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SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	5TH	10:00	St Agatha	Memorial	Oliver Honan RIP
SATURDAY	5TH	18:00	Fifth Sunday	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	6TH	08:30	Fifth Sunday	Solemnity	
	6TH	10:00	Fifth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO
	6TH	12:00	Fifth Sunday	Solemnity	Welfare of John Poland
	6TH	18:00	Fifth Sunday	Solemnity	
MONDAY	7TH	10:00		Feria	Frank Allen RIP
TUESDAY	8TH	10:00	St Josephine Bakhita	Memorial	The Arise Foundation
WEDNESDAY	9TH	10:00		Feria	Bruno Romano RIP
THURSDAY	10TH	10:00	St Scholastica	Memorial	Andy & Karine Novakovic
FRIDAY	11TH	10:00	Our Lady of Lourdes	Memorial	
SATURDAY	12TH	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Memorial	Clare Leonard RIP

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]


OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS



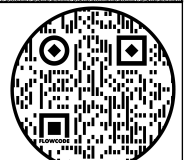
We pray for Christina Woodward, Rosa Sagona, Antonio Lanzon, Evelyn Drisdale and Bruno Romano who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Samuel Kibbey, Antonietta Melotta, Patricia Donnelly, Cecilia Loizdes, Samuel St. Hilaire, James Findlay, Ellen McEntaggart and Claris Wray. We pray for our Archdiocese of Southwark and Archbishop John Wilson as he visits us this weekend: may he be given the grace to inspire each of us individually to witness to our faith in the Lord Jesus

It is the Day for Victims of Trafficking this coming Tuesday and a time when we're called to remember all who suffer the effects of this evil trade and all who seek to end their suffering. This day is chosen by the Church in particular because it is the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita who was an African woman - from South Darfur - sold into slavery several times but survived and subsequently became a religious sister in Italy. Her story is one that gives hope to survivors of this most terrible form of abuse: St Josephine - upon encountering Christ and realising her religious vocation - spent her life caring for - and teaching - young sisters in Africa and preparing them for the life she had been called to live. Her life models for us the antithesis of human trafficking and slavery: while the latter evils emerge from the selfish desire to possess, St Josephine's life became a pure gift of self. We considered this topic with our Confirmation candidates this week and reflected upon the words of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta to a reformed criminal: she said "we find true peace in giving, not taking." Let us pray that all perpetrators of abuse, trafficking and slavery are brought to repentance and to see the truth that St Josephine and St Teresa spoke by their lives and may we be given the courage to do as they did.

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PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU! A big thank you to our servers, readers, sacristans, musicians, caterers, youth group members, ushers, polishers, landscape gardeners, decorators and electricians and everyone who doesn't fall into these categories for going the extra mile in preparation for this Sunday's visit of Archbishop John. At the time of writing we're looking forward to welcoming him and let us pray that his arrival is a time of grace for our parish. May it inspire within us all a deeper love of the Mass he comes to celebrate for us and may our parish become an ever more vivid sign of Christ's love.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Fr Victor Darlington - Chair of the Archbishop's Commission for Promoting Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion - who spoke at our recent AGM was in touch recently to ask for our support of Racial Justice Sunday which will take place on **Sunday 13th February 2022**. There will be a Mass - celebrated by the Archbishop at St George's Cathedral at 10am - and a reception. I am pleased to announce that our delegates for Racial Justice Sunday are:

Josephine Namusisi-Riley
Yogi Sutton
Marion Osieyo
Akosuah Owusu-Ansah
Margaret McCabe
Mary McGowan

Let us pray for the work of the Archbishop's Commission and for the success of the gathering. There will be a retiring collection next week after all Masses for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

RELAXATION OF COVID RESTRICTIONS: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued guidance - approved by public health officials - last week which acknowledges the tension that exists as we move from a pandemic to a virus becoming endemic within the population. That tension is between the risk of infection and the need to move forward safely towards a normal lifestyle. With this in mind they remind us that the best mitigation against COVID-19 is to be fully vaccinated: all are encouraged to get vaccinated. If someone is displaying symptoms of COVID they are encouraged to stay at home and follow government guidance on testing and isolation. The main practical implications for our parish are as follows:

- Holy Communion is still to be distributed under one kind only and the sign of peace omitted.
- Those attending Church may wear face coverings but it is no longer a legal requirement to do so.
- Holy Water is now available in the stoups which can be used upon entering and leaving Church.

LOST PROPERTY: We have inherited in the Church one pair of glasses, a scarf, a pair of gloves, a children's bicycle helmet and a motorbike helmet. If you are the owner of any of these items please contact Melanie who's looking after them in the office for you: brixtonhill@rcaos.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth since it is prayed by Jesus Himself as He offers Himself up on our behalf to the Father. Each Mass is offered for a particular intention and - you will notice from this Newsletter - that they are listed there each week: you'll also notice that we don't have many at present! You can arrange for a Mass to be said for a particular intention by taking an envelope from the Church porch in which you can place a donation which forms a significant part of a priest's annual income. Mass cards can be purchased from the office which are signed by the priest and can be sent to relatives who are in mourning.