

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

*(Psalter Week 1)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.***

*Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Communion Antiphon: ***One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.***

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 last session on Thursday 9th March at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12noon after Benediction.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr. Paul.**

## **CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - 2ND COLLECTION TODAY**

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.

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.



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS AT 12NOON AFTER BENEDICTION**

Stations of the cross will be on Fridays after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

## **MARIST WAY**

The next meeting of the Marist Way group will be on Saturday 4th March after the 9:30am Mass in the upper room of the hall. Come along. All are welcome to attend.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - LENT APPEAL**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

## **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. The Funeral Mass for Kathleen Rogan RIP will take place on Friday 24th March at 2:00pm followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 3:30pm.
4. With sadness we announce the death of Anthony John Taliana. 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.

## **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

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.

## **WELCOMERS**

Thank you to all the Welcomers who stepped forward and have helped get this going again. Many parishioners have said how lovely it is to see a smiling face and hear a few words of welcome as they arrive at Church. It would be truly wonderful if we had a few more people to join the teams. At the 11:30am Mass on Sunday we have only 1 volunteer which means that most weeks there is no one. We also need more people at the other Masses. Please consider joining this ministry and if willing email the office at [sidcup@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk). Thank you. Pat. Slonecki.

## **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>.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP - LENTEN LUNCHESES**

CTiS organised Soup & Bread Lunches will be held at Christ Church Main Road from 12noon to 1.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th of March, with our parish providing the fare on 8th March. Discretionary donations go to Christian Aid. All are welcome.

## **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.

## **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**

Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/flame2023?rq=flame%202023>.

## **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. For info visit <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> and [www.lisboa2023.org/en/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 25th February**

6.30pm

**First Sunday of Lent Year A**

Bernard Coughlin RIP

**Sunday 26th February**

8.30am

**First Sunday of Lent Year A**

The People of the Parish

10.00am

Intention of Moreen Hegarty

11.30am

Deceased members of the McNicholas Family

**Monday 27th February**

9.30am

**Feria**

Kathleen Fitzpatrick RIP

**Tuesday 28th February**

10.00am

**Funeral Mass**

Funeral Mass for Peter Graham Dancy RIP

**Wednesday 1st March**

9.30am

**Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales**

Mary and Isabel Mitchell RIP

**Thursday 2nd March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Veronica Doyle RIP

**Friday 3rd March**

9.30am

**Feria - CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

Patrick and Teresa McBride RIP

**Saturday 4th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Michael O'Sullivan RIP and deceased family members

Collection	19th February 2023
Cash	£255.00
Gift Aid	£451.94
Total	£706.94
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.

***Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me.  
Psalms 51:10***