

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 2ND APRIL 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

Communion Antiphon: ***Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.***

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.

As we enter into this most holy of weeks in our liturgical calendar we are invited into a personal journey with the Lord who always walks beside us. Beginning with Palm Sunday, we are invited to stand with the crowd in Jerusalem to chant '*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*' On Maundy Thursday let us take our place at table with Our Lord at the Last Supper before proceeding to stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. As silence descends on Good Friday evening let us enter into the quiet anticipation of the Resurrection and the beginning of our Salvation on Easter Sunday. I pray we will all enter into the spirit of Holy Week with open hearts and allow Our Lord to bestow his grace and blessings on us all this Easter.

Have a Holy Week!

Fr. Paul.

NO MORNING MASS ON WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL - Everyone is invited to attend the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at St. George's Cathedral at 11.30am.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Collection on Easter Sunday is for your Parish Priests. Please use the envelopes for Easter Offerings available at the back of the Church or use the Easter Offering option on the contactless payment terminals. If you donate by bank transfer, please include the reference 'Easter Offering'. Thank you for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY - A day of fasting and abstinence. The Good Friday collection is for the Holy Places for their upkeep and to maintain Christian schooling in those areas.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY IS AT 11AM

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP - WALK OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Walk of Witness takes place on Good Friday, 7 April, departing from St. John's, Church Road. Gather at 9.30am for 9.45am send off, finishing at The Crescent. Tea/coffee and hot cross buns will be provided in St. Lawrence's Church Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY IS AT 11AM

DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Our Divine Mercy Image has been purchased and is erected above the sacristy door. It will be uncovered as part of the Easter Triduum celebrations. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative. It is wonderful to have the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed in our community. On Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April at 3pm we will have a special service where the image will be blessed and people will be invited to make an Act of Consecration to Divine Mercy.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A coach has been booked to take those going on the Lourdes pilgrimage to and from Stansted Airport. The coach will depart from the church at 9.30am on Wednesday 7th June. On the return trip on Monday 12th June, the coach is expected to leave Stansted Airport at around 6.00pm. The cost to cover the travel is £45 per person. Please put your money in an envelope with your name and put it through the office letter box.

DEATH NOTICE

The 9.30am Mass on the 13th April is replaced by the Funeral Mass.

1. The Funeral Mass for Ann Catherine Hawes RIP will take place on Thursday 13th April at 10:30am followed by burial at Eltham Cemetery at 12noon.

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

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA - EASTER APPEAL

The Knight's of St. Columba Welling Council 294 would like to thank all parishioners for your kind and generous donations. Their Easter Appeal raised a total of £186.10.

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.

PARISH SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is being placed at the back of the Church on the left hand side from this weekend. Please post any comments or ideas regarding spiritual and social events. All suggestions will be brought up during parish council meetings.

HANDMADE CANDLES SALE - On Sunday 2nd April in the hall.

REPOSITORY - Easter cards and other religious items are available in the repository.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

The Wednesday Coffee morning will be closed for Easter for the next two weeks. The coffee morning will resume on Wednesday 19th April.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Parish Bereavement Ministry team invites parishioners who are suffering due to a 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 team will be there to listen to you and support you. The next meeting is on Friday 14th April 2023, at 7pm until 8pm, in the upper room of the hall, at St Lawrence's Church, Sidcup.

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 have helped get this going again. It would be truly wonderful if we had a few more people to join the teams for each of the Masses. If you are able to help please email sidcup@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you. Pat. Slonecki.

ST. LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND

If you shop in Tesco please vote for St Lawrence Charitable Fund by adding a token to the Community Grant voting, during April. The charity with the most votes receives £1500. Stores taking part are Sidcup, Erith, Welling, Bexley. Thank you. SLCF Team.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 1st April

6.30pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Patricia Goldhawk RIP

Sunday 2nd April

8.30am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

William John Griffith RIP

10.00am

In Thanksgiving Mary Paschal Flynn (95th Birthday)

11.30am

The People of the Parish

Monday 3rd April

9.30am

Monday of Holy Week

Claudina Fernandes RIP

Tuesday 4th April

9.45am

Tuesday of Holy Week

John Gower RIP

Wednesday 5th April

Wednesday of Holy Week - NO MASS

Maundy Thursday 6th April

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

8.00pm

The People of the Parish

Followed by

Adoration until 11.00pm ending with Night Prayer

Good Friday 7th April

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

11.00am

Stations of the Cross and Confessions

3.00pm

The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 8th April

Holy Saturday

11.00am

Confessions

8.30pm - **Easter Vigil Mass**

The People of the Parish

Sunday 9th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.30am

Freddie and Millie Baldwin RIP

10.00am

Basil Benedict RIP

11.30am

Susie Tinsley RIP

Collection	26th March 2023
Cash	£358.90
Gift Aid	£214.92
Total	£573.82
Monthly Standing Order	£4781