

## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - 12TH MARCH 2023

*(Psalter Week 3)*

Entrance Antiphon: ***My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'***

Communion Antiphon: ***For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.***

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 16th March at 7pm.

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

Have a blessed week.

**Fr. Paul.**

## **ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH GIFT AID SCHEME - ENVELOPES/DONATIONS**

For those of you already on the scheme thank you for your continued support. The weekly donor boxes of envelopes for the next tax year will be distributed after all masses over the next 2 weekends, as well as the smaller packs of envelopes for second collections for the Standing Order Donors. If you are a Standing Order Donor, it could be that you have paid the same amount for many years, might you consider a small increase which you can do yourself online or at your bank ? Just to remind you that you must be a UK tax payer to use this scheme. If you no longer pay tax, please contact me as soon as possible. Please do check that we have your current address, and if you have changed telephone number or email, please provide the best contact details.

For those of you unfamiliar with the scheme, if you are a UK Tax Payer we are able to reclaim tax paid on all your donations. We simply need your name and address and a record of your donations by either using a monthly standing order, or by placing your cash/cheque donations in a pre-printed envelope each week. If you would like more information, please see me or one of the representatives outside Mass over the next two weekends. Many Thanks Nick Wells [nickjohnwells@hotmail.com](mailto:nickjohnwells@hotmail.com) 07986 348013

## **PARISH AGM - THURSDAY 30TH MARCH AT 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

You are invited to attend a forthcoming general parish meeting where a general update will be provided on where we are as a parish, some of the things that are going on in the background and how you may like to consider whether you have spare time and energy to contribute to the life of the parish. There will be short presentations representing St Peter Chanel Primary School, the Finance Committee, the Parish Council and the Clergy. All are welcome to attend.

## **NO. 1A HAMILTION ROAD - UPSTAIRS FLAT**

Last year we applied and were granted planning permission from Bexley Council to redevelop the upstairs of No.1 Hamilton Road to a self-contained 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom flat. This is commercial venture intended to generate income for the parish and will be financed through existing funds. The first phase will create new paths that provide step free access to the ground floor offices from both Hamilton Road and Church Car Park. When the new paths are complete work can commence on the upstairs of the property. The upstairs flat has been registered as No.1A, Hamilton Road. Some of you may remember when it was previously used as upstairs flat? Plans are displayed at the back of the church.

## **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.
  3. The Funeral Mass for Francisco Luis Jose Pinto will take place on Thursday 30th March at 2:00pm followed by cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 3:30pm.
- May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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

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.

## **DIVINE MERCY IMAGE**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Divine Mercy Image. Approximately £650 was raised for the image which will be installed before Divine Mercy Sunday.

**100 CLUB** - 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.

## **WINTER WARM SPACE AT ST. LAWRENCE'S IN THE PARISH HALL**

The last session of the winter warm space will be on Friday 17th March from 10am until 2pm in the Parish Hall. A big thank you to all our volunteers who have helped with the running of this initiative for the past few months. The Winter Warm Space Team.

## **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.

**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 LUNCHESES**

CTiS organised Soup & Bread Lunches will be held at Christ Church Main Road from 12noon to 1.30pm on Wednesdays during Lent: 15th, 22nd & 29th of March. Discretionary donations go to Christian Aid. All are welcome. Thank you all for your efforts in providing, organising and serving the lunch on the 8th you did St. Lawrence's proud!

**CTS BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS STANDS** - We have obtained a selection of booklets designed to help us to get closer to God during lent. Some of them reflect the teachings of Pope Francis. Please put the money in the box at the back of the Church.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday 11th March**

6.30pm

**Third Sunday of Lent Year A**

The People of the Parish

**Sunday 12th March**

8.30am

**Third Sunday of Lent Year A**

Mary Alice Howes RIP and George Martin RIP

10.00am

Intention of Peggy Griffin

11.30am

Intentions of Jonathan and Jothan Akpofure and John Okeke

**Monday 13th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Intention of Mary Healy

**Tuesday 14th March**

9.45am

**Feria**

Fred Burton RIP

**Wednesday 15th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Caroline Webb RIP

**Thursday 16th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Wellbeing of Sandra O'Callaghan

**Friday 17th March**

9.30am

**Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

Louise Erni and Kathleen Hassett RIP

**Saturday 18th March**

9.30am

**Feria**

Wellbeing of Peggy Murphy

Collection	5th March 2023
Cash	£512.08
Gift Aid	£309.36
Total	£821.44
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.

***Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.  
1 Timothy 6:12***