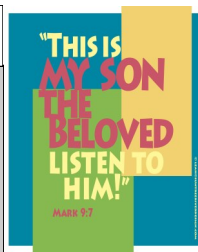




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Sunday Masses: Saturday Evening: 6pm Sunday: 10.00am & 5pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm
Sacrament of Baptism: 12noon Sunday contact the Parish Office **Weddings:** Contact Parish Office: 6 months notice required **Coffee Morning:** Sunday after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Year A: 12 MARCH 2017:

Collectors: Please collect Lent Fast day envelopes after Communion please

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this week

	6pm	Jo Tobin RIP	(Kay, Susan and the boys)	
12 March, Sunday	10am	David & Abigail Osigawa RIP	(Zase Oputu)	
	5pm	Eileen O'Sullivan's intentions	(Sr Elizabeth Francis)	
13 March, Monday	9.30am	Elizabeth Carrigan	(Tim & Ellen Cott)	<i>Feria</i>
14 March, Tuesday	9.30am	For Lili Mendoza: in thanksgiving	(Keith and Lettie Phillips)	<i>Feria</i>
15 March, Wednesday	9.30am	John Phillips RIP - 3rd anniversary	(Keith and Lettie Phillips)	<i>Feria</i>
16 March, Thursday	9.30am	John McMahan and family's intentions	(Tim & Ellen Cott)	<i>Feria</i>
17 March, Friday	9.30am	Hilary Grandon's intentions	(Doreen Grandon)	
	Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland: Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish parishioners			
	10 - 10.30am	Stations of the Cross		
	7.30-8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	<i>(check in the newsletter every week)</i>	
18 March, Saturday	9.30am	Hilda Fernandes RIP	(Celia & Laurence Hayward)	<i>Feria</i>

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Year A: 19 MARCH 2017: ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION: FIRST SCRUTINY

	6pm	Angela Duff RIP	(Coughlan family)	
19 March, Sunday	10am	Funmilayo Stowe née Osigawa RIP	(Zase Oputu)	
	5pm	Anthony O' Doherty's well being	(Mrs P O'Doherty)	

Please Remember to Pray for the Sick and the Housebound: Karon Phillips-Allen, Bob & Joan Driscoll, Monica Whitaker, Rachel Camozzi-Jones, Jackie Rennie, Fr John Lavery, Paul Foley, Joe Grandy, Dora Genga, Alice McMorro, Alan Goldsmith, Nora McCarthy, Agnes Parker, Alan Fitzsimons, Trixie Durey, Sandra Newman, Margaret Bondarenko, Selwyn Mohammed, Fr Eric Nimmo, Lucas Lekule, Mary Coughlan, Mike Harris, Catherine Leeper, Brian D'Oliveira, Joanna Connors, Tony Tsangari, Annette Bain, Angelita (Lili) Mendoza, Anne Donnelly, Dolores Edwards, Gerard Quirke, Emily Longua, Alan and Vera Molloy, Camillo Atampugre, Joseph Many, Hilary Grandon, Anthony O'Doherty, Angelito Cruz and Thelma Harnett.

Please remember those who have died recently, especially **Keith Harris (Abbey's Dad)**, **Divine Maxwell Emuobonne**, **Neil Donnelly (Anne's son)**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls rest in peace. We remember also the families who mourn their loss.

Baptisms: Please pray for **Joan (Princess) Winfunke** and **Daniel Adekoyejo Mabo** who are to be baptized next weekend. We also ask you to pray for God's blessings and guidance for their parents and godparents.

What would you advise parents who set out of their house with one, two or more children and come to the celebration of Mass? And while in church the little ones crawl and run around the church during the Mass, simply because they are kids; and when the parents try to restrain them, the noise levels increase as they screech and cry aloud. Should we give credit to such parents and encourage them for making such a holy effort? Or maybe some of us will give them sideway glances and make them feel uncomfortable for bringing their children who are distracting us from our solemn time with the Lord. Others may blame the priest for not telling the parent off or doing something to provide alternatives for children? Obviously there is no easy solution to keeping children

quiet at Mass.
 I know what Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" [Mt 19:14]. I don't think Jesus expects the children to become tamed little adults when they come to him.
 Parents who bring the little ones to Mass deserve praise, not condemnation; encouragement, not discouragement; smiles, not fawnd sideway glances. The gathering at Mass represents the Body of Christ. None of us is worthy to be in His presence, if not for His mercy. Not only should we be present at Mass, but we should also be welcoming towards everyone - young or old, big or small.

Fr Arbo



At a Glance

- **7pm** every Wednesday in the Church Hall: **skillz@sjfk: for those aged 16 or under.**
- **10am Stations of the Cross** - every Friday after the morning Mass. There will occasionally also be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings - please check the newsletter.
- **9am Pray the Rosary** every Saturday before Mass
- **8pm Every Thursday:** AA meeting in the church hall.
- **13 March: 10.15am or 7.30pm** First Holy Communion parents' session
- **19 March, 6pm:** Confirmation candidates meet
- **23 March, 7.30pm** RCIA

Parish Finances:

Offering: For the upkeep of the Parish: 5 March 2017:
Total collection was **£852.07** including £249.50 from Standing Orders. Potential Gift Aid **£89.24.**
Thank you all for your generosity.

If you wish to sign up for Gift Aid or to donate by Standing Order, please pick up the relevant forms for this purpose from the porch.

Fr Eric continues to receive good care at the Fountain Lodge, Tunbridge Wells Tel: 01892682290. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and if you are able to pay him a brief visit, he would be pleased to see you.

Website

Please note that the **Parish website** is temporarily unavailable. We were unable to continue the subscription of the site due to a number of problems. A new one is under construction and we hope it will go live soon.
The easy-fundraising will resume as soon as the new site is in operation. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Altar servers: we are appealing for more altar servers to join in this very important ministry. We will be having another one hour training session at 6pm on Friday, 17 March. Please email Keith Phillips kitphil2@aol.com or speak to Fr Arbo or call the Parish office if you are interested in joining this ministry.

First Holy Communion 2017:

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion in June.

Parents please note: The dates for the parents' sessions have been revised. Please check your emails, WhatsApp or collect a new programme from the office. Parents are reminded that Sunday Mass attendance is essential to the programme. The next session is on **Saturday, 18th March 2017 at 10.15am.** Parents, please ensure your child/children turn up on time.

Prayer Sponsors: If you would like to sponsor a child/children from the First Holy Communion programme, please enter your name against the name of the children on the list provided in the porch.

Confirmations 2017

The next session for candidates is this **Sunday, 19 March 2017 at 6pm.** You are reminded that mass attendance is an essential part of the programme.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme continues. The next meeting is on **Thursday, 9th March at 7:30pm** in the presbytery. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or wish to complete your Sacraments of initiation, please contact the Parish Office.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign thank you to all who completed a card last weekend. Those who have completed one will receive a personal invitation to a presentation together with details of the times of the presentations, which will take place before Easter. Cards are being distributed again at all Masses this weekend so that everyone who would like to know more about the needs of our sick and retired priests will have an opportunity to do so. Only one per family is needed, as provision will be made for other family members to attend. Please either hand in

your card with the offertory collection or place it in the box provided in the church porch. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments for adults in the presbytery garden. after the Easter Sunday, 10am Mass. Contributions for the Easter hamper are welcome. Tickets for the Easter hamper on sale after all the masses.

Skillz@sjfk: For our Youth 16 or under? Confirmed? Got questions about faith and the world around you? **skillz@sjfk** is a new group for post-confirmation young people up to the age of 16, which will discuss modern day issues and explore how we can use faith to guide us in facing and tackling them. Why not turn up on Wednesday at 7pm and find out more.

Rosary: please join us for the Rosary every Saturday at 9am before the Morning Mass. The first Saturday of the month is devoted to the Fatima Rosary which is a special devotion to Our Lady.

Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers required: Lewisham and Greenwich Trust are looking for volunteers to spend at least 3 hours per week for at least one year. Volunteers work on the wards or in the chaplaincy office offering a confidential listening ear to anyone who would like it. Training is provided. If you would like more information please speak to Rev. Kevin Parkes, Trust Chaplain on 020 8333 3000 e3xt 3299 or email: tlh-tr.chaplaincyuhl@nhs.net

Parish Bereavement Group The Parish Justice and Peace group is planning to re-start an on-going bereavement group in the parish. If you are interested in such a group, please fill in a form from the porch and place it in the box provided.

Are you willing to help? A big thank you to a parishioner who financially assisted the mother with her two children who are in need. She now only needs £41 to pay the balance. If you are prepared to help, please donate whatever you can in an envelope addressed "Appeal" and hand it to Fr Arbo or drop it in the collection baskets.

Don't miss Teas & Coffees after the 10am Mass in the Hall.

He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses more; He who loses faith, loses all.