

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

(Psalter Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.***

Responsorial Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Communion Antiphon: ***Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.***

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.

The deadline for joining the pilgrimage to Lourdes is Friday 10th February. To secure your place on the pilgrimage, initially please speak with Noreen from Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 as soon as possible and give her your full name as per your passport along with a £200 deposit. The booking forms available from the parish office should also be completed in full and sent to Tangney Tours.

We are looking into hiring a coach to travel to and from Stansted Airport. If you would like to travel on the coach please send an email with your names to sidcup@rcaos.org.uk or see Jeanette in the parish office. Deadline is Friday 10th February. We will organise the coach depending on the number of people.

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.

DEATH NOTICES

The 9:30am Mass on the 13th February is replaced by the Funeral Mass.

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.

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

There will be a 2nd Collection today 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 celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass will also be live-streamed via the RC Southwark YouTube account: <https://bit.ly/RJS2023>.

COFFEE MORNINGS - Wednesdays from 10am to 11:30am and on Sundays after the 8:30am and 10am Masses. The Repository Shop will be open during these times.

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>.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE, SOUTHEAST TEAM - UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** - This Saturday morning online session on February 18 is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. No personal sharing! Email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727.
- 2. GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER** - Sycamore is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28. For more details or to register, visit the website link below: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>.
- 3. CELEBRATE PARENTING FOR FAITH** - A new online course for those with babies and toddlers, 5 weeks from February 23 – March 23. 8pm, 45 mins. For details of the course please visit <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

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/.

CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE - GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES

CTK are currently seeking applications from practising Catholics to join their governing body. This is a voluntary role. Commitment includes 8 evening meetings and two strategy/planning days per year. A full induction and training programme is provided. If you are interested in applying or require further information please email Linda Harrison, Clerk to Governance at governance@ctksfc.ac.uk or email a copy of your CV and a covering letter. For more details speak with Fr. Paul.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 4th February

6.30pm

5th Sunday of the Year A

Deceased members of the Lynch family

Sunday 5th February

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Intention of Patsy Douglas

11.30am

Linda Charker RIP

Monday 6th February

9.30am

Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Maura Spaul RIP

Tuesday 7th February

9.45am

Feria

Sean Carr RIP

Wednesday 8th February

9.30am

Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Intentions of Jess and Louie

Thursday 9th February

9.30am

Feria

Monica Linnett RIP

Friday 10th February

9.30am

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Fr. Laurence Patten RIP and Fr. John Collier RIP

Saturday 11th February

9.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Intentions of Breeda Hickey

Collection	29th January 2023
Cash	£496.23
Gift Aid	£329.41
Total	£825.64
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.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105