

<i>MASSES:-</i>		<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Holy souls	
		<i>SUNDAY</i>	9.00am	Parishioners	
			11.00am	Peter Fernandes rip - birthday	
			6.30pm	Holy souls	
<i>MON</i>	8.15am	Maisie Fernandes (Lloyd & Brian)			
	10.30am	Hoy souls			
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	Cahil De Menezes – well-being			
<i>WED</i>	8.15am	Redu Bragança			St. Anthony
	10.30am	Fr. Roy Dunstan			
<i>THU</i>	9.30am	Guy & Eileen Shoebridge			
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	John Herity - anniv		<i>Exposition after Mass</i>	
	7.00pm	Amanda Coutinho (Vine)			
	7.45pm	<i>Ecumenical Prayer and Praise</i>			
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Pamela Da Gama			
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	Confessions			
	6.00pm	Darren Verthanayagam			
<i>SUN</i>	9.00am	Billy Corbett			
<i>21st</i>	11.00am	Thomas Keating			
	6.30pm	Parishioners			

Day of Reflection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday 10th March in St Stephen's Parish Hall 10.30am – 4pm. First conference: *'The Church venerates the Scripture as she venerates the body of the Lord'*. Followed by Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Second Conference: *'The Eucharist as fulfillment of the Scriptures'*. Mass with Bishop Patrick Lynch at 3pm. To book please call the Centre for Catholic Formation 020 8672 7684 or email office@ccftootingbec.org.uk. Please bring a packed lunch. Leaflets on the table in the porch. See poster.

Music at 9am Mass Now that a somewhat depleted choir has moved to this Mass we are looking for more volunteers; singers, musicians or anyone with ideas on how to improve our worship through music to join us this Monday evening (15th January) in the small hall at 7pm. You will receive a very warm welcome. Or feel free to phone Freda on 020 8303 4723.

Funerals in 2 weeks time: Merita Russell's funeral will be on Tuesday 30th Jan. at 10.15am, Kevin Corr's will be on Wednesday 31st at 10.30am, and Amanda Coutinho's on Friday 2nd at 10.30am. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in the Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February at 11am (finishing at 12.15). See poster in church for details of how to attend, or contact the parish promptly.

SVP Sudan Appeal Every year the SVP makes an appeal for the baby feeding programme it has been running in Sudan for many years. Conditions have improved since last year but there is still desperate poverty with babies being the most vulnerable. If you would care to add your support please complete a donation form which can be found on the table at the back of the church and return it with your donation to the presbytery. Many thanks to all who already support to this humanitarian crisis.

Children's Liturgy: In order for this to continue in 2018 we will need new leaders and helpers. If you would like to join the rota or to find out more about how the group runs please contact Fr Jim or Lorraine in the office.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18th to 25th January. I hope you will be able to come to one or more of the following ecumenical prayer services. Befriending, praying with and working with other Christians are the essential first steps on the journey to unity. As you see, we will be hosting on Friday 19th. It will be Mass at 7pm followed by a Prayer & Praise Service at 7.45pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

Thurs 18 th	10.15am	Eucharistic Service at the Methodist Church (Bellegrove Road)
Fri 19 th	7.45pm	Prayer & Praise at St Stephen's
Sat 20 th	10am	Unity Service at Bishop Ridley (The Green)
Sun 21 st	6.30pm	Prayer Service at Salvation Army (Welling High Street)
Mon 22 nd	9am	Prayer Meeting at St John's (Danson Lane)
Tues 23 rd	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise at Wellspring (New Road)
Wed 24 th	10am	Holy Communion at St Michael's (Upper Wickham Lane)
	7pm	Prayer & Praise at FCI (38 Upper Wickham Lane)
Thurs 25 th	7pm	Prayer & Praise at RCCG Victory House (138 Upper Wickham Lane)

The Big Breakfast is on Sunday 28th January in aid of the homeless charity *The Passage*. Breakfasts will be on sale after 9am Mass. The Brownies, Rainbows and Guides will be running games & stalls and selling fabulous homemade cakes. Come into the hall and help them raise money to support this worthy cause. We welcome the Guide Group & their leaders for their Church parade at 9am Mass.

Lent House Groups 2018: it's already time to be thinking about these as it takes some time to organise the groups. If you would like to take part this year, please sign the list in the church porch by 21st January. Depending on numbers, they can be morning, afternoon or evening of any weekday - just state your preference. This is an excellent way to meet our fellow Christians in a relaxed setting. If you would like to know more about the Lent Groups, please read the article in *Living Water* on page 15.

Holy Communion: If you wish your child to be prepared to receive communion please register with Fr. Jim after Mass on Sunday, and make a date for him or her to be interviewed. Classes will happen on Tuesdays immediately after school - beginning on 30th January. The first Parents' Evening is on Friday 26th January at 7.30pm. If you have. Once you have registered you will receive confirmation by email.

Simply Perfect will be selling First Holy Communion wear & accessories including gifts & cards in the hall on Sunday 4th March 9.30am – 12pm. See poster & leaflets or go to www.firstcommunionwear.com

Confirmation: Meeting for parents and candidates is on Sunday 25th February at 5pm in the parish hall. Classes will be before the Sunday evening Mass at 5pm starting in March. The course includes a retreat at St Vincent's in Whitstable in April. Bishop Patrick Lynch will be confirming young people on Saturday 23rd June at 6pm Mass. If you would like to take part and are in year 9 or above please write to Fr Jim, explaining why you want to be confirmed.

Many Thanks for last Sunday's collection which came to £1340.26. The SPUC retiring collection came to £207.05. Today the second collection is for Pax Christi – the Catholic movement for peace in England and Wales. Envelopes are available. Next week the second collection will be for Racial Justice Sunday.

Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 27th January 11am - 4:30pm at St George's Cath, Southwark. Details & programme - see poster or take a leaflet from the table in the porch. www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

Bexley Winter Shelter began on Wed 3rd January and runs until 23rd March. Entrance to the shelters is by invitation only. There are leaflets on the table in the porch with contact information which can be given to anyone who may need to access the shelter. Please do not post the information on social media.

Rock'n'Roll Bingo on Saturday 20th January 7.30pm in the parish hall. £5 Adults Children free. £1 per game. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. All proceeds go to 3rd Welling Scout Group. Tickets Mel 07845 517128 or email 3rdwelling@gmail.com

More Dates for your Diary

16th Jan: Zumba Class in the parish hall 6pm. £5pp. All welcome. (Every Tuesday).

18th Jan: Play Duplicate Bridge in St Stephen's small hall 11.30am to 2pm. £3 to play. All welcome (Every Thurs)

22nd Jan & 12th Feb: Line Dancing in the parish hall 1.45pm £4pp. All welcome

24th Jan: Film Night: documentaries on a *Shroud of Turin*, & *life of St Augustine of Hippo*, at St John Fisher church hall 7:30pm. Free admission.

26th Jan: Fish-n-Chips Social at St John Fisher Church hall 7pm: testimony of Robin Mace. £10 tckts 07956111909

5th Mar: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the small hall 8.15pm – All welcome

29th Apr: International Day at St Stephens's followed by a Bring & Share Lunch