## ST. LAWRENCE OF CANTERBURY R C CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23RD APRIL 2023

(Psalter Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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.

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

Have a blessed week. *Fr. Paul.* 

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY -** For the maintenance of St. George's Cathedral.

# PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in our new Parish Prayer Intentions book which has been placed at the back of the church. Please do take some time to read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group will pray for the intentions in the book when they meet on Mondays at 2:30pm.

# STUDY COURSE ON 'THE MASS'

Fr. Allan is leading a study course by Bishop Robert Barron on 'The Mass' on Fridays, 3pm to 4pm in the upper room of the hall. 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 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.

# **COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY**

Come and join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am and 10am Masses on Sunday for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times. The Repository has small gifts and cards available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

# 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 NEXT SUNDAY - 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: <a href="http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF">www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF</a>

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.



# **VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on <u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm</u> entitled *The Good Shepherd Calls* where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by <u>registering for this event in advance</u> by using following link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/</u> <u>meeting/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONt</u>.

## 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:sidcup@rcaos.org.uk">sidcup@rcaos.org.uk</a>. Payment can be made by standing order or direct debit.

### 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.

# TALK ON FAMOUS PEOPLE OF SIDCUP

Tim Sellick will give a talk on 25 Famous People of Sidcup in the Parish Hall on Monday, 24 April at 10.15am. Tim hopes we shall be inspired by the achievements at national and local level of these remarkable individuals. All are welcome.

# 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.

# UPCOMING COURSES AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

1. Discernment and Decision Making on 2nd May.

- 2. Life in Abundance. Reflections on the Gospel of John on 4th May.
- 3. Rediscovering St. Paul. His life, faith and legacy on 15th June.

For further details please visit the website <u>https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org</u>.

**TEACHING AND LEADING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** - Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools. On Thursday 27th April 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. If you are interested in attending please contact Sharon Docherty, on Tel: 01689 829 331 or Email: <a href="mailto:sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk">sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk</a>.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 22nd April	Third Sunday of Easter
6.30pm	In Thanksgiving Bridget Burke - 100th Birthday
Sunday 23rd April	Third Sunday of Easter
8.30am	The People of the Parish
10.00am	Peter Naughton RIP
11.30am	Kathleen McGrath RIP
Monday 24th April	Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England
9.30am	Fr. Bosco on the Anniversary of his ordination
Tuesday 25th April	Saint Mark, Evangelist
9.45am	Kathleen Rogan RIP
Wednesday 26th April	Feria
9.30am	In Thanksgiving Mary Hawes - 90th Birthday
Thursday 27th April	Funeral Mass
9.30am	Funeral Mass for Joseph Patrick Melia RIP
Friday 28th April	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
9.30am	John Gray RIP
Saturday 29th April	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe
9.30am	John Unthank RIP

Collection	16th April 2023
Cash	£344.68
Gift Aid	£285.65
Total	£630.33
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.

*Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans* 12:12