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SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	26тн	10:00	Mass of Confirmation	Solemnity	*Confirmation Families only*	
SATURDAY	26тн	18:00	Eighth Sunday Solemnity John McCann RIP		John McCann RIP	
SUNDAY	27тн	08:30	Eighth Sunday	Solemnity	Peace & Love in my family	
	27тн	10:00	Eighth Sunday	Solemnity	George Rampersaud RIP	
	27тн	12:00	Eighth Sunday	Solemnity	Catherine Crayton	
	27тн	18:00	Eighth Sunday	Solemnity	PRO POPULO	
MONDAY	28TH	10:00		Feria	Frederick Barthope	
TUESDAY	1st	10:00	St David	Feast	Peace & Unity in my family	
WEDNESDAY	2 ND	10:00	Ash Wednesday	Lent		
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THURSDAY	3rd	10:00		Lent	The Greevy Family	
FRIDAY	4тн	10:00		Lent	Family Prosperity	
SATURDAY	5тн	10:00		Lent	Carlos Culeta RIP	

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

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

We pray for Cathy Crayton, Cristina Woodward, Rosa Sagona, Antonio Lanzon, Evelyn Drisdale who died recently and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Verdal Smith, Louis Beche, Mark Smith, Maddelena Lucas, Alfred Kamara, Josephine Riley and Guiseppe Mason. We pray for the people of Ukraine at this time and ask God to bring about peace in the hearts of all involved in the current conflict.

I'm feeling a mixture of emotions as I write these words. On the one hand I am excited by the prospect of our 86 candidates receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. On the other, it is deeply disturbing to hear about casualties in Ukraine as the prospect of conflict rears its ugly head. Celebration and commiseration coincide and - with Lent upon us next week too and the desire to be prepared for it - it is difficult to know how to approach these days of global disturbance and local excitement. I'm sure Our Lord had to deal with this as in His divine mind were all the concerns of the world and yet the joyful experience of His own ministry of sanctifying. This coming week we will remember that - before embarking upon His great work of public ministry and experience of the height of joy and the depth of sorrow - He went into the wilderness. Lent is this time: a time in which we are asked to do the same and re-set our "normal" lives in some small ways so that we can fix our gaze upon the One who is the meaning and purpose of all creation. In our confusion and anxiety we need Him. How can we deepen our faith in this truth even more during Lent?

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PARISH NEWS

THIS WEDNESDAY IS THE BEGINNING OF LENT: This coming Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence and a day on which we are asked to come to Mass as the season of Lent begins. There will be a morning Mass - at 10am and an evening Mass - at 7pm - at which ashes will be distributed. Let us humbly ask the Lord in these days what He wants us to do to grow closer to Him in this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATE: This coming Saturday - 5th March - we will accompany our Catechumens and Candidates to St George's Cathedral in Southwark for the Rite of Election. This is where all those who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church in our Archdiocese come to present themselves and pray together. Please remember in your prayers the following people in our parish who are to be received this Easter:

Benoni Barnor Gifty Nathan Grace Osei Zilah Wallenda Blessing Inubiwon Michael Shittu Abisola Shittu

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: There is a Second Collection this Sunday after all Masses for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund of the Archdiocese. The largest area of Archdiocesan expenditure is the provision of care for the growing number of priests who have reached retirement age: the majority will not have family to care for them and this means that the Archdiocese has to provide. We are asked to consider how much we can give back to those who have given to us.

SENIORS' TALK WITH LUNCH: <u>This Monday 28th February</u> there will be a talk by one of our parishioners - Dan Howarth - who is Head of Care at Diabetes UK and a qualified nurse. It will begin at 11:30am with the Seniors' Soup and Bread Lunch following at 12:30pm. All seniors are welcome to attend and please contact John Bateson-Hill for more information on 07722260434.

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES FROM MARCH: we will be introducing some weekday evening Masses from mid-March. They will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. Details to follow...

STAY AND PLAY GROUP: The Stay and Play Toddlers' Group takes place every Friday during term time **between 9:15 and 11:15am**. The group connects parents living in the parish and provides a safe environment for children. We ask for a donation of £2 per child and £1 for siblings [you can now use contactless]. Please call Blathnaid Duffy if you can help: 07816980010.

OUR BOILER: Our boiler is still in need of repair. I have been visited by two contractors and am - at the time of writing - awaiting visits from the Archdiocesan contractor. I hope to have some more news next week but currently we are still without heat so please bring those thermals with you. We need to understand for certain whether a longer-term solution is required hence the delay.