-58

Gospel –Luke 6; 39-45



## MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND | QUARR ABBEY

FRIDAY 8TH (EVENING) - SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2019

The Monastic Experience Weekend is designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. They will be able to attend the liturgical worship in the church, pursue personal prayer and meditation on the Bible in the prayerful silence of the monastery, and hear talks from the monks about their way of life, their liturgy and the Rule of Saint Benedict which they follow. There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the monks and to ask questions. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation.

Contact Brother Duncan at Quarr Abbey, Quarr Rd, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 4ES. Email: [novicemaster@quarr.org](mailto:novicemaster@quarr.org). Telephone +44 (0) 1983 882420



### Rosary Group's Monthly Prayer Meeting **Sunday 03rd March**

Meet by the statue of Mary  
after 11am Mass

*The theme of our prayers will be:*

**Acts of Kindness**

**Beginners Welcome**

Meetings held 1st Sunday of every month  
Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available

**Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary**

#### FREE TEA AND COFFEE

There is free tea and coffee after Mass every Sunday. This makes a good time to meet your fellow parishioners. Come and join us. *Asha*

## TABLET

There are copies of the Tablet available on the table in church's porch. If you are interested in having a copy please, take it and see either Paul or John with your payment. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

### Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8 June 2019 at 3 pm.

The Cardinal extends an invitation to all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your details: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), to Katherine at the office and she will forward your details to Marriage & Family Life, Agency for Evangelisation. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

### Beginning Experience

There is a healing weekend for men and woman who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12th to 14th April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex.

For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).

Charlotte McNerlin, Marriage and Family Life Ministry - Administrator, 020 7931 6064 ext.2464, [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk)

[Marriage and Family Life Website](#)

### Dear Friend of Hurtado Jesuit Centre,

*Our next Saturday Reflection Morning (in Wapping) is on February 23rd 2019.*

*John Moffat SJ will help us reflect with - Time at the Well*

*Most welcome at 10.00 for coffee & pastries; start at 10.30 (to 12.30)*

**Our mailing address is:** Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler Street, Wapping, London, England E1W 2QT

### Justice and Peace rep needed!

**What is Justice and Peace?** It's about wanting to make a difference, witnessing to gospel values in society, not only by helping those close at hand, or sending gifts overseas, but asking why problems are arising, and whether we can speak up for change. We are currently working on such things as climate protection, Fairtrade, the refugee situation, and peace in the Middle East. Justice and Peace reps can publicise our work, maintain a parish notice board, or raise awareness in the parish. Can you be your parish Justice and Peace representative? Contact the office at [justice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justice@rcdow.org.uk).

Barbara Kentish

Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, 4 Vincent Rd, London N15 3QH

Tel 00 44 (0) 208 888 4222

**Welcoming the stranger, watch out for ways of helping refugees!**

### ARE YOU PLANNING TO MARRY?

Well, that's wonderful: congratulations on your coming marriage. We hope and pray you will have many happy years together.

The process for arranging a marriage is fairly straightforward – provided you start in the right place – which is with me. It doesn't matter where you intend to marry or who is going to conduct the service, the documentation starts with me.

**But, please, contact me early in the process – don't go steaming ahead with all the other arrangements and contact the Church last of all.**

**Above all, be careful of so-called 'wedding planners'. Do not believe what they have to say about Church requirements; they frequently give misleading advice.**

To start the process off, call the office to book an appointment to see me. I will then be able to tell you what further information you need to supply and what else you need to do. I will tailor the process to your situation.

*Fr. Christopher*

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**Fr Christopher Silva**  
*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**  
*Parish Secretary*

**The office may be contacted by phone:**  
**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**  
**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**NEW PARISHIONERS** — Please fill in a “Registration Form” from the Church porch and hand it in to the Office or to the Parish Priest.

**BLESSING OF HOMES** — Contact the Parish Secretary to book a date and time.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** — Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for a visit from the Caring & Sharing Group.

**BAPTISMS** — Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – **Next baptismal course will be on Mon 01 April & Mon 8 April 2019 - 7.00pm.** Please, call the office to reserve your space. Please, note that all baptism will be during Mass.

**WEDDINGS** — Contact the Parish Priest by email or letter, **even if you wish to be married elsewhere.** Please give full names, contact details, religion of each party and whether or note either of you has been married before. The Church normally requires six months notice of weddings.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO HOSPITAL?** — If you are admitted as a patient, please ensure the Chaplains’ Office is informed you would like to be visited by a Catholic Minister. This has to be done by you or a relative.

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS** — The Parish is completely committed to the protection from abuse of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. The Parish Protection Officer is Mrs Diane Winship and she should be contacted directly on 07799-414-806 if you have cause for concern. The Diocesan Protection Officer may be contacted on 020-7798-9350/07803-634-236, by email to arianna.sommariva@rcdow.org.uk or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

**AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER** — The newsletter is available electronically, enabling you to remain in touch even when you are away on holiday or on business—as well as reducing our ecological footprint. Email the Parish Secretary to arrange to be added to the distribution list.

**SET OF DONATION ENVELOPES** , if you want to donate in envelopes and to gift aid your donations, you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you. During the week the boxes are available from the office.

*Katherine*

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS:** loose: 522.02 envelopes: 532.42, total: **1054.44**  
***Thank you for your Generosity*** WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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