

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 29TH JANUARY 2023

(Psalter Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.***

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.

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

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

PARISH BANK DETAILS

The parish bank account name has been changed by the archdiocese to RCAS Sidcup. All cheques should be made payable to 'RCAS SIDCUP'.

The Account Number - 51592258 and Sort Code - 60-19-19 remain unchanged. No action necessary for existing Standing Orders. When making an online payment please use your name and a description as a reference - e.g. Mass Stipend/100 Club.

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. Alternatively you may contact Tangney Tours direct on 01732 886 666 and ask to speak with Noreen.

SOCIAL EVENT FOR THE PARISH - BARN DANCE

Barn Dance in aid of St. Lawrence's Charitable Fund Saturday 4th February 2023 in the hall from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. £10 individual ticket or £25 family ticket. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets will be on sale this weekend 28th/29th January.

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.

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.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Service for Kathleen Anne Horrigan RIP will take place on Tuesday 7th February at Eltham Crematorium at 10:45am.
2. The Funeral Mass for Margaret Hadfield RIP will take place on Monday 13th February at 10:00am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 11:30am.
3. The Funeral Service for Kathleen Brown RIP will take place on Thursday 16th February at Eltham Crematorium at 3:30pm.
4. The Funeral Mass for Thomas Anthony Flanagan RIP will take place on Friday 17th February at 2:00pm followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 3:30pm.
5. With sadness we announce the death 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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in the wider society. This year on Racial Justice Sunday, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland remember Stephen Lawrence on the 30th anniversary of his death. All are invited to the Racial Justice Sunday Mass at St George's Cathedral, which will take place at 10am on Sunday 5th February 2023 and will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass will also be live-streamed via the RC Southwark YouTube account: <https://bit.ly/RJS2023>. Those attending Mass are encouraged to wear cultural dress and be seated by 9.45am in St George's Cathedral.

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 please contact :- Arthur Maxted 07745 782 926; David Barker 07999 553 880; Helen Bacon 07960243947; or simply come along on a Friday.

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.

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.

RENEWED IN HOPE - A RETREAT FOR LENT

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience for individuals and parishes during Lent 2023. Drawing on the Mass readings for the Sundays of Lent, Renewed in Hope will help us find fresh ways of living and working in hope, in the company of Jesus. For more details see <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope> and to register follow this link: <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

Marriage Encounter England and Wales Marriage Encounter Experience in Hendon on the 11 and 12 February 2023 at St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY. Please see website for further information and to book an experience to <https://wwme.org.uk>.

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 28th January

6.30pm

4th Sunday of the Year A

John Basley RIP

Sunday 29th January

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Intention of Helen Ansell

11.30am

John Uwagwu RIP

Monday 30th January

9.30am

Feria

Dorothy Unwin RIP

Tuesday 31st January

9.45am

Saint John Bosco, Priest

Salvin and Eliza Pinto RIP

Wednesday 1st February

9.30am

Feria

Intention of Patricia and Gwendoline Goldhawk

Thursday 2nd February

9.30am

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Rita McDonald RIP

Friday 3rd February

9.30am

Saint Lawrence of Canterbury, Bishop

Intentions of the Pinto family

Saturday 4th February

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Intention of Angel Ilo in Thanksgiving

Collection	22nd January 2023
Cash	£458.04
Gift Aid	£244.50
Total	£702.54
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.

Keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Jude 1:21