

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 15TH JANUARY 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!***

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Communion Antiphon: ***You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.***

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please use the Mass Intention Envelopes available at the back of the church and put it through the office letter-box with your contact number. The recommended Stipend by the Archdiocese for a Mass Intention is £10.

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, the course resumes on Thursday 19th January.

I will be leading a Pilgrimage to Lourdes in June 2023. Details are in the newsletter.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TODAY IS THE 56TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The theme for today is taken from the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 56th World Day of Peace "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace." Today we are being asked: What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place? To read the full message visit the link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/peace-sunday-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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES LED BY FR. PAUL - 7TH JUNE TO 12TH JUNE 2023

Join this wonderful pilgrimage to Lourdes to celebrate the life and times of Saint Bernadette. Pilgrimage cost is £640pp based on 2 or more sharing a room. Single room cost is £815. The cost includes return flights from London Stansted with airport transfers in France and Stay at the 4*Hotel Eliseo with breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cost does not include travel to or from London Stansted. To express an interest in joining this 5 night pilgrimage, please speak to Fr. Paul or contact the parish office on 020 8300 2480 or Email: sidcup@rcaos.org.uk. Booking forms are available from the parish office.

DEATH NOTICES

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

1. The Funeral Mass for 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 for 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 for Miecia Malczewski RIP will take place on Monday 23rd January at 9:30am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11:30am.
5. The Funeral Service for Kathleen Anne Horrigan RIP will take place on Tuesday 7th February at Eltham Crematorium at 10:45am.
6. With sadness we announce the deaths of Thomas Flanagan, Mary Pay and Peter Dey. The Funeral details will be advised when known.

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

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.

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.

COFFEE MORNINGS

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

100 CLUB - 100 Club numbers are available at £5/month. The final 4 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 can be made by standing order or direct debit.

SIDCUP FOODBANK AT NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH SIDCUP

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.** For further info 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 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/.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 14th January

6.30pm

2nd Sunday of the Year A

Bobby Brown RIP

Sunday 15th January

8.30am

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Jade Peacock Nash-Flanagan RIP

10.00am

Wellbeing of Fr. Alan McLean

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 16th January

10.00am

Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass for Mary Christine Howell RIP

Tuesday 17th January

9.45am

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Wellbeing of Margaret Gilbert

11.00am

Funeral Mass for Mary Josephine Flynn RIP

Wednesday 18th January

9.30am

Feria

Intentions of Mary and Hughie Carroll

Thursday 19th January

9.30am

Feria

Edna Fendick RIP

Friday 20th January

9.30am

Feria

John Carr RIP

Saturday 21st January

9.30am

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Deceased friends and relatives of the Buchanan Family

12.15pm

Memorial Service for Constance Sarfo RIP

Collection	8th January 2023	Crib Offering	
Cash	£408.22	Cash	£277.47
Gift Aid	£275.29	Gift Aid	£ 10.00
Total	£683.51	Total	£287.47
Monthly Standing Order	£4796		

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.

***Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock.
Isaiah 26:4***