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## 17 - 25 November 2018

Saturday	17 Nov	12noon	FILIPINO MASS	
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: Gerald Balzan RIP - Monica & Andrew Diedo	
Sunday	18 Nov	9.00am	John Magibry RIP - Williams Family	33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
		11.00am	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
		3.00pm	BAPTISM: Hudson Lee → Preston Andrew Stuart	
		5.00pm	Alison Peacock & Ronald Labouchardiere - Labouchardiere	
Monday	19 Nov	9.00am	<u> </u>	
		2.00pm		
Tuesday	20 Nov	9.00am	Philomena (Phyllis) Williams RIP - Mary McGlynn & Family	
Wednesday	21 Nov	9.00am	Liam McGloin RIP - Peggy & Bill Goade	THE PRESENTATION of the
				BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Thursday	22 Nov	9.00am	Mrs Bertha Braganza RIP - Labouchardie	ere ST CECILIA
Friday	23 Nov	8.15am	Darent Valley Hospital: Holy Souls	ST CLEMENT (POPE)
		9.00am	John & Maureen Kelleher RIP - Kay Riley	/
		3.45pm	- 7.00pm - <b>JUNIOR CLUB</b> (Jump Giants)	
Saturday	24 Nov	10.00am	Lucas James RIP SS ANDREW	DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS
		6.30pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY: FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH	
Sunday	25 Nov	9.00am	Maria Crisci - Alberto Crisci	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (B)
		11.00am	Martin Quinn RIP- Family	SCHOOL MASS
		5.00pm	Catherine Skorska RIP - Tuscynski Family	

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**: Every Sat from 10.30am -11.00am and 5.45pm - 6.15pm

**DAILY EXPOSITION:** Mon to Fri 8.30am - 9.00am **TEA ROTA:** check your new rota

CLEANING TEAMS: 24.11.18 Team'D' (L Hovell, P Wall), 06.12.18 Team 'A' (J Dunsworth, R Doyle), 13.12.18 Team'B' (T Hoey, Doris)

For a number of years we collected 'Toys for Peru' thanks to your outstanding generosity. In the last couple of years we had difficulty with the customs. It was decided to give up this practise. Alternatively we decided to ask advice from Fr Alex. He made his wish in his last letter to the parish a few weeks ago. As an alternative we are holding two draws to raise funds for the Peruvian Project. Draw number one will consist of the sale of tickets for a wheelbarrow consisting of alcohol. Draw number two is a Children's Draw of a rocking horse with goods attached to it. Tickets are on sale from this weekend.

(1) WHEELBARROW TICKETS: £5.00 EACH (2) ROCKING HORSE: 50pence each

## **PERU FUND:**

Fr Alex in his letter ... presented us with a set of three possibilities by which we could continue to support his mission amongst some of the very poor. I can assure you that any assistance we can provide will be well and truly a work of mercy. The three possibilities Fr Alex offered are:

Point 1 - UPDATE OF KITCHEN

Point 2 - CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Point 3 - COMPASSION FUND

POINT 1: UPDATE of KITCHEN: This means the refurbishment of the Cooker & Refrigeration. The cost of this is in

the region of £6000. One can donate specifically towards the overall figure or join forces with others to make whatever donation one chooses towards the general figure. Every little bit helps.

POINT 2: CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME: This programme supports three hundred children. This help consisted of food hampers, education support with buying school utilities and paying fees. Some children are also helped with medical support. Three times a year new clothes are bought. This sponsorship cost £32 per month per child. The American group that supported this programme for the last fourteen years is no longer doing so. Perhaps we can lend our support as individuals or as a family. I know of instances where a family get together to sponsor a child.

**POINT 3: COMPASSION FUND:** Fr Alex describes the Compassion Fund in these terms, "We started this fund two years ago and it is meant to support the poorest of the poor with the most basic needs. This means we get beds, blankets, food, medicine, clothing etc. In some cases we are paying rent, building a room, paying water and electricity bills, medical interventions, legal support and at times it even means giving a proper burial. One can sponsor this project for £60 per month".

(These ideas are put in front of you for consideration. Should you wish to support in any way, please get in touch)

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

The newly formed Children's Choir will sing for the first time. They will sing at the 11am Mass. My thanks to Mrs Farcas who has undertaken to form this choir. Equally I would like to thank the Children who now form the Choir.

Once more I encourage other children to come forward and join the Choir.

**CONFIRMATION**: The time for applying for enrolling for the enrollment Sacrament of Confirmation is still open. If you wish to be confirmed please fill the form and return to the Presbytery.

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**: This week we are asked to pray for the World Poor.

**YOUTH DAY COLLECTION:** (2ND COLLECTION) Next weekend 24/25 November a second collection be will be held for Catholic Youth Service. This collection supports youth work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS).

BIBLE CLUB: I would like to remind parents that the Parish Programme for First Holy Communion is a two year programme. The first year the children attend the Bible Club. Over fifty children have been enrolled for the First Holy Communion programme. For a child to be put forward for the reception of the Sacrament the two years of formation must be honoured.

Children who missed the first year of preparation must fulfill that obligation. I shall offer the necessary assistance to ensure that all would be first communicants have covered the two year programme.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**: Advent is fast approaching. During this time we encourage the children to share in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In a secular world the voice of God is hardly audible more less that of the Infant Jesus. We look for the children to show us the way to the Crib. The children's Christmas is there to reward those children who worship with their family on a regular basis. For this reason a system of points has been worked out. From this Sunday children will collect a token ticket. On Christmas Eve, children with the most tokens (at least four tokens) will be eligible for the first prize. A draw will be held on Christmas Eve for the lucky child.

**Last Week's Offertory:** 11.11.18 - £816.95