

NEWS BULLETIN



1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
Mass & Celebration

16 MARCH 2024
12:30PM MASS

MAIN CELEBRANT
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN WILSON

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR:

- REFRESHMENTS
- WELCOME ADDRESS FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON
- SPEAKERS INCLUDING:
 - RAYMOND FRIEL, CEO OF CSAN, OVERVIEW OF CARITAS ENGLAND AND WALES
 - JOHN COLEBY, CARITAS SOUTHWARK
- CARITAS UPDATES IN AMIGO HALL (2.00PM-4.30PM)
- Q & A SESSION WITH FOUR LOCAL PROJECTS
- NETWORKING

SUPPORT CARITAS SOUTHWARK AND ALL THEIR WORK!

CLOSING REMARKS
CANON VICTOR DARLINGTON
• EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR THE SOUTH EAST AREA

AMIGO HALL, LAMBETH RD, LONDON SE1 6HU

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Cost of Living and Food Security

LET'S END POVERTY

Caritas Southwark has joined the 'Let's End Poverty' Campaign <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/>. The campaign is hosted by the Methodist Church and is a coalition of faith organisations, groups and businesses that would like to see an end to poverty. Given the forthcoming general election, it is pertinent for us as Catholics to ask politicians how their policies will tackle the poverty trap.

On the 15th of May, therefore, we are inviting all parishes and associated groups involved in food provision- collecting or running/hosting food programmes or participating in ecumenical food project activity to join us to share experiences and Knowledge - so we can understand different approaches, share information and resources and build up a picture of our collective witness to the gospel through this work. For more information contact us @ caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk.

StepChange

Debt Charity

For people experiencing debt, **Step Change** is an online service specialising in helping people manage debt. www.stepchange.org.uk

Refugees and Migrants

There is an amazing amount of practical help being undertaken in the archdiocese supporting Refugee and Migrant people. From hosting homeless refugees to homes for Ukraine, Community Sponsorship,

Supporting Hong Kong and Afghan refugees as well as people caught up in the crossing the channel. It is heartening to see 'Love in Action'. Access to supportive accommodation is lynch pin of resettlement and integration and a basic human right. In the coming months Caritas Southwark will be working closely with **JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service)** and **Housing Justice** on initiatives such as:

- **Hosting and Lodging**
- www.jrsuk.net/at-home-hosting-scheme/
- <https://housingjustice.org.uk/donate-or-get-involved/become-a-host>
- <https://www.jrsuk.net/lent-appeal-2024/>



Please visit the JRS website and consider donating to their Lenten Appeal: <https://www.jrsuk.net/current-needs/>

Friends Barracks of Napier contacted us:



"We are fundraising to install a polytunnel in our garden at Napier, to take our gardening project to the next level this year. It will enable us to extend opportunities for the men to volunteer in the garden, to grow plants, seeds and flowers for us to share with our



community partners and veg that we can use in our cooking groups and to donate to local food projects." <https://www.gofundme.com/f/polytunnel-appeal>.

The garden provides a valuable space of well-being and calm for the residents at Napier to come and spend time in.

SAFETY AND YOUNG PEOPLE



The Synergy Network is a network of faith communities in South London working together to tackle knife crime. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 11.00am- 2.00pm at Montgomery Hall 58 Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SW. Please come and get involved in this work. Flyer attached.



“Dear young people, you know that Christianity is not an opinion, nor does it consist of empty worlds. Christianity is Christ! It is a Person, a Living Person! To meet Jesus, to love him and make him loved: this is the Christian vocation!”

-Pope John Paul II

Do Justice

‘Do Justice’ is a resource published by CSAN to encourage and foster Catholic Social Action and civic renewal it is an excellent resource to enable parishes and groups reflect on the social teaching of the Church. Please find a PDF attached.

The Do Justice core text, "Do Justice: a vision for spiritual and civic renewal in England and Wales, provides a brief introduction to how poverty and injustice is treated in sacred Scripture and in the Magisterium of the Church, including an overview of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching."

Pastoral Care of Older People

The Irish Chaplaincy are hosting an online Lenten retreat detail below:

4th-8th March.

9.30am-10.15am

If you would like to sign in, contact: Paul Raymond at paul.raymond@irishchaplaincy.org.uk and he will send you the zoom link.

Speakers:

Monday: Dr Shane Crombie

Shane is professor of communications at LCC International University, Klaipeda in Lithuania. It is a Christian University with students from over 60 countries. Many have experienced war and separation. (LCC International University)

Tuesday: Judy Powell

Judy is a licensed lay minister in the Church of England, based at St Paul’s Church, in Camden Square not far from the London Irish Centre. A native of York, she worked in the motor industry before retirement, and also spent a short time as a member of an ecumenical lay community in Surrey. ([Parish of Old St Pancras | St Paul’s Church \(posp.co.uk\)](http://Parish of Old St Pancras | St Paul’s Church (posp.co.uk)))

Wednesday: Julia Burton-Jones

Julia is Training and Development Lead for Anna Chaplaincy. Since 2015 she has pioneered Anna Chaplaincy in Kent and South-East London. With a background in adult learning in ageing and dementia, her role as training and development lead

includes writing and delivering courses for those exploring being an Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend, and ongoing ministerial education for the growing Anna Chaplaincy network. ([Anna Chaplaincy | Offering spiritual care in later life](#))

VOLUNTEERING FOR CARITAS



“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society”.

-Pope Francis (EG 187)

Thursday: Pat Gaffney

Pat has been a volunteer with the Seniors Project at the Irish Chaplaincy since 2019. Now retired, she is involved in a local community project linking Kennington, London with Bethlehem in Palestine, is a member of Women in Black who vigil for peace each week in central London and has enjoyed organising walks for the Chaplaincy and Pax Christi over the past few years. Pat worked for CAFOD (Catholic Fund For Overseas Development) for 10 years and was coordinator of Pax Christi for 30 years. ([Elderly Support - Irish Chaplaincy](#))

Friday: Gerry McFlynn

Gerry is project manager of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO). Gerry joined ICPO in 1993, which since 2003, has been part of the Irish Chaplaincy. From 2008-2010, he worked as full-time chaplain at HMP Wormwood Scrubs. He now coordinates ICPO's outreach work for prisoners and their families as well as visiting prisons throughout England and Wales. He is also a founding member of the campaigning group, Progressing Prisoners Maintaining Innocence (PPMI). ([Irish Prisoners - Irish Chaplaincy](#))

Volunteering for Caritas Southwark

Parishes are encouraged to appoint at least one **Representative for Social Outreach** from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas Southwark as well as support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters, flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes.

If you would like to become a Caritas Representative, please download an Information sheet, obtain consent from your Parish Priest & send us your completed Contact Details Form. Please use the QR Code and link in the box to do this. For more information, please contact Hipo @ (07707213714 Email -caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk).



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