

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 4TH DECEMBER 2022

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.***

Responsorial Psalm: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Communion Antiphon: ***Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.***

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and by prior arrangement.

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Parish Prayer Group meet at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Upper room of the Hall.

Envelopes for Christmas Offerings for your Parish Priests are available at the back of the Church.

God of Light and Love fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may keep watchful in prayer during this Advent Season as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

HOLY SOULS MASSES

Thank you for your Mass Stipends for Holy Souls Masses to be celebrated for the faithful departed. These Masses will be celebrated over the next year.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS

The Confirmation Programme for children in Year 9 and above will be starting on the 7th January 2023. For an application form please see Fr. Allan after Mass. The deadline for returning the completed application forms is Sunday 11th December.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC OR HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

We will be commencing our RCIA course on **Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm** at 1 Hamilton Road, DA15 7HB. Should you wish to join the course please complete the form headed RCIA Course that is available at the back of the church and hand it in to the office. I will then be in contact with you in advance of the course starting to answer any queries you may have and let you know more about the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation as an adult. Fr Paul.

THE BIG PICTURE BIBLE COURSE - Led by Fr. Allan takes place on Thursdays at 7pm in the Upper Room of the Hall during term time. To join speak with Fr. Allan.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS - Please feel free to join in. Divine Mercy Prayer Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

WINTER WARM SPACE INITIATIVE

We will start joining this initiative on Friday 9th December from 10am until 2pm in our Parish Hall. This is a national initiative aimed at providing a warm space for those who need it during the current energy crisis. Hot refreshments will be available at no cost. Volunteers will be asked to give their time in two hour slots only and on a rotational basis. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact any of the three named people:- Arthur Maxted 07745 782 926; David Barker 07999 553 880; Helen Bacon 07960243947; or simply come along this Friday.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

We encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer.

Sign up via the Commission web site: <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/> clicking on the Advent Reflection box. Alternatively, if you are viewing this online, you can sign up directly by clicking here: <https://southwarkdsc.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a3e1dce7f8f666e9d64edd867&id=4f880b3b9c>.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass of Lavinia Cissie O'Reilly RIP will take place on Thursday 22nd December at 9:30am followed by cremation at 11:00am at Kemnal Park Crematorium.
2. The Funeral Mass of Anthony Beare RIP will take place on Thursday 22nd December at 2pm followed by cremation at 3:30pm at Kemnal Park Crematorium.
3. With sadness we announce that Kevin Davison passed away on Friday the 25th November. Funeral details will be communicated when received.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

SUNDAY MASS READERS - If you would like to volunteer to become a reader at Mass on Saturday evening or Sundays please send an email with your contact details to the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk or telephone Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
SEPTEMBER	D. Sexton	G. Grant	A. Saffery	G. O'Sullivan
OCTOBER	E. Scally	J. Coles	P. Slonecki	K. Padfield
NOVEMBER	R. Spencer	E. M. Armfield	D. Martin	E. Scally

100 Club numbers are available at £5/month. The numbers available are on display at the back of the Church. Please cross the number you'd like and put your name and contact number on the sheet or email the parish office at sidcup@rcaos.org.uk. Payment must be made by standing order or direct debit.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 10th December - 10:00am to 5:30pm at St. George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. See notice board or visit www adaywithmary.org.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP

Churches together in Sidcup are having two events as below. All are welcome.

1. Civic Carol Service - will take place at St. John's, Church, Sidcup, on Sunday, 11 December, commencing at 4pm.
2. Carol Singing in High Street - Meet outside 'The Gym' on Saturday, 17 December at 10.30am for an hour of carol-singing.

KNITTING SALE - 11TH DECEMBER

There will be a sale of knitted items: hats, scarfs, children's wear, soft toys and some x-mas gifts in the hall on Sunday 11th December after the 8:30am and 10am Masses. Teas/Coffee and cakes will also be on sale. Profits from this event will be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Unit at Guy's Hospital.

HANDMADE CANDLES SALE - On Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th Dec in the hall.

SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE PARISH

A Barn Dance will take place on Saturday 4th February 2023 in the hall from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. This is the first of many social events. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the 10th / 11th December, 17th / 18th December, 7th / 8th January and 14th / 15th January. Profits from this event will be donated to the St. Lawrence's Charitable Fund.

ST. LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND - In past years Parishioners have made a donation to St Lawrence Charitable Fund rather than sending Christmas cards. A listing will be at the back of the church if you would like to do this. Thank you. SLCF Chair.

CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS - CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

If you would like to support CTK's Christmas Gift Appeal please see the poster on the notice board for details or pick up a postcard available at the back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 3rd December

6.30pm

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

John Somerset RIP

Sunday 4th December

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Intentions of Theresa Rose Calver

11.30am

Intentions of the Family and Friends of the Healy Family

Monday 5th December

9.30am

Feria

John Wilsdon RIP

Tuesday 6th December

9.45am

Feria

Anton Joseph RIP

Wednesday 7th December

9.30am

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

John Somerset RIP

Thursday 8th December

9.30am

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rita Tildsley RIP

Friday 9th December

9.30am

Feria

Ann Marie Lavender RIP

Saturday 10th December

9.30am

Our Lady of Loreto

Barbara Cabral RIP

Collection	27th November
Cash	£282.71
Gift Aid	£386.70
Total	£669.41
Monthly Standing Order	£4806

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

***With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments!
Psalms 119:10***