

ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 16TH APRIL 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.***

Responsorial Psalm: ***Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.***

Communion Antiphon: ***Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.***

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.

Parish Prayer Group meet at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Upper room of the Hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon.

Study Course on 'The Mass' on Fridays at 3pm in the Upper room of the Hall starting on Friday 21st April.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the Rosary and then Mass.

Fr. Allan and myself thank you all for your generous Easter collection, cards, presents and kind words of support and appreciation.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery made present for us in the Eucharist. Jesus promises to pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of His mercy and offers the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion on this day.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE - 16TH APRIL AT 3PM

We will have a special prayer service at 3pm where the newly installed Divine Mercy image will be blessed and people will be invited to make an Act of Consecration to Divine Mercy. Please join us for this special prayer service.

STUDY COURSE ON 'THE MASS' - Fr. Allan will be leading a study course by Bishop Robert Barron on 'The Mass' on Fridays, 3pm to 4pm in the upper room of the hall starting on Friday the 21st April. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A coach has been booked to take those going on the Lourdes pilgrimage to and from Stansted Airport. The cost is £45pp. Please hand in your payment to the parish office.

DEATH NOTICE

The 9.30am Mass on the 27th April is replaced by the Funeral Mass.

1. 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 his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION - 30TH APRIL

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese.

After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)

Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**

Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SIDCUP AGM

The CTiS AGM takes place in SLCC on Tuesday, 18 April at 7.45 for 8pm. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING - Resumes on Wednesday 19th April.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - For the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral.

BEXLEY PHOENIX CHOIR CONCERT - SATURDAY 27TH MAY, 8PM

The Bexley Phoenix Choir are back to entertain us. The Concert takes place at St Lawrence's Church on Saturday, 27th May 2023 at 8pm. Come and hear this vibrant choir singing a variety of music – something for everyone. Tickets £10, Students £5, 16 & under FREE. Available from Jill Martin 07831 201933

PARISH SUGGESTION BOX - A suggestion box has been 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.

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.

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 the car park. When the paths are complete work can commence on the upstairs of the property. The upstairs flat is registered as No.1A, Hamilton Road. Plans are displayed at the back of the church.

WELCOMERS - Thank you to all the Welcomers who stepped forward and have helped get this going again. We need more people at all 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 from darkness to light, from sadness to joy, and invites you to live your own life as fully and courageously as you can. St Anselm's Church Dartford, Saturday 22nd April at 7.00pm. Tickets £8. To book please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/journey-of-faith-tickets-602364808357>.

45TH ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS RALLY

Guild of St Stephen Archdiocese of Southwark Annual Altar Servers Rally at The Friars Aylesford Priory on Monday 1st May at 11:30am. All are welcome to worship, picnic and play football. Please see the notice board for details of the programme for the day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 15th April

6.30pm

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Barry Crawley RIP and Barbara Ann Dearsley RIP

Sunday 16th April

8.30am

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The People of the Parish

10.00am

Kit & Stan Littlefield RIP

11.30am

Adrian Charles Healy RIP

3.00pm

Divine Mercy Special Prayer Service

Monday 17th April

9.30am

Feria

Kathleen Rogan RIP

Tuesday 18th April

9.45am

Feria

Catherine Baker RIP

Wednesday 19th April

9.30am

Feria

Maureen Saunders RIP

Thursday 20th April

9.30am

Feria

Francis Ryan RIP

Friday 21st April

9.30am

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Beatrice Glynn RIP

Saturday 22nd April

9.30am

Feria

Maurice Hearn & Family RIP

Collection	9th April 2023	Collection for	Holy Places
Cash	£1650.06	Cash	£497.70
Gift Aid	£2405.50	Gift Aid	-
Total	£4055.56	Total	£497.70
Monthly Standing Order	£4755		

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.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalms 103:8