

<i>MASSES:-</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Fara De Souza
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	9.00am	Philip & Maureen – Golden Wedding
		11.00am	Tony Califano – anniv.
		6.30pm	Tom O’Brien – anniv.

This afternoon we welcome Billie-Rose Witchlow into the church through the sacrament of Baptism.

<i>MON</i>	8.15am	Rebecca Curtin	
	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Julio Agnelo DeSouza	
<i>TUE</i>	9.30am	Mollie Dillon – 20 th anniv.	
<i>WED</i>	8.15am	Daniel Rodrigues	
	10.30am	William McElroy – anniv.	
<i>THU</i>	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Juliet Hawkins	
<i>FRI</i>	9.30am	Julia & Cornelius Keefe	<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
	7.00pm	Amanda Coutinho (Farrao)	<i>Exposition after Mass</i>
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Canon Terence Healy	St. Anselm
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	Bertha Braganza	
<i>SUN</i>	9.00am	Daniel Gulliford – recovery (McMorrow)	4 th Sunday of Easter (B)
<i>22nd</i>	11.00am	Stanley Lobo	
	6.30pm	Parishioners	

Today Please Welcome Sr. Ann and Sr. Rita of the Daughters of Divine Love, who are making the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of all the women’s missionary orders. We are looking forward to a happy reunion, because Sr. Ann worked with Fr. Jim when he was in Herne Hill parish.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer and adoration between the 2 morning Masses. You are warmly invited to spend a few moments in prayer, but please leave quietly after the 9am Mass and respect the silence before the beginning of the 11am. We particularly want to encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as the Church is preparing for the Eucharistic Congress in September.

Prayer & Praise following 7pm Mass next Friday, 20th April. All welcome.

Red Box Holders: Would all red box holders please bring their boxes to be emptied today or next week. Please make sure your name is on the label at the bottom of the box. Leave the box in the Sacristy and collect it from the back of the church the following week. Thank you.

St. Stephen’s International Mass and Lunch will be on 29th April. This will be a great occasion for the parish, and a celebration of the international nature of the Church. I invite you to get together with others from your country or culture to prepare a reading or hymn in your own language, and to cook some of your national food for the lunch. Please let Fr. Jim know how you are getting forward with this.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 20th April at 1.45pm at St. John's Church in Danson Lane, Welling DA16 2BQ. Refreshments afterwards and parking available. You will be finished in time to pick up children from school. All are welcome. (March date was cancelled due to bad weather)

Many Thanks for last Sunday’s collection which came to £1175.16. Next week the second collection will be for Ecclesiastical Education.

Post-Easter Talks at the Amigo Hall: The Centre for Catholic Formation is holding a series of talks at the Amigo Hall, SE1 7HY. The series' theme is *Eucharist* in anticipation of the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress. Free entry, donations welcome. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Eucharist and Mission (19 April); Eucharist in Art (26 April); Eucharist and Prayer (3 May) and Eucharist in Scripture (10 May). The talks will be viewable on the CCF YouTube channel. Info: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/sharinginhislife

The 24 hour devotion of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen on Friday 4th May with Mass at 5.30pm followed by Exposition with sung Vespers; ending with Benediction on Saturday 5th May before 6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday. At 3pm on Saturday we will say the Divine Mercy Prayer. All welcome.

Bexley Deanery Retreat at The Friars, Aylesford on Friday 28th September – Sunday 30th September. Information & booking forms are available on the table in the porch – to be returned by Monday 18th June with a non-refundable deposit of £10.

Mass for Migrants in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Monday 7th May at 11am at St George's Cathedral, London SE1. Banner procession at 10.45am. Everyone warmly welcomed.

Film Night on Wed 25th April when the 1st of a 2-part movie on the life the great St Augustine of Hippo as he rises from his reckless days as a youth to become a most highly influential Father & Doctor of the Church will be shown. The second part (including a trailer as recap) will be shown on Wed 9th May. Watch either or both parts. The film will be shown in St John Fisher Bexley Church Hall, bar open, hot buffet snacks, admission free, all welcome, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Drama Production is on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th April at 7.30pm in St Stephen's parish hall. A *Musical Extravaganza -Stage to Screen* with songs and sketches from the shows. Tickets on sale now.

Altar Servers Rally at The Friars, Aylesford Priory on Monday 7th May 10am. The annual rally gives the servers in Southwark a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate their special Ministry of Service in the Church. The event encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith. Further details at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk - click on the Future Events tab. See poster for details.

The Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24th – 31st August 2018 under the leadership of Archbishop Peter Smith. Leaflets and booking forms available on the table in the porch. Information at www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com/CA or tel 01732 886666 or 0800 917357

Deepdene Club re-opens on Monday 16th April at 10.30am in St Stephen's Parish Hall. *Bridge* tuition for beginners as well as those who wish to hone their skills is run by Jenny Jakes 1- 2.30pm, on the first and third Mondays of the month in St Stephen's small hall. Contact jenny.jakes@sky.com or 07862 202572

Minutes from the **Parish Pastoral Council meeting** held on 5th March are now available on the parish website. If you would like a paper copy please contact Lorraine in the office. The next PPC meeting will be on Friday 11th May at 8.15pm in the small hall. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers Needed to Hoover the Sanctuary and side carpets once a month for 1 hour. If you are interested in joining the rota or would like to find out more please contact Marlene 8317 1858 or Lesley 8303 4257.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage at St George's Cathedral, 16th June 2018. If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend a special Mass where you can renew your vows, please sign up as soon as possible on the list at the back of the church to receive your invitation from the Archbishop. Please write very clearly.

More Dates for your Diary

17th Apr: Zumba Class 6pm in the parish hall £5pp. All welcome (Every Tuesday)

20th – 22nd Apr: Beginning Experience - healing weekend for men & women who find themselves single again after separation, divorce or the death of a partner at the Domus Maria Centre, Chigwell, Essex. Book 01293783965

21st Apr: *Coffee Morning* at Greenwich & Bexley Comm Hospice, Bostall Hill 10am – 1pm. Free entry.

23rd Apr & 14th May: Line Dancing in the parish hall 1.45pm £4pp. All welcome (2nd & 4th Mondays in the month)

28th Apr: CAFOD Info Day at Romero House, London SE1 9.30am – 3pm. Volunteer with CAFOD. 8466 9901

28th Apr: *Evangelisation Summit* via video link at CCF, Tooting Bec 9.30am to 9.30pm. Tickets £30 inc meals & literature. To book: www.ccftootingbec.org/nes2018

28th & 29th Apr: Marriage Encounter weekend (not residential) in Purley, Croydon. Book 86512477

7th May: Parish Walk – more details to follow.