

Collections

Parish Collection: Gift Aid: £329.00; Cash: £155.00

St. George's Cathedral: Gift Aid: £135.00; Cash: £81.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and financial support

Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Building Fund**.
Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.

Exposition and Morning Prayer

Please come and visit Our Lord: the Church is open from 8am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Morning Prayer at 8.50am on weekday mornings throughout the year.



Financial Appeal for new Candles

Our oil candles in the Church are leaking very badly and they need to be replaced. We have obtained a quotation from Charles Farris and the replacement cost is around £1,000.00.

Would you be able to make a donation to this good cause? We would need either 10 donations of £100, 14 donations of £75, 20 donations of £50 or 40 donations of £25 or any other amount you are able to give. No amount is too big or too small.

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Confirmations 2019

CONGRATULATIONS to: Martha Bradley, Ruairi Cadden, Miguel Henriques-Comendas, Chinaza Eke, Emily Francis, Sean O'Rourke, Ruben Obasi, Jebosa Osadebay, Anthony Rumbol. Ellie Rumbol, Thomas Stelfox, Isaac Tremain, Valerija Volchonskaja who were all Confirmed on Tuesday evening by Bishop Pat Lynch.

Parishioners please remember these young people and their parents in your prayers and do take time to look around the Church at the many displays, the theme of the Confirmation Programme this year, was a shell and the pearl within it. The lines within the shell, as shown on the display, represent the young people on their journey to seek the pearl within it - Jesus Christ - HE is the pearl of all pearls, the pearl of greatest value. Jesus asks us to follow him, and has given us a wonderful net, our Church. The Church needs people to keep our net strong, and be fishers of men, so the Candidates shells are placed on the net to show their commitment to God and his Church. Our young people are after all the Church of Tomorrow. Please do pray for them and all the young people in our Church.

Young People: There will be a reunion for you all on **THURSDAY** 6th June from 7.15pm to 9pm in the Parish Social Room – hope to see you all there.

Altar Servers Rally 2019

Southwark Altar Servers are invited to attend the **Altar Servers Rally** on the **May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 6th May at Aylesford Priory, Kent**.
Sung Mass at 11:30am. Principal Celebrant: Father Francis Kemsley O.Carm, Prior of Aylesford Priory. All servers, families and friends are welcome.

Please see the notice board for further details and the full programme of the day.

ST. MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB RACE NIGHT: EVENT POSTPONED

NEW DATE: SATURDAY 25th MAY 2019

FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

World Day for Vocations (Vocations Sunday): 12th May 2019

Next Sunday, 12th May, we will celebrate World Day for Vocations (Vocations Sunday). The Church invites us to listen, discern and respond to God's call to us to serve Him in and through the ministry of the Church. As we pray for growth in response to vocations especially to the vowed religious life and the priesthood, let us reflect on the following brief excerpt from the message of the Holy Father, Pope Francis to all of us on this very special occasion: *"Today the Lord continues to call others to follow him. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To listen to that voice, to discern our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to live it in the today that God gives us."*

Gift Aid Boxes

There are still some Gift Aid Boxes which have not been collected by parishioners. If you know your Gift Aid number from last year, and it is below 440, your box can be collected from Father David after weekend Masses. If you don't know your Gift Aid number, use a number higher than 440 or are unable to take part in the scheme, please contact our Gift Aid Co-ordinator, Richard Gillespie, by email on thingy.rmg@virginmedia.com. Thank you.

The Gift: A Life in the Spirit Course

A CaFE Course: an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith which will take place on **Thursday evenings from 7.30-9pm:**

9th May: The Gift of the Spirit; **16th May:** A Personal Pentecost; **23rd May:** The Joy of the Gospel; **30th May:** Unwrapping God's Gift; **6th June:** Living in the Spirit

Refurbishment Works on the Upstairs Toilets

This work is due to be starting on **Monday 15th July 2019**. The cost of these works will be £17,960.00. By the end of July, we should have just enough money to cover this amount from the Building Fund and the 100 Club.

We are looking for ways to raise more funds for the Building Fund so that we can start to look ahead to the next refurbishment project. If any parishioners have any thoughts about fundraising ideas, please contact Jim Saunders, Ron Bull or Josie Coward with your thoughts. We look forward to hearing your ideas and thank you for your continued support and generosity.

May They Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the Souls of **Caroline Bennett, Jane Stainer** and **Kathleen Phillips** who have recently died. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with their families at this time of immense loss. May their Souls and the Souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Caroline Bennett: Reception of the Body: 5pm at St. Anselm's, Dartford on Wednesday 8th May followed by Mass at 7.30pm. **Funeral:** Requiem Mass at St. Anselm's, Dartford at 12 noon on Thursday 9th May.

Kathleen Phillips: Requiem Mass on Tuesday 14th May at 10am:

Committal: Hillview Cemetery, Welling at 12noon

Jane Stainer: Committal: Hither Green Crematorium on Monday 20th May 2019 at 10:45am.