

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 11TH DECEMBER 2022

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.***

Responsorial Psalm: Come, Lord, and save us.

Communion Antiphon: ***Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.***

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.

Big Picture Bible Course on Thursdays at 7pm in the Upper room during term time.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WINTER WELCOME AT ST. LAWRENCE'S IN THE PARISH HALL

The warm space initiative takes place on Fridays from 10am until 2pm in the 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 on a 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

The 9:30am Mass on the 14th December is replaced by the Funeral Mass at 10:30am.

1. The Funeral Mass of George Kevin Davison RIP will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am followed by burial at 12noon at Sidcup Cemetery.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Knight's of St. Columba Welling Council 294 would like to thank all parishioners for your kind and generous donations. Their Christmas Appeal raised a total of £243.60.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE OF THE SOUTH EAST PASTORAL AREA OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK - The Southeast Pastoral Area's Christmas Carol Service is this Sunday 11th December at 7:30pm at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 103 Woolwich Road, Woolwich SE18 6EF. See poster on the notice board for further details.

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 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 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 10th December	Third Sunday of Advent - Year A
6.30pm	Margaret Quinn Fish RIP
Sunday 11th December	Third Sunday of Advent - Year A
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Intentions of Kathleen Gooch
11.30am	Gwen Lane RIP
Monday 12th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe
9.30am	Dick Tooher and Joe Fitzpatrick RIP
Tuesday 13th December	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
9.45am	Marion Beadle RIP
Wednesday 14th December	Funeral Mass
10.30am	Funeral Mass of George Kevin Davison RIP
Thursday 15th December	Feria
9.30am	Intention of Moreen Hegarty
Friday 16th December	Feria
9.30am	Rosin McGill RIP
Saturday 17th December	Feria
9.30am	Estela Kadi Perera RIP

Collection	4th December
Cash	£427.76
Gift Aid	£316.00
Total	£743.76
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.

***Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Psalms 105:3***