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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - 9TH APRIL 2023

Entrance Antiphon: ***The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Communion Antiphon: ***Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.***

He is risen as he said he would!

The joy of Easter is to experience ever anew the reality of the Resurrection as the beginning of our own salvation. May we not fear to tell all our brothers and sisters of the joy we have through our faith in the Risen Christ, who has forever opened to us the path of life eternal.

I pray you will all enjoy a happy and holy Easter with your loved ones.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Fr. Paul.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Collection on Easter Sunday is for your Parish Priest. 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.

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 payment in an envelope with your name and put it through the office letter box.

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.

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.

DEATH NOTICES

The 9.30am Mass on the 13th and 27th April are replaced by the Funeral Masses.

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.
2. The Funeral Mass for Joseph Patrick Melia RIP will take place on Thursday 27th April at 9:30am followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 11:00am.

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

PARISH SUGGESTION BOX

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

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.

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. 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.

WELCOMERS

Thank you to all the Welcomers who stepped forward and have helped get this going again. 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 email the office at 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 Sidcup, Erith Welling, Bexley. Thank you, the SLCF Team.

JOURNEY OF FAITH - An evening with music and poems by Petra Stoffel. During the evening performance, Petra takes you on an inspiring journey and invites you to live your own life as fully and courageously as you can. St Anselm's RC Church Dartford, Saturday 22nd April at 7.00pm. Tickets £8. To book please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/journey-of-faith-tickets-602364808357>.

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.

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/.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 8th April

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8.30pm

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

Monday 10th April

Monday within the Octave of Easter

9.30am

Janina Basiaga RIP

Tuesday 11th April

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9.45am

Robert Bartlett RIP

Wednesday 12th April

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9.30am

Agnes Gray RIP

Thursday 13th April

Funeral Mass

10.30am

The Funeral Mass for Ann Catherine Hawes RIP

Friday 14th April

Friday within the Octave of Easter

9.30am

Patrick Evans RIP

Saturday 15th April

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9.30am

Intentions of the Cahill Family

Collection	2nd April 2023
Cash	£566.88
Gift Aid	£336.80
Total	£903.68
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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3