

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.***

Responsorial Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law!

Communion Antiphon: ***They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.***

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.

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 has been extended to Friday 17th 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 extended to Friday 17th February. We will organise the coach depending on the number of people.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

An initiative from the parishioners to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesday mornings after Mass began last year and has proved very popular. It is reassuring to witness members of our church community praying together both publicly and privately outside the celebration of the Mass. Due to the success of Divine Mercy I have been asked if we could install a permanent Divine Mercy image within the church and it has been suggested we could use the wall above the entrance to the sacristy to which I have agreed. I am asking the parish, particularly the Divine Mercy devotees, to offer a contribution towards the cost of the permanent image by making a donation using the envelopes provided which are marked with the Divine Mercy image and are available at the back of the church. If you have any queries please speak with me. We hope to have the image sourced, suitably framed and erected, by Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April 2023.

DEATH NOTICES

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

1. 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.
2. The Funeral Service for Kathleen Brown RIP will take place on Thursday 16th February at Eltham Crematorium at 3:30pm.
3. 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.
4. The Funeral Mass for Peter Graham Dancy RIP will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 10:00am followed by burial at Hill View Cemetery at 11:30am.

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

CAFOD - SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

BARN DANCE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Barn Dance on the 4th February. It was a great success and we made an amazing profit of £1,053.80, all of which is being donated to SLCF. A big thank you to the local businesses who generously supplied raffle prizes- Kimmicass, Wright Opticians, Sweat Pea, The Kitchen, Queen B Hair Salon, Walnuts, Enzo Pizzeria, Honeydale Farm, The Meat Factory, Indian Rose, Beauty Salon at David Lloyd to name a few... Another big thank you for the help and support given by all.

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/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Will be held on Friday 3rd March at 11am at Emmanuel Church, Hadlow Road, Sidcup DA14 4AA Refreshments will follow the service and everyone is welcome.

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. Full induction and training provided. If you are interested please email Linda Harrison, Clerk to Governance at governance@ctksfc.ac.uk or email your CV and a covering letter. For more details speak with Fr. Paul.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 11th February

6.30pm

6th Sunday of the Year A

Maureen Gaffney RIP

Sunday 12th February

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Eileen Sheehan RIP

11.30am

John Crawley RIP

Monday 13th February

10.00am

Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass for Margaret Hadfield RIP

Tuesday 14th February

9.45am

**Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop,
Patrons of Europe**

Brian O'Connell RIP

Wednesday 15th February

9.30am

Feria

In Thanksgiving - Eula and John Mascarenhas
65th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday 16th February

9.30am

Feria

Intentions of Pat Downing

Friday 17th February

9.30am

Feria

Tim Aseervatham RIP

2:00pm

Funeral Mass for Thomas Anthony Flanagan RIP

Saturday 18th February

9.30am

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr. James Norton RIP and Fr. Peter Murray RIP

Collection	5th February 2023	Racial Justice Sunday	
Cash	£556.62	Cash	£308.82
Gift Aid	£328.00	Gift Aid	£ 75.50
Total	£884.62	Total	£384.32
Monthly Standing Order	£4781		

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.

***Happy are those who follow his commands, who obey him with all their heart.
Psalms 119:2***