

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15th November 2020 Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time (A) World Day of the Poor
(Deceased members of the Panza Family RIP)

Monday 16th November St. Gertrude, Virgin
(Josephine & Patrick Diffley RIP)

Tuesday 17th November St. Hilda, Religious

Wednesday 18th November The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul, Apostles
(Deceased parents of Guy and Catarina Beresford RIP)

Thursday 19th November Feria
(Deceased relatives of the McGowan family RIP)

Friday 20th November Feria
(Anna Grandolfi RIP)

Saturday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
(Deceased members of the Msoka family RIP)

Sunday 22nd November 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A) Youth Day
(June Ventris RIP)

SECOND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MASS AT ST. SIMON'S - following the national guidance of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, celebration of Mass in this church is suspended until further notice. It is not, currently, possible to open the church for private prayer, however, during this period, Fr. Hans will continue to celebrate Mass, without the faithful, on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church.

TODAY IS THE FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - The Annual World Day of the Poor was instituted in 2016 by Pope Francis, at the end of the Year of Mercy. It invites Christians to see people who are poor not simply as recipients of charity, but as human beings who we have an on-going relationship with, and as people who have a particular insight into the Gospel. This year's theme "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" is a summons to responsibility and commitment as men and women who are part of our one human family. Pope Francis' message for this World Day of the Poor can be found on the Vatican website <http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri.index.html>

SANCTUARY CARPET REPLACEMENT AND WOODEN FLOOR REFURBISHMENT - The sanding of the floor in the church and foyer commenced this week, and the transformation is already amazing; removing years of thick, dark varnish has been a herculean task. It is hoped that the sealing and varnishing will take place this coming week. Quotes for the replacement of the carpet on the Sanctuary and kneelers are still being gathered.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND- 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. You can donate online via www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html (select Priest Training Fund) or by scanning the QR code on the poster on the church window. Please be generous and keep our seminarians, and priests, in your prayers. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: Last week: £265.32 (Gift Aid £16 + Plate £62.32 + £187 standing order.) 2nd Collection: Priest Training Fund - £31.51. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

For those occasions when we can't be in our churches, an act of Spiritual Communion can help us keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

CHURCH CLEANING

Suspended until further notice

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for
Merrick Boston,
Ronald Salmon,
June O'Driscoll,
Noela Thiebaud,
Francesca Baker,
Trevor Lane,
Tricia Coppin,
Sebastian Burrell,
Fred Ward,
Lisa Moran,
Rita Coombs,
Paul McKenna.