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SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY | 30TH | 18:00 | Eighteenth Sunday | Solemnity | John Whelan RIP |
| SUNDAY | 31ST | 08:30 | Eighteenth Sunday | Solemnity | PRO POPULO |
| | 31ST | 10:00 | Eighteenth Sunday | Solemnity | Mr & Mrs Adelaja RIP |
| | 31ST | 12:00 | Eighteenth Sunday | Solemnity | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| | 31ST | 18:00 | Eighteenth Sunday | Solemnity | For Peace in the world |
| MONDAY | 1ST | 10:00 | St Alphonsus Liguori | Memorial | Deceased O'Donnell family |
| TUESDAY | 2ND | 10:00 | St Eusebius of Vercelli | | Deceased Connaghan family |
| TUESDAY | 2ND | 19:00 | St Eusebius of Vercelli | | |
| WEDNESDAY | 3RD | 10.00 | | Feria | Rose Murphy RIP |
| THURSDAY | 4TH | 10.00 | St John Vianney | Memorial | Rommel RIP |
| FRIDAY | 5TH | 10:00 | | Feria | McKambabazu & A. Muhoza |
| FRIDAY | 5TH | 19:00 | | Feria | Priests of Southwark |
| SATURDAY | 6th | 10:00 | The Transfiguration of The Lord | Feast | Clare Leonard RIP |

ADORATION: MON-FRI: 9AM-10AM TUE, FRI: 6PM-7PM | **CONFESSIONS:** FRI: 6PM-7PM, SAT: 5PM-5:40PM



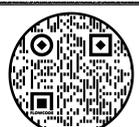
We pray for the repose of the soul of Satya Anand Savitsky. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Georgina Opene, John Murphy, Michael Delaney, Ibiroke Abeni Adelaja, Mary Vjaksa, Michael Nawara, John Ryan, Boniface Emenyeonu-Afoko, Rosemarie O'Reilly, Doris Amatrado and Peter Jenkinson. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Last week must have been the fourth or fifth time I was sitting down with the Metropolitan Police since I arrived in the parish. It was to give a witness statement to a crime: our sign was ripped off our railings a few weeks ago during the night. In speaking with the Police they informed me that the Borough of Lambeth has the greatest population of those with mental health issues of every London borough: much of what they deal with relates to mental health and the - at times violent and disturbing - incidents they are called to attend to involve those who "aren't capable of caring whether there's CCTV there or not". The patron saint of the mentally disturbed is St Benedict Joseph Labre and we didn't get to celebrate him this year as his day fell on Holy Saturday. Maybe it's an apt reminder that - although there is much coverage of mental health nowadays - the mentally disturbed can be overlooked: the sort of people we might be likely to avoid in the street. St Benedict wanted to be a priest but was unable because of his mental illness. Instead he would wander the Churches of Rome praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He squatted in one of the porticoes of the Coliseum. As we pass those who wander Brixton let us pray to St Benedict himself who wandered Rome: may his witness be a reminder to them of the love of God and the salvation that awaits all those who hope in His Son Our Lord.

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PARISH NEWS

HOLY WATER CONTAINER FOR THE CHURCH: I am touched by the faith of so many of you who request Holy Water for use in your home. Our current Holy Water Container in the Sacristy is a plastic water butt. I am keen that this be replaced with a permanent container in our Church to the right of the Marian altar (in the alcove near the fire exit doors). Please [click here](#) to see the container I propose. If you would be interested in subsidising it to beautify our Church you can choose who to dedicate it to and we will make a plaque to place on it asking anyone using it to draw Holy Water to pray for the person. Do let me know via email if you would be interested and it will be anonymous.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS: all those who have volunteered to help in a role in the parish involving the need for a DBS check are asked to please register to attend one of two Safeguarding training sessions in September. All should have received an email, however, if you are yet to do so - or did not receive one by mistake - please register for training using the link [here](#).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Our programme for children entering Year 3 in September begins with parental sessions on Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th October at 7:30pm in the Hall. Children of Corpus Christi School will receive instruction after class on Monday afternoons and children from other schools will be catechised on Sunday afternoons. Applications are now open and you can register your child by [clicking here](#). **You must have your child's Baptism certificate to begin the application process.** There is an administration fee of £10 for copies of Baptismal certificates issued by the Parish Office. The deadline for our receiving applications is **Friday 16th September.**

CONFIRMATION 2023: Our Confirmation Programme for children entering Year 8 in September begins with sessions for parents on Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th October at 7:30pm in the Hall. To receive the Confirmation Application form in the Autumn you [must register here](#). The application process which involves completion of an online form will only begin in October 2022 and the children's sessions - which will take place on Friday evenings at 6pm - will start in January 2023.

UPDATE: SCHOOL APPLICANTS for 2023 / 2024 entry (Primary - inc. Nursery - and Secondary) need to register via [this link](#) for a Priest's Reference Form. **You will need a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate before registering:** NB. There is a £10 admin fee for copies in this parish.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED: only urgent enquiries will be addressed until the 7th September.

THE BOILER: Our Fabric and Finance Committees met recently to consider and advise on four tenders: three from traditional gas boiler companies and one from a geothermal contractor to replace our Church heating system. The latter solution involved the use of air-source pumps - avoiding the use (and cost of) electricity and gas. This innovative technology would cost £180,000 excluding VAT and - although eco-friendly - it would be ten times the price of a more traditional solution and unaffordable. In considering three similarly priced tenders from commercial heating companies to supply two boilers sufficient to heat our Church and Hall a local company - LHPS Ltd - has been chosen to supply, install and service the new boilers. The cost will be £18,250+ VAT. We require approvals from the relevant Diocesan committees but are hopeful that we will be warm for the coming winter which is essential so we can welcome people back to Sunday Mass.