

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A message from Ben Cahill - Chair of the Social Club

Sunday evening entertainment commencing at 8.00pm

29th January: Cross Keys

5th February: Finbar & Paul

12th February: Kieran White

19th February: The Foot Tappers

25th February: Theresa Rodgers

5th March: Family Affair

12th March: Frank Nelson with the *Keady Academy of Irish Dance*

19th March: Glen Flynn

- *Jiving Classes* will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Large Hall commencing on 5th February. The sessions would be ideal for both experienced dancers & beginners.

- *Gaelic Football Taster Sessions* for Girls & Boys aged 8yrs - 16yrs will commence on Wednesday, 1st February at Trinity School from 5.45pm and concluding at 7.00pm. The sessions will be on the astro-turf pitch focusing on the key skills of the game. Participants require a full sports kit including, top, shorts, socks & trainers (football boots with studs are not permitted). For more information, please call Danny O'Donovan on 07796 934748.

- Our *St Patrick's Celebrations* will commence with a *Bacon & Cabbage Dinner & Dance* on Friday, 10th March. Entertainment will be by *Barry Doyle & His Band*. All proceeds from this event will be given to *the Anerley ACROSS Charity*. To reserve tickets at £15.00 each, please contact Pat Winston on 07734 250375.

RECENT DEATH: We are sad to announce the recent death of *Arthur McPhail* (formerly of this parish). His funeral will be held at Croydon Cemetery on Friday 10th February. May he *Rest In Peace*.

DID YOU KNOW.....*Unwanted spectacles can be recycled!* Day Lewis opticians in Addiscombe will take them (without cases) and pass them on to Vision Aid Overseas. I am sure many people have unwanted pairs lurking in cupboards, so why not put them to good use and help someone less fortunate!

HELPING CATHOLICS TO RETURN

The Landings team offers a **non-judgemental forum** to help you to reconnect with the Catholic faith. The next Landings programme starts on **Tuesday, 7th February**, in Beckenham.

Contact Andrew via LandingsBeckenham@gmail.com for further information.

THE REAL EASTER EGG

Save postage, promote a real, Christian, Easter

The Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation group is again organising a bulk purchase of The Real Easter Egg this year. Order via JPIC and you can avoid postage costs, on the only Easter egg which actually celebrates properly by including a book about Easter. See page 3 of this newsletter via the parish website or contact Andy Bebington (020 8777 4840) for details of how to get your fair-trade Christian eggs. We will place the order on 5 March.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

In order to share our food bank donations with a local food bank, the parish will be alternating our donations between *The Vine* in New Addington and the *Shrublands Trust* food bank in Shirley. We will still be collecting the food donated on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

The next food bank Sunday will be on **19th February** and the donations will be taken to the Shrublands food bank. The parish would like to thank all the volunteers who help deliver the donations and also our parishioners who have always been very generous in their donations. Any questions about this revised arrangement, contact Chris Sciberras at sciberraschris7@gmail.com. Please leave your donations on the porch counter on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Many thanks, Chris.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2023

This year's WDP Service is written by the women of Taiwan who are currently very much in need of our prayers. You are invited to join in a huge worldwide ring of prayer at our hour long service on **Friday 3rd March at 7pm** to which all are welcome.

If you would like to play an active role (readers and individual women parts) in the service, please let me know asap at anne.barcellos@btinternet.com as we are always grateful for volunteers to help make the service a positive and prayerful one. Thank you. *Anne*

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Could you help out at sessions for pre-communion aged children during the 8.30am or 10am Masses? Through storytelling, age appropriate discussions, and arts & crafts activities, Children's Liturgy sessions bring the gospel to life for children. Those children who come along really benefit from them.

We want to continue to run sessions regularly, but volunteer numbers are getting too small to make it workable.

The time commitment is minimal. Volunteers arrive 15 minutes before Mass to help setup the large hall, they support the session leader and participating children throughout the session, and lend a hand packing everything away at the end. Volunteers typically help at two masses per term.

You don't need to have a child who participates in sessions to join the team. This can be a great way to gain voluntary experience and new skills; some of our team members are still at school or college/sixth form.

If you are interested in this opportunity, or to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Sophia: slinehanbiggs@gmail.com or 07717 572791.

COULD YOU BE A RAINBOW LEADER?

The upcoming Easter break brings the departure of Sarah as leader of the 5th Addiscombe Rainbows. As yet, no volunteers have stepped up to take over this very rewarding role, which would mean the unit (*our last remaining Rainbow unit*) would be **forced to shut down**.

Please don't let this happen to our Rainbows! If you think you could be the leader the unit need, please contact Sarah for more information about what is involved, by either:

Emailing oakley50@gmail.com Or texting **07950 381029**

*** IRISH SET DANCING CLASSES ***

Monday nights in the small hall 8 - 10pm

Beginners welcome

Contact number **07304 227935**

*** JIVE COURSE ***

Sunday 22 Jan 2 - 4pm

Sunday 5,12,19 & 26 Feb 2 - 4pm

£10 entry

PILGRIMAGES

Divine Mercy in Krakow 31st May - 5th June

Fatima 14th - 19th June

Lourdes 29th June - 3rd July

Medjugorje 12th - 19th July

For more information contact **Malcolm Fernando**
mjsfernando@gmail.com or **07505 0112749**

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CELEBRATION WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday on **5th February** at **St George's Cathedral, London. Mass will begin at 10am** and all are invited to attend.

For more information about the event, please contact Jennifer on **07712 273024** or email Jenole@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

Items for collection: *H Carmichael J Coleman, SVP x 2, MA McGuigan x 2, S Turner, A Devitt*

Baptism certificates: PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Rotas: *Readers (Jan/Feb) Eucharistic Ministers (January)*

THE REAL EASTER EGG – A BULK ORDER

The Real Easter Egg Company is again offering several choices of fair-trade Easter eggs this year, each of which marks Easter in a special way. A Christian company, they believe in saying that Easter isn't just a time for buying chocolate, it's a reason to stop and think about why we have Easter (and Easter eggs) at all.

By buying in bulk, we will avoid the postage associated with individual purchases – these eggs are not going to be available in supermarkets – and you have until early March to place your order through the parish.

The choices are:

- The Dark Chocolate egg, with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a 150gm smooth super-thick dark chocolate egg – at £5.50
- A milk chocolate “Original” egg with a 24-page Easter story-activity book, a prize competition and a 150gm milk chocolate egg – at £4.50
- The Special Edition has a simple guide to Easter, a designer Easter card, an Easter blessing milk chocolate bar (80gm) and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200gm) – at £9.99
- A Sharing Box containing 30 Belgian chocolate midi eggs (20gm each) and 30 Easter story activity posters – at £30.00
- A Fun Pack containing 6 milk chocolate midi eggs (20gm each) and an Easter story activity poster – at £5.00
- Easter Blessings bars featuring “The Resurrection” image by award-winning artist Martina Peluso – 80gm fair-trade milk chocolate – at £3.00



As well as being made from fair-trade ingredients, all are palm-oil free and plastic free, consistent with the company's concern for the environment.

Order via our Justice Peace & Integrity of Creation group – Andy Bebington will be placing a bulk order on 5 March and will happily arrange delivery of your order when it comes in.

Cash with order, please, either by cheque (payable to A Bebington) to 79 Shirley Way, Shirley CR0 8PL or credit AP & ME Bebington at 56-00-46 account 01038893. Please detail exactly what you want and give your address and phone number so that we can deliver your order in due course. If you have any queries, or want to confirm your order, Andy is at andy.bebington@gmail.com.