



The Catholic Parish of Manor Park St. Stephen & St. Nicholas

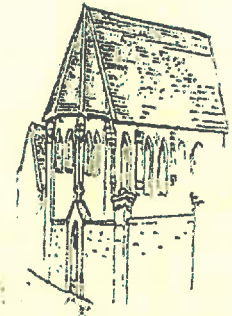


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The Most Holy Trinity (Year A) 11 June 2017

From Fr. Sean,

I have noted on several occasions the strangeness of the recent election campaign, not least because of its context stretching back to the last but one election, and the more recent terrorist attacks that made me for the first time self-conscious about putting my cross on the ballot paper last Thursday afternoon. The election result has only confounded that strangeness. The prime minister was absolutely correct when taking up office to say that another election would be unstable. Pity, she may be thinking, she didn't stick with her initial instinct. Democratic elections are inherently unstable because you can't tell the result in advance! It may be that the particular democratic system that has evolved in this country over centuries, with all its idiosyncrasies, has at least in the past hundred years of universal suffrage provided relatively stable government, but as the last seven years have shown, this is not something to be taken for granted. Indeed politicians are to be commended for putting themselves on the line for the whim of public opinion that blows in so many different contradictory directions, and so are here today and gone tomorrow. What is clear from last week's result is that recently exposed fault lines have been deepened: between young and old, north and south, urban and rural, remainers and brexiteers. After the EU referendum there was a naïve call to bring the country together. Maybe this further poll more realistically tells us where we are, and therefore what we need to do. As the politicians try to work out what to do in an uncertain climate it seems that it has never been more urgent for us as a community of faith to commit to our work of bringing people together across our differences for the common good. Strong and stable are illusory and can never take the place of building relationships.

Services for the week beginning 11 June

Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.

Sat 10	6.00pm	Veronica Ojuri (Intentions)
Sun 11	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Colin Rowland RIP (F)
Mon 12	9.15am	The Byrne Family (Intentions)
Tues 13	9.15am	Joseph Pommier RIP
Wed 14	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 15	9.15am 9.45am	Eucharistic Service Adoration
Fri 16	9.15am 10.00am	Eucharistic Service School Assembly
Sat 17	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Pat Feehan RIP (F)
Sun 18	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Joan Feehan RIP (F)

Parish Diary

Tues Prayer Group 9.45am Community Room

Please pray for those who are sick:

Norah Crow, Masaldo Merry, Clare O'Toole,
Denzil Lang, John Oruche, Patrick Berton,
Alvina Telles, Jude Telles, Christine Jones,
& Christine Kristen

Thank you for your generous offerings

28 May: £1,308.76

4 June: £1,287.00

Rotas for weekend 17/18 June

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.00pm	Sarah Brant, Christine Malone	Deirdre Feinan, Anil Marcelline, Joseph Liquori	
9.00am	Tunde Awolesi, Anusha	Earnest Peter, Patricia D'Monte, Anastasia John Pierre, Peter Da Costa	
11.00am	Imelda Sotto, Chipu Mauts	Imelda Sotto, Joseph Duke, Hilda Ridoynauth, Rowland Okereke, Stella Porritt	Beatrice, Bola & Helpers

Confirmation. Congratulations to our nineteen young people who were confirmed here last weekend. They looked splendid and were a great credit to their families and the parish. Everyone is reminded that we are meeting again on Monday 19 June at 7.30pm in the Community Room to prepare the going forth mass.

Senior Citizens. Our next gathering takes place on Wednesday 22 June 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Community Room. A warm welcome to old hands and newcomers alike, plenty of lively conversation and delightful home made refreshments will be available, so come and join us as guest or helper.

Diocesan Centenary School Mass. Many people are surprised when they learn that St. Winefride's School was opened in 1909 but St. Stephen's Church wasn't built until 1924. But, in fact, Catholic leaders built schools first because they understood that this was a key way to pass on faith to the next generation. And so it is that Bishop Alan has invited five representatives from each school in the diocese to come to a special mass on 22 June in Brentwood Cathedral as part of our centenary celebrations. This marks the important role our schools have played in the mission of the Church, but it also points to the present and the future. Those who use our schools at present are reminded that unless you also take a place in our parishes week by week you are simply taking from the system and contributing to its collapse in the not too distant future. For, as we face the challenges to come I am sure that our schools will once again play a significant part in the mission of the Church to bring the Good News to people everywhere, with the support of our very dedicated staff, and strong Catholic families.

S.V.P. St John Bosco Camp. Bookings are now being taken for the Summer Holiday Camp at Aldham Essex. Boys, week 1 22- 29 July, week 2 29 July - 5 August, girls 5 - 12 August. Suggested donation £145.00. Apply at svpboscocamp.org.uk or contact the parish office.

Jellicoe Accomodation Appeal.

Once again we are fortunate that our work with the Centre for Theology and Community will provide us with two Jellicoe interns to work with us during July. We are hoping to provide them with accommodation during their stay with us Saturday 24 June - Sunday 23 July. If you think you have suitable space and would like to be considered to host an intern please speak to me or to Dunstan as soon as possible. Hosts will receive £100 per week for costs.

Day for Life 18 June. The bishops of England and Wales ask us to keep next weekend as a Day for Life, an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, young to old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year we are encouraged to reflect, pray, and offer practical and emotional support to those who have lost a child and those who are anxious about pregnancy. The collection next week as you leave church enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre. Please take a flyer from the back of the church. More details at www.dayforlife.org

St. Joseph Hospice, Hackney Volunteers. Marmate Care is a support programme designed to improve quality of life of people with dementia through meaningful activities and sensory stimulation. We are looking for volunteers who can help with our project. We provide free training and pay travel expenses. Contact Lourdes Colclough 020 8525 6000 or email info@stjh.org.uk. More information available at www.stjh.org.uk



*God so loved the
world that he
sent his only Son.*