

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 8TH JANUARY 2023

*(Psalter Week 1)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice, of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.***

***Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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.

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

Fr. Allan and myself thank you all for your generous Christmas collection, cards, presents and kind words of support and appreciation.

Have a blessed week.

***Fr. Paul.***

## **PEACE SUNDAY - 15TH JANUARY 2023**

Pax Christi is the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Pax Christi relies on your support to continue their work of creating communities of peace and justice. Donation envelopes 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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone Jill Martin on 07831 201933.

## **WINTER WARM SPACE 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.

By way of update we are delighted with the response from parishioners with 70 volunteering which means the likelihood of being asked to help in the next 3 months is 1/2 occasions in this period. We have appointed team leaders to organise volunteers. Many of you will have been contacted already. If you have not been contacted don't think you have been forgotten. Whether you have volunteered or not why not come along on any Friday from 10am-2pm. We had about 25 people on our first day but fewer since but it has proved to be a very enjoyable morning with many parishioners meeting together some for the first time.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

The 9:30am Mass on the 16th and 23rd January are replaced by the Funeral Masses.

1. The Funeral Mass of Mary Christine Howell RIP will take place on Monday 16th January at 10:00am followed by cremation at Hither Green Crematorium at 11:30am.
2. The Funeral Mass of Mary Josephine Flynn RIP will take place on Tuesday 17th January at 11:00am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 12:30pm.
3. Memorial Service for Constance Sarfo RIP will take place on Saturday 21st January at 12:15pm.
4. The Funeral Mass of Miecia Malczewski RIP will take place on Monday 23rd January at 9:30am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11:30am.
5. With sadness we announce the deaths of Thomas Flanagan and Mary Pay. The Funeral details will be advised when known.

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

## **MARIST WAY**

The Marist Way group will meet this Saturday 7th January after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. Come along, all are welcome to attend.

## **WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING**

The Wednesday Coffee Morning will resume on Wednesday 11th January. The coffee mornings are held in the parish hall on Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am and on Sundays after the 8:30am and 10am Masses. The Repository Shop in the Hall is open during the Coffee Mornings. Please come along and meet up with fellow parishioners.

## **SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE PARISH - BARN DANCE**

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 7th / 8th January and 14th /15th January. Profits from this event will be donated to the St. Lawrence's Charitable Fund.

## **KNITTING SALE**

Thank you to Eileen and all the ladies from the knitting club, everyone who served cakes, teas/coffee, Lucia for her donation from the sale of the handmade candles and to all the parishioners for supporting the event. Together a total of £784.50 was raised for the Macmillan Cancer Unit at Guy's Hospital.

## **100 CLUB**

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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk). Payment can be made by standing order or direct debit.

## **SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP**

A big thank you to parishioners for the increased donations over the past few months. Just a reminder that there are two foodbank bins at the back of the church. If you are able to provide any non-perishable essentials for a weekly shop such as pasta, soup, beans, tea, coffee, sauces, tinned fish, squash, sugar, canned vegetables etc.. please do put them in the bins. **Please do not put out of date, frozen, or fresh produce in the food bins.** If you wanted any further info then just contact me on 07986 348013. Thanks Nick Wells.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP**

Churches together in Sidcup are having a Unity Service on Sunday 22 January at 4.00pm at Holy Trinity Church Lamorbey, Hurst Road, Sidcup DA15 9AE with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

## **CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT - FLAME 2023 - 4TH MARCH AT WEMBLEY ARENA**

For information and to book tickets visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/flame2023?rq=flame%202023> or Contact Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis by Email: [aec@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:aec@rcaos.org.uk) or Tel: 020 8672 7684.

## **WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON - 31ST JULY TO 7TH AUGUST 2023**

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of pilgrims (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31st July to 7th August 2023. For further information on WYD and to book please visit <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> and [www.lisboa2023.org/en/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 7th January**

6.30pm

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Michael Burke RIP and Michael Murray RIP

**Sunday 8th January**

8.30am

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

The People of the Parish

10.00am

Intention of Maureen Griffin

11.30am

Intention of Maureen Coyle

**Monday 9th January**

9.30am

**Feria**

James Noel Murphy RIP

**Tuesday 10th January**

9.45am

**Feria**

Intentions of Mary Giddings and Roger Giddings

**Wednesday 11th January**

10.30am

**Feria**

Family and Friends of Mary Wells

**Thursday 12th January**

9.30am

**Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot**

Bobby Brown RIP

**Friday 13th January**

9.30am

**Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

David Martin Murphy RIP

**Saturday 14th January**

9.30am

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Joao Manuel D'Souza RIP

Collection	18th December 2022	Collection	25th December 2022
Cash	£334.26	Cash	£2221.72
Gift Aid	£256.70	Gift Aid	£1960.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£590.96</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4181.72</b>

Collection	1st January 2023
Cash	£306.39
Gift Aid	£273.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>£580.09</b>
Monthly Standing Order	£4796