

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A - 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: ***O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.***

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.

Communion Antiphon: ***I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.***

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.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2022, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.33 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be generous today with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. The Second Collection on the 25th and 26th February will be for the Clergy Support Fund.

Thank you!

Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>

QR Code (see right)

Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: **020 7960 2504**

Cash / Cheque – please use the Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of church.



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 9:45am Mass on Tuesday the 28th February is replaced by the Funeral Mass.

1. 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.
2. The Funeral Service for Peter Dey RIP will take place on Thursday 2nd March at 2:00pm at Eltham Crematorium.
3. With sadness we announce the death of Kathleen Rogan. The Funeral details will be advised when known.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES LED BY FR. PAUL

Now that we have finalised numbers we will look into costs to arrange travel to and from Stansted Airport from St. Lawrence's.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP PHILIP MOGER

Please pray for Bishop Philip Moger who will become the next Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. The Mass will be held at St. George's Cathedral on Tuesday 21st February at 12:30pm with a reception after. All parishioners are invited to attend, however you are advised to arrive very early if you want to ensure a seat. The office will be closed on Tuesday 21st February.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Parish Bereavement Ministry team invites parishioners who are suffering a recent bereavement to come along and have a chat, over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. This is in a group setting and not on a one to one basis. The Bereavement Ministry team will be there to listen to you and support you. The first meeting is on Friday 10th March 2023, at 7pm until 8pm, in the upper room of the hall, at St Lawrence's Church, Sidcup. Please come along for a chat. Thank you. Parish Bereavement Ministry Team.

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 AND FAMILY LIFE, SOUTHEAST TEAM - UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. 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 <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>.
- 2. 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 the Agency E: aec@rcaos.org.uk or T: 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 18th February

6.30pm

7th Sunday of the Year A

The People of the Parish

Sunday 19th February

8.30am

7th Sunday of the Year A

Holy Souls

10.00am

Intention of Lucia Arrospide Pla

11.30am

Charlie Keeley RIP

Monday 20th February

9.30am

Feria

In Thanksgiving & for the intentions of well wishers

Tuesday 21st February

9.45am

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Robert Pereira RIP

Wednesday 22nd February

9.30am

Ash Wednesday

Rosalind Pinto RIP

7.30pm

Holy Souls

Thursday 23rd February

9.30am

Saint Polycarp

Ellen and James Bull RIP

Friday 24th February

9.30am

Feria

Maura Spaul RIP

Saturday 25th February

9.30am

Feria

Peter Griffin RIP

Collection	12th February 2023
Cash	£275.50
Gift Aid	£438.70
Total	£714.20
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.

There is none holy like the Lord, there is none besides thee; there is no rock like our God. 1 Samuel 2:2