

Parish Diary and Reflection

Sunday – El Shaddai Prayer – 1:00 – 3:30pm

Saturday - Youth Practice 1:00 - 3:00pm Choir Practice:1:00 - 5:00pm

First Friday of the Month: Adoration & Benediction

Tea and Coffee: Cancelled until further Notice

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Today's readings point out to only one theme: following Jesus, though full of serious challenges, is the best decision we can ever make. The book of Wisdom and the Psalm make us realize this: true wisdom can be found only in God. In the second reading, the example of true discipleship is shown by St. Paul as he asks Philemon to become a true disciple himself in dealing with Onesimus. And the Gospel, definitely, is about following Jesus. In all these, the Blessed Mother is our perfect example of a true disciple. She invites us to look at her on the occasion of her birthday. The best way to honor her is by following her virtues and imitating her examples.

Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else

PDPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For the abolition of the death penalty We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM To baptise your child please phone the Parish Office to book for the class, arrange a date and time of baptism. We request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised, to bring their own baptism certificates as proof that they are Catholics, a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of address along with the Baptism Form collected at the back of the church. GODPARENTS will need to bring their baptism certificate to proof they are practicing Catholics bring their baptism certificate to proof they are practicing Catholics

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST : Baptism Preparation: The Next Baptism course for Infant Baptism and Children up to 7 years of age will be on 14th September and 21st September at 7pm at Sacred Heart. Applications forms are now on the parish website.

First Communion Programme: If you wish to enrol your child in the First Holy Communion Programme please fill the online form available on the parish website under section Sacraments. More information to follow.

Marriage Preparation. Please see the parish website or contact the Parish office for details. A reminder that couples are required to give at least six months of an intention to marry.

Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine. The European Bishops Conference have called for a Day of Prayer for Ukraine on Wednesday 14th September 2022, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Thursday 8th September Deanery Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Bishop Paul Hendricks. Bishop Paul will be moving to become Bishop for the Kent Area of the Diocese. A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at St Boniface Church, Mitcham Road, Tooting, on 8th September at 6.3Dpm followed by a reception in St Boniface Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited to the Mass and celebration. It would be good to see many people from our parish represented at the Mass to thank Bishop Paul for his 16 years of service in this part of the diocese. *The 44 Bus stops right outside St Boniface Church*.

Relics of St Bernadette coming to the Archdiocese of Southwark The Relics arrive in Southwark on 19th October, when they will be received at St George's Cathedral until 21st, followed by four days at Aylesford Priory between 24 - 28th October 2022. We would like to bring a group from the parish to the Cathedral on the evening of Wednesday 19th October. If you would like to join this group please let us know.

STEP INTO THE GAP PROGRAMME CAFOD, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity for 18 - 30 year - olds to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It is a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith. For more information, please contact Arianne at: youngleadership@CAFOD.org.uk; or go to: Step into the Gap - Volunteer for your gap year CAFOD

How To Have A Mass Offered: Please fill-in a Mass Intention envelope which you will find at the back of Church or alternatively you may ask a member of the parish Clergy for one. Once completed, place in the Collection bags on Sunday or hand it to any of the clergy, Parish Secretary or the Sacristan, or if during the week put it through the Priest's House letterbox. It is important that you use the pre-printed Mass Intention envelopes so that we know who has requested the Mass. Charity Number:1173050 (PLEASE STOP COMING TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAYS TO BOOK MASSES – USE THE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)