

A DAY WITH MARY:
 here at *St Mary of the Crays*, on
 the First Saturday of July: **6th July 2024.**
A Day of Instruction, Devotion
& Intercession, based on the message
given at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

Begins at 10:00am Procession,
 Holy Mass,
 Litany and
 Rosary.
 12:15pm Lunch Break.
 1:15pm Exposition,
 Blessed
 Sacrament
 Procession ...
 3:30pm Tea Break.
 4:15pm Rosary and
 Sermon,
 enrolments ...
 Finish at 5:30pm approx.



Canon Victor Darlington writes: 'I am writing to announce formation (a) day **for READERS and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** of the SE area of our Archdiocese., coming up on **Saturday 19th October at St Stephen's Church, Welling.** For the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich. [...]

Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 3pm. The theme for this year is –**“Called to Holiness”**, in preparation for the Jubilee year and to help us all live a good Christian life amidst the daily challenges of life.'

CARDINAL BURKE is calling for a **NINE MONTH LONG NOVENA** to pray daily from **Tuesday 12th March to Thursday 12th December** - **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** - to **“RETURN TO OUR LADY”** to pray for the Catholic Church in these difficult days, please search for: **CARDINAL BURKE NOVENA**

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH : THE SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE has several activities in 2024 for youth and young adults. For regular updates on forthcoming events, please sign up to our network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork

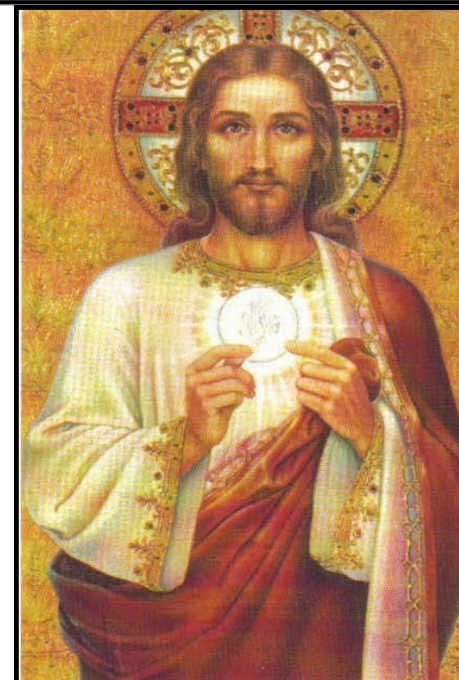
DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS: SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024. **10:00AM**, in **The Amigo Hall, St George's R. C. Cathedral, Southwark.** This will be our tenth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists and will feature a keynote address, workshops, resource stalls and opportunities to meet other catechists. It is always a great day, please save the date now.

3. **+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY + JOSEPH +**
The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B - 16th June 2024

THE MONTH OF JUNE
IS DEDICATED TO THE
SACRED HEART OF JESUS
OUR LORD JESUS SAYS:
“DO NOT BE AFRAID!”
(This is said 366 times in the Bible!!)

“COME TO ME!”
(Matthew 11: 28)
“ALL WHO LABOUR AND
ARE HEAVY LADEN,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

PLEASE COME
TO THE ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
8:00 - 9:00am
MONDAY TO FRIDAY



SECOND PRAYER OF THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

MOST HOLY TRINITY, FATHER,
SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,
 I adore You profoundly, and I offer you
THE MOST PRECIOUS BODY, BLOOD,
SOUL AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
PRESENT IN ALL THE TABERNACLES
of the world, in reparation for the out-
rages, sacrileges and indifference with
which He Himself is offended.
And through the infinite merits of
HIS MOST SACRED HEART,
and THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,
 I beg of You the conversion of
 poor sinners. Amen.

(Angel of Peace, Autumn 1916)

‘O COME,
LET US ADORE HIM!’



4. This is how **St Anthony** (of Padua/Lisbon) converted a heretic in a dispute about the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist, which is indeed, really and truly the Real Presence of Jesus Christ

The heretic, named Bonfillo, challenged St Anthony:

“If you can show us, by some miracle, that **THE HOLY COMMUNION** of believers is, **however veiled, THE TRUE BODY OF CHRIST**, I will renounce all heresy, and will submit to the Catholic faith without delay.”

Convinced by the Lord to do everything for the conversion of the heretic, Anthony accepted the challenge. Bonfillo, said:

“I’ll keep my donkey in doors for three days and deprive it of all food. After three days, I will bring the donkey out to the town square and show him food. Meanwhile, you bring what you claim to be the Body of Christ. If the famished animal refuses the corn and worships your God, I will believe sincerely the Church’s faith.”

Anthony prayed and fasted for those three days.

On the appointed day the square was filled with people all wanting to see what would happen. Anthony celebrated the Holy Mass in front of the large crowd and then with great reverence carried the Lord’s Body before the hungry donkey. At the same time Bonfillo showed the donkey the oats.

Anthony ordered the animal:

“In the Name of God our Creator, Who, unworthy as I am, I hold in my hands, I order you brother donkey immediately, and humbly, **TO PAY DUE REVERENCE TO GOD HERE PRESENT**, so that the wicked heretics may clearly see and learn from this gesture that every creature is indeed subject to God the Creator.”

The donkey refused the fodder, and bowing its head down to the hocks, genuflected before the MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE BODY OF CHRIST in adoration. Seeing this, all present, including the heretic Bonfillo, knelt in adoration.



5.

SVP AND CAFOD
WORKING TOGETHER
IN THE RUN UP TO
THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. **St Vincent de Paul Society** and **CAFOD** have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see

[cafod.org.uk/encounter](https://www.cafod.org.uk/encounter)
OR
[svp.org.uk/encounter](https://www.svp.org.uk/encounter)
for more information.

Below is our prayer for this initiative.

A PRAYER

Mary, model of encounter,
you heard God’s call.
Teach us to listen deeply
in our polarised world.

Mary, woman of courage,
you sang joyfully of God’s justice.
Inspire us to challenge inequality
and call for fulness of life for all.

Mary, seeker of sanctuary,
you fled violence and persecution.
Be with us as we seek peace
and respect for human dignity.

Mary, mother of community,
you joined the disciples at Pentecost.
Pray that the Spirit will empower us
as we act together for the common good.
Amen.

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FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS’
CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND
WALES

The General Election 2024 web resources from the Bishops’ Conference are online and may be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Please see the poster which has a **QR code** to the election resources page. During the period of campaigning, short videos will be posted periodically on social media to highlight the various areas of concern and interest.

DAY FOR LIFE 16th June 2024

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales,

DAY FOR LIFE is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **16th June**. The theme is:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD –
COMPASSION AND HOPE
AT THE END OF LIFE.

A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

DAY FOR LIFE is marked on the same day by the three Bishops’ Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. We hope that parishes will be able to prepare to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life using the resources that will be issued by the Conferences in due course.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>