

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - 5TH MARCH 2023

*(Psalter Week 2)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.***

Communion Antiphon: ***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.***

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 moved from 9th to Thursday 16th March at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:30pm.

Have a blessed week.

**Fr. Paul.**

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS AT 7:30PM**

From Friday the 10th March the stations of the cross will take place at 7:30pm on the Fridays during lent to give more people the opportunity to take part in this devotion.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES LED BY FR. PAUL**

We are currently looking into costs to arrange travel to and from Stansted Airport from St. Lawrence's. Once finalised we will include the details in the newsletter.

## **DIVINE MERCY IMAGE**

Today is the last weekend to make a contribution towards the cost of the permanent Divine Mercy Image. Donation envelopes marked with the Divine Mercy image and are available at the back of the church. Please put your donation envelope in the collection or through the office letter box.

## **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.

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

CTiS organised Soup & Bread Lunches will be held at Christ Church Main Road from 12noon to 1.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent: 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.

## **CAFOD - LENT APPEAL**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD 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**

1. The Funeral Mass for Anthony John Taliana RIP will take place on Tuesday 21st March at 9:45am followed by burial at Sidcup Cemetery at 11:15am.
2. 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.

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

## 100 CLUB WINNERS

MONTH	£75	£50	£25	£10
DECEMBER	G. Grant	S. Washer	C. Kitchen	V. Startup
JANUARY	A. Baldwin	J. Chick	B. Collins	S. Treacy
FEBRUARY	E. Armfield	A. Maxted	S. Martyn	G. O'Sullivan

We have a few 100 Club numbers available at £5/month. The 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](mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk). Payment can be made by standing order or direct debit.

### 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.

### CTS BOOKS/LEAFLETS STANDS

The CTS stands at the back of the church have been re-stocked with a new range of books/pamphlets for Lent. Please put the money in the box at the back of the Church.

### RENEWED IN HOPE - A RETREAT FOR LENT

The Archdiocese of Southwark is offering a retreat experience during Lent 2023. Visit <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope> or <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>.

### THE FRIARS AYLESFORD - UPCOMING RETREATS

#### 1. Grief and Loss

Friday 24th—Sunday 26th March Elizabeth Partridge, Liz Taylor and Francis Kemsley O Carm.

For anyone who has experienced a bereavement, whether recently or some time ago. We grieve, remember, hope and give thanks for our loved ones in the light of the Resurrection Jesus.

#### 2. Easter Triduum Retreat

Thursday 6th —Sunday 9th April Angela Black and Richard Green O. Carm.

The retreat will be a prayerful reflection on the passion and resurrection of Jesus through the scriptures and the Liturgy.

For details email [retreat@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:retreat@thefriars.org.uk) or visit <https://www.thefriars.org.uk>.

### 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 will be provided. If you are interested please email your CV and a covering letter to Linda Harrison, Clerk to Governance at [governance@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:governance@ctksfc.ac.uk). For more details speak with Fr. Paul.

### 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/](http://www.lisboa2023.org/en/).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 4th March**

6.30pm

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**

The People of the Parish

**Sunday 5th March**

8.30am

**Second Sunday of Lent Year A**

Maeve Thornton RIP

10.00am

Johnny O'Reegan RIP and Colin O'Reegan RIP

11.30am

Michael Victory RIP

**Monday 6th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Ann Bugden RIP

**Tuesday 7th March**

9.45am

**Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Angela Nadarajah RIP

**Wednesday 8th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Mary Margaret Brennan RIP

**Thursday 9th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Christine Holsgrove RIP

**Friday 10th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Fr. Robin Duckworth RIP and Fr. Geoffrey Greystone RIP

**Saturday 11th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Kevin Davison RIP

Collection	26th February 2023	2nd Collection: Clergy Support Fund	
Cash	£849.00	Cash	£383.89
Gift Aid	£511.36	Gift Aid	£160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1360.36</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£543.89</b>
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.

***Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.***

***Isaiah 55:6***